

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

Parish Newsletter

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Josie Healy, Firoda;  
Liam Conroy, Maryville;

### ANNIVERSARIES MASSES WEEKEND 31<sup>ST</sup>/1<sup>ST</sup>

Sat 31<sup>st</sup>, 7pm: John Brennan, Smithstown;  
Dora Dempsey, Marymount (Month's Mind);  
Sun 1<sup>st</sup>, 11am: Valerie Kelly Conway; Patsy Egan, Donaguile  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am: Patrick Phelan, Maryville; George Mealy, Snr; Mary Walker.

Anniversaries: James and Margaret Morrissey, Deerpark; Mary Shiel, Kiltown; Pierce Kenny, Byrnesgrove; Jim Geoghegan, Maryville; James Byrne, Kiltown; Tom Kealy, Aughamuckey;

### ANNIVERSARIES MASSES WEEKEND 7<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup>

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: James and Mai Kenny, Firoda  
Sun 8<sup>th</sup>, 8am: Statia Maher, Rathkyle  
Sun 8<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Margaret O'Neill, England  
Gabrielle (Gay) Conroy, Maryville  
Edward Holland Ardra

### Mass during the Week

Please note mass on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> is at 10am.  
Tuesday to Friday  
Mass at 9am.

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### THE PARISH OFFICE:

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### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 10<sup>th</sup> May: €2025.00  
Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish funds and to the clergy funds. Míle Buíochais.

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: Maureen Holohan  
8am: Donal Dunne  
11am: George Mealy

#### Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat Maria Reyes  
Sat 7pm: Sheila Lawlor  
Sun 8am Margaret O'Neill  
Sun 11am Jeanette Harding

#### 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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TROCAIRE BOXES**

### FIRST FRIDAY

Fr Scriven and Fr Doyle will visit the housebound on the First Friday of June at the usual times. Please contact the parish office if you, a family member or a neighbour would like a regular visit at home to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

### PADRE PIO GLOVE

A Padre Pio Glove will be in Athy (Fitzpatrick House, Kilberry, Athy) on Saturday 14th June from 11am to 5pm.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SCAIP AN SCÉAL

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

### GLUTEN INTOLERANCE

If you have a gluten intolerance, please indicate so to the minister at communion time to receive from the ciborium with gluten free hosts.

### CHURCH FURNITURE

Over the past few weeks, a cabinet maker has taken a number of church pews and repurposed them for use. Two new tables, for newsletters and booklets, are now situated at the back of the church. A new front bench will be made for the front of the church – the original must have got displaced in the renovations of previous times. Some of the benches (which were in the room at the back of the church) are now in use in Core College. Their removal has decluttered the back of the church, facilitated the re-siting of the office and also improved the gathering and circulation space in the church. Repair to several of the benches throughout the church has been undertaken – many of the shelves in the pews had been damaged over the years.

### SILVER JUBILEE

Congratulations to Fr Sean O Connor who celebrates his silver jubilee this weekend: 25 years of ministry in our diocese: chaplain in St Kierans College, parish ministry in Kilkenny city parishes of St Patrick's Parish and St John's Parish and now in Ballyhale. May God continue to bless him in his work and service to the people of Ossory. *Ad multis annual.*

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Popes have been selecting papal names for centuries. They are often drawn to similar names, usually those of previous pontiffs they would like to emulate. A variety of 84 names have been chosen over the 20 centuries while the names John (21), Gregory (16), Clement (14) are the most common. (There are, however, disputes about the correct numbering of Popes with the name John because it was also the name of some anti-Popes.) It wasn't until the late 10th century that choosing a papal name became standard practice. In the early days of Catholicism popes simply used their baptismal name. Out of 264 popes 129 chose a new name.

From late 1700s to mid-1900s 12 popes took the name Pius. More recently popes have gravitated toward John and Paul. Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla chose John Paul II in 1978, in honour of his predecessor John Paul, who died after holding the pontificate for 33 days. John Paul I was the first pontiff to use a double name. Francis was the first pope since 913 to choose a previously unused papal name.

### BRIDGE

Freshford Bridge Club will host Open Summer Bridge at Tulla Hall, Threecastles, commencing on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at 7.30 p.m. All bridge players are welcome.

### FIRST SUNDAY OF JUNE

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament will take place this Sunday 1st June 3 - 5PM. All welcome.

### SVP CASTLECOMER

The monthly SVP collection will take place next weekend. Sat 7<sup>th</sup>/8th June. Thanks to all for their regular generosity.

### WALK THE LONGEST DAY FOR TEAC TOM

Every day can feel like the longest day for someone struggling with their mental health. On 21st June, you are invited to gather your group, club, or workplace for a 30-minute walk to support Teac Tom. Every €10 donated goes to directly funding Teac Tom's vital mental health and suicide prevention services. - To get your group involved, email [events.teactom@gmail.com](mailto:events.teactom@gmail.com). - Let's walk for hope. Let's walk *The Longest Day*.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Tues 7pm – 9pm; Wed and Sat after Morning Mass.