

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

13th July 2025

Parish Newsletter

15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kitty Coady, Cruttenclough, Coon

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 12TH/SUN 13TH:

Sat 12th 7pm: Catherine (Kathy) Holohan, Donaguile.

Danny and Kitty Dowd, Hillside View;

Sun 13th 11am Margaret (Peg) McDonald,

John McDonald,

Gerard McDonald, Maryville.

Wed 16th 9am: Nora Lyons & Family, Love Lane;

Sat 19th 10am Annie Brennan, Mayhora.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday (7pm-9pm)

Wednesday and Saturday after morning mass.

*Prayer to the Holy Spirit
O Heavenly King, the
Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,
Who art everywhere
and fillest all things;
Treasury of Blessings,
and Giver of Life,
Come and abide in us,
and cleanse us
from every impurity,
and save our souls,
O Good One.*

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending July 6th: €1,695.00

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: Maureen Holohan

8am: Margaret McGrath

11am: Margaret Kavanagh

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat Sheila Loughlin

Sat 7pm: Shiela Lawlor

Sun 8am Margaret O'Neill

Sun 11am John Kelly

Parish & Diocesan Safeguarding

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins

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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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul takes place this weekend.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

The Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis will take place on September 7th. Bishop Coll will join us for the 11am mass. A special reliquary has been commissioned to enable us to display the relic of Blessed Carlo in the parish church. If you would like to assist financially with this display cabinet, please use the envelopes available at the back of the church. It is intended to have the relic in the church during school holidays – the relic is ordinarily placed in the oratory in the Community School.

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.

STATUE OF THE SACRED HEART

Bishop Coll welcomes the Blessed Statue of the Sacred Heart to the Diocese of Ossory. In this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, the Pilgrim Statue of the Sacred Heart, blessed by Pope Francis, as it continues its pilgrimage throughout Ireland, will visit the Diocese of Ossory in July and August. Bishop Coll extends an invitation to all to join with him in the celebration of a Mass of Welcome, on Sunday, 20th July 2025 at 5.30 p.m. in St Mary's Cathedral. During its visit to Ossory the Statue will rest in the Churches of the Sacred Heart in the parishes of Clogh and Ferrybank.

FOROIGE CASTLECOMER

Foroige Castlecomer are holding a Family Friendly Bingo Fundraiser on Sunday 13th July in the Community Hall, 11.45am; 1 book €5, 3 books €10. Hot drinks and snacks available. (Cash only). Fun for all the family; helping the youth of Castlecomer.

CLOGH – MUCKALEE – CASTLECOMER PARISHES

In the past number of years planning for the future has been taken place in our Diocese. The Grouping or Clustering of parishes was examined in the time of Bishop Farrell; these clusters have been reviewed in the past twelve months and Castlecomer continues to be 'clustered' with Clogh and Muckalee.

What does 'Cluster' or 'Clustering' mean? Parishes will retain their own identity but will be served by a reduced number of clergy – in some clusters only one priest now serves three or four parishes. It is intended that administration will continue in each parish at the moment. Each Cluster is asked to explore how the parishes can work best together to respond to parish and pastoral needs.

This year, since February, meetings have taken place involving parishioners in all of the clusters, reviewing progress, discussing the present situation and talking about the future: Bishop Coll visited the group here in Castlecomer and subsequently, in Castletown, Bishop Coll met the group at a larger meeting involving all of the parishes of the northern section of our diocese (The Northern Deanery).

On Tuesday night the group from the three parishes met locally to follow on from the discussions in Castletown. Some of the matters discussed this week are:

- The choosing of a name for the combined three parishes.
- The reality that, while at this time there are four priests in our three parishes, this will not continue. Already four other clusters have only one priest.
- Discussion about how ministries can be developed in the parishes and how preparation for the sacraments could be done together.

A further meeting will place in September.

SPIRITIAN'S MISSION APPEAL

Annually parishes are invited to support the Priests and Sisters who work on the Missions. This year the Spiritans (formerly The Holy Ghost Missionaries) are visiting the Diocese of Ossory.

The Spiritans were founded in Parish in 1703, dedicated to the Holy Spirit, their members primarily worked in mission territories. Today the Spiritans work in 56 countries throughout the world – the Irish members work in fifteen of them.

Many of the members are now semi-retired but the order continues its involvement in education and have direct responsibility for four parishes in the Archdiocese of Dublin and assist in more than a dozen other parishes.