

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

6th July 2025

Parish Newsletter

14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joe Shalloe, Kiltown & Ballyragget Rd.
James Gerrard, Rugby Warwickshire

MONTH'S MIND

Sat, 7pm: Liam Conroy, Maryville, (Month's Mind)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sun 6th, 11am: Thomas and Margaret Coogan, Firoda

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 12TH/SUN 13TH:

7pm: Danny and Kitty Dowd, Hillside View;
Sun 11am Margaret (Peg) McDonald,
John McDonald,
Gerard McDonald, Maryville.

Prayer For Going On Holiday

Heavenly Father,
please bless our holiday time.

Help our family to have
patience and understanding.
Guide us to be mindful of this
gift of time together.

Help us to make compromises
when necessary and handle any
chaos that comes our way
with your love and grace.

Open our eyes to truly see the
beauty of the memories
we are creating.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on this Sunday, 6th July, from 3pm to 5pm,
and on Wednesday and Saturday after morning mass..

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending June 29th: €2,060.00
Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish
funds and to the clergy fund. *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: Eithne McKenna
8am: Donal Dunne
11am: Angela Molloy

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat Maria Reyes
Sat 7pm: Catherine Greer
Sun 8am Margaret O'Neill
Sun 11am Teresa Hetherington

Parish & Diocesan Safeguarding

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
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Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
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PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office, based in the Parish Church,
is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings,
9.30am – 12.30pm. Please drop in, call or email
to book anniversaries or other enquiries re
parish business.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Bus from the Square on the 17th of July at 8 a.m.
Names to Maureen Kelly, 087 770 7846.

GRAVEYARD MASS AND BLESSING OF GRAVES

Thanks to all who attended the annual masses and
the Blessing of Graves in the parish this year.
Thanks to all who helped with the celebrations:
sacristan, readers, choirs and ministers of the
Eucharist. Thanks to all who help keep the grounds
of our graveyards in such good condition and a
dignified place for all whose resting place it is and
a place of prayer and memory for all who visit
regularly.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – JULY COLLECTION

St Vincent de Paul collection will take place next
weekend, Sat/Sun 12th/13th July. Thanks to all
who are generous to this local cause.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLOW ACUTIS

Pope Leo will beatify Blessed Carlo Acutis on
September 7th. Bishop Coll will join us in
Castlecomer on that morning for mass and the
blessing of the reliquary that has been
commissioned for the Parish Church.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

FOR FORMATION IN DISCERNMENT: Let us pray
that we might again learn how to discern, to know
how to choose paths of life and reject everything
that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

CMON THE CATS!

We wish The Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team and
their management team the very best as they face
old rivals Tipperary on Sunday at 4.00pm in Croke
Park in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling
Championship Semi-Final. Likewise, we send our
best wishes to our Senior County Camogie Panel
and their management team as they also take on
Tipperary in the All-Ireland Camogie quarter finals
at 1.30pm in Croke Park.

To all who are travelling to match we hope you
have a safe journey and an enjoyable day.

THE NAME LEO

The last Pope Leo was Pope Leo XIII, who was born
in French-occupied Rome in 1810. He served as pope
from 1878 until his death in 1903, making his 25-year
papacy the fourth longest in the church's history.

The first pope who took the name Leo became pope
in 440. Known as "Leo the Great" he promoted the
doctrine of papal primacy based on succession from
St. Peter and was a peacemaker. Leo III crowned
Charlemagne as Holy Roman Emperor in 800. Pope
Leo X, pope from 1513-1521, was the last pope to not
have been a priest at the time of his election to the
papacy. Leo X rejected the Protestant Reformation
and condemned Luther in 1521. Of the 13 previous
popes named Leo, five are canonized as saints.

In a press briefing after the conclave, Vatican
spokesperson Matteo Bruni said the choice of name
"is a clear reference to the modern social doctrine of
the Church, which began with *Rerum Novarum*."

Margaret Thompson, an associate professor of history
at Syracuse University, remarked that "Leo is a
powerful choice," remembering "the father of
Catholic social teaching and a champion of the
working class". The choice of name puts an emphasis
on justice, labour, and the church's role in the modern
world."

Bruce Morrill, a distinguished theologian and Roman
Catholic studies at Vanderbilt University, called
Prevost's name choice "highly significant" and likely
a signal of his support for social justice. Pope Leo
XIII, who led the church from 1878 to 1903. He had
the fourth-longest reign of any pope and produced the
encyclical *Rerum Novarum*.

Breda O'Brien, the Irish commentator, before the
conclave, remarked that that the name Leo would be
an interesting choice, signalling an embrace of the
breadth of Catholic teaching. Leo XIII is revered for
his 1891 encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, in which Leo
advocated for a living wage, the right to adequate rest
and to form unions. Recalling the papacy of Leo XIII,
she recalls that Leo XIII was an accomplished
diplomat, anxious to form links between the world
and the Vatican. He re-founded the Vatican
Observatory as part of his commitment to science and
opened the Vatican archives to scholars. He declared
John Henry Newman a cardinal of the church.

Another interesting coincidence is that the cardinals
during the conclave lived in Casa Santa Martha which
was formerly a hospice founded by Pope Leo XIII in
1891 during a cholera epidemic.