

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Parish Newsletter

## FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



### + BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Sat 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm: Margaret O'Neill, Firoda  
Dan Dowd, Kiltown.  
Martin Hurley, Hillside View  
Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11am: Bill Lyons, Love Lane. (Months' Mind)  
Violet and Peadar Madden, Kilkenny Rd  
Patrick and Margaret Scriven, Callan  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am Nellie Kelly, Ballyragget.  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup> 9am Margaret Power, Kilkenny

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Christopher Heffernan, Ardra; George Stone, Skehana; Nancy Shalloe, Hillside View;  
Margaret &; Michael Nolan, Deerpark; Mary Ann Brennan, Drumgoole;  
Lil Deevy, Ballycomey; Nicky Connolly, Clashduff Upper; Mary Kelly, Old Rd.,  
Moneenroe; Anne Brennan, Maryville; Eileen Brennan, Upper Coolbawn/Birmingham

#### ANNIVERSARIES SAT 28<sup>TH</sup>/29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Josie Healy, Firoda (Months' Mind);  
Gabielle Ryan, Maryville; James O'Neill, Hillside View;  
Sun 29<sup>th</sup>, 11am: James Comerford, Coolbawn; Tom & Marie Comerford, Coolbawn  
Michael Sexton, Love Lane.

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#### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending June 15<sup>th</sup>: €1,745.00  
Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish  
funds and to the clergy funds. *Mile Buiochais.*

Please note that when a funeral mass is celebrated on  
Sunday at 11am the anniversaries can either be  
included at that Mass or transferred to another date.  
Please leave a phone number when requesting an  
anniversary mass to enable contact from the office if  
and when necessary.

#### MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

##### Ministers of Word:

7pm: Bridgid Coady  
8am: Dick Mullins  
11am: Fonsie Mealy

##### Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat Angela Byrne  
Sat 7pm: Sheila Lawlor  
Sun 8am Margaret O'Neill  
Sun 11am Angela Molloy

##### Parish & Diocesan Safeguarding

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins  
Contact: dlp@ossory.ie or 085 802 1633

##### Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford  
Contact: Parish Email or 085 827 8729

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#### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION.

Bishop Coll invites you to join him in the Annual  
Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
gathering at 3:00 pm at the Capuchin Friary,  
Kilkenny.

The procession will walk in prayer via James's  
Green and St. Mary's Cathedral, for a time of  
prayer and reflection and will conclude at the Black  
Abbey Church with Benediction of the Blessed  
Sacrament.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, this is a special  
opportunity for our Diocese to come together in  
public witness to the Real Presence of Christ in the  
Eucharist. Bishop extends a special invitation to all  
children who received their First Communion and  
who were Confirmed this year. Let us walk together  
in faith and unity. All are welcome.

#### JUNE STATION ENVELOPES

The June Collection for the support of the priests of  
the parish are due at this time. Thanks to all who  
constantly support Fr Doyle and myself through  
these collections throughout the year. Your  
generosity towards our monthly salary is much  
appreciated. *Fr Scriven.*

#### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office, based in the Parish Church, is  
open on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please  
drop in, call or email to book anniversaries or  
other enquiries re parish business.

#### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SCAIP AN SCÉAL

Cuireadh Oscailte - An open invitation to celebrate  
Education in Castlecomer Boys' School. June 23,  
6.30 – 8.30pm. All are invited – Pass the word.

#### GRAVEYARD MASSES AND BLESSING OF GRAVES

The Graveyard Mass and Blessing of Graves will  
take place in Crosshill Cemetery on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
June at 7pm. The Mass and Blessing of Graves in  
The Parish Cemetery will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> July at  
7pm. Please pass on the word.

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm; Wed and Sat after Morning  
Mass.

#### PLEASE NOTE

**NO MASS ON FRIDAY MORNING**

#### DIOCESAN CHANGES

*Bishop Coll has announced the following changes in  
the Diocese of Ossory effective from Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup>  
August 2025, Feast of Saint Fiacre.:*

Very Rev. Sean O' Connor, P.P., Ballyhale, appointed  
Parish Priest of Aghaviller and Mullinavat while  
continuing his service to the people of Ballyhale and  
as Pastoral Area Coordinator Aghaviller, Ballyhale  
and Mullinavat;

Rev. Liam Barron, P.P., Mullinavat and Rev. Liam  
Cassin, P.P., Aghaviller, to retire and will continue to  
assist in the Pastoral Area of Aghaviller, Ballyhale  
and Mullinavat;

Rev. William Purcell, P.P., Clara, appointed Parish  
Priest of St Canice's Parish;

Very Rev. Francis Purcell, P.P., Inistioge, appointed  
Parish Priest of Thomastown Pastoral Area  
Coordinator of the Parishes of Thomastown and  
Inistioge;

Rev. Patrick Carey, Chaplain, St Luke's Hospital,  
Kilkenny, appointed Parish Priest of Clara and  
Pastoral Area Coordinator of the Parishes of Clara,  
Gowran and Tullaherin;

Very Rev. Raymond Dempsey, appointed Chaplain to  
St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny;

Rev. Thomas O' Toole, P.P., Glenmore, appointed  
Team Member in St John's Parish;

Mgr. Daniel Cavanagh, P.P., Rosbercon on sabbatica;

Rev. Liam Taylor, P.P., Ballycallan appointed Parish  
Priest of Glenmore, and Administrator of Rosbercon;  
Rev. Mark Condon, P.P., Danesfort, appointed Parish  
Priest and Pastoral Area Coordinator of the parishes  
of Ballycallan, Freshford and Tullaroan.

Rev. Eamonn O' Gorman, P.P., appointed Parish  
Priest and Coordinator of the Pastoral Area of  
Galmoy, Johnstown and Urlingford.

Very Rev. William Hennessy, P.P., Conahy,  
appointed Parish Priest of Danesfort;

Very Rev. Oliver Maher, P.P. Urlingford appointed  
Parish Priest and Coordinator of the Pastoral Area of  
Ballyragget, Conahy and Lisdowney;

Rev. James Murphy, P.P., St Canice's Parish and Rev.  
Daniel Bollard, P.P., Thomastown, to retire and to  
assist in chaplaincy in schools and hospitals;

Very Rev. Patrick Canon Duggan, P.E., Tullaherin,  
will assist with Masses in Tullaherin parish.

Rev. Patrick Guilfoyle, C.C., Tullaroan, to retire.

*Please keep in your prayers those priests who are  
involved in these appointments and the people and  
parishes where they will serve. In making these  
appointments I warmly welcome the generosity of those  
priests whom, in changing circumstances, are embracing  
new and perhaps more onerous roles in the Diocese.*