

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

27th July 2025

Parish Newsletter

17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Breda and Paul Lambe, Maryville and London

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 26TH /27TH:

Sat 26th, 7pm Rose O'Rourke, Kilkenny Street;
Liam Walsh, Marymount
John Brennan Roe, Hillside View.

Sun 27th 11am Sean Phelan, Smithstown
John & Nancy Keating, Aughamucky.
Teddy & Eamonn Brennan, 4 Hillside View.

Thur 9am Mary Coady, The Square
Catherine Byrne, Barrack St

Fri 9am Tom Brennan, New Jersey & Crettenclugh

Sat 10am Gerry Holden, Maryville

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael, Mary and Willie Kealy, Aughamucky; Kathleen Ryan,
Deerpark, Mary (Molly) Comerford, Deerpark;

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 3RD/SUN 4TH

Sat, 7 pm - Sally Kelly, Kilkenny St.
Thomas Dowling, Marymount.

Sun, 11am - Joe Shalloe, (Month's Mind) Kiltown
Helen Brennan, Smithstown

MASS THIS COMING WEEK:

Thursday 9am

Friday 9am;

Saturday, 10am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday
(7pm-9pm);

Wednesday
9.20 - 10am

Saturday
10.20 - 11am

First Sunday
of the Month
3pm - 5pm

PARISH CONTACTS:

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending July 20th: €1,510.00

Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish
funds and to the clergy fund. *Mile Buiochais.*

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available for parishioners who
are gluten intolerant. Please indicate your
preference to the minister when you go to
communion.

Parish Office: 085 827 8729

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of Word:

7pm: Mary Buggy

8am: Maria Reyes

11am: George Mealy

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat Chrissie Brooke

Sat 7pm: Sheila Lawlor

Sun 8am Lalaine Brennan

Sun 11am Teresa Hetherington

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

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.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

The relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis has been placed
in the special reliquary which been commissioned
to display the relic in the parish church. It is hoped
that Bishop Coll will join us on September 7th to
celebrate mass on the day of his canonization.

STATUE OF THE SACRED HEART

The Pilgrim Statue of the Sacred Heart, blessed by
Pope Francis for this Jubilee Year will come to the
Parish Clogh next Sunday, Aug 3rd. Mass will be
celebrated each evening at 7.30pm as part of the
diocesan celebration in this Jubilee Year of Hope.

FIRST FRIDAY IN AUGUST

Friday 2nd August is the First Friday of August. Fr
Doyle will visit the housebound at the usual times
and Fr Scriven will re-arrange for later in August.

MASS AT BALLINALACKEN CROSS

Mass will be celebrated at the Grotto of Our Lady
Queen of Peace Ballinalacken Cross (R32W665)
on the 3rd Aug at 3pm to celebrate the 25th year of
the statue. All welcome.

CASTLECOMER LIBRARY – 365 DAYS OF THE YEAR

Do you know about My Open Library service
available at Castlecomer Library? This service
allows people to access the library 7 days a week,
365 days a year! This might suit families who wish
to use the library outside of staffed hours of provide
a quiet place to study or a refuge to bring the kids
to the library at the weekend. Register for a My
Open Library card: More information from 056
4440561 or email castlecomer@kilkennylibrary.ie

THE NICEAN CREED – 1700 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR

Words in the Creed:

BEGOTTEN means that Jesus is of the same being
of God the Father. Jesus was not created like we
(and the rest of the world) was created.
BEGOTTEN means that Jesus is God's Son, of the
same being or "stuff" as God the Father. Because
he is "begotten" Jesus always existed; he wasn't
made at the beginning of time like humans and
animals and the rest of the universe.

MARCH FOR PALESTINE - SATURDAY AUGUST 2ND

Heartbroken and outraged by the suffering in Gaza
and Palestine? Pope Leo XIV has alerted us to the
fact that "From the Gaza Strip, we hear rising ever
more insistently to the heavens, the cries of
mothers and fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies
of their children." Cardinal Pizzabella, the
Patriarch of Jerusalem, reminds us that: "Christ is
not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified among
the wounded, buried beneath the rubble." You are
invited to join the **Kilkenny Community
Palestine Solidarity Group** for a 'March for
Palestine' on Saturday, August 2nd at 1pm,
beginning at the **Kilkenny Castle Main Gates**.

REEK SUNDAY – CROAGH PATRICK

Come rain, hail, or shine on Sunday, thousands of
people will take to one of Ireland's most well-
known mountains to undertake the annual
pilgrimage known as the Reek. For more than
1,600 years, pilgrims have gathered at Croagh
Patrick near Westport, Mayo, to climb the
mountain as part of a spiritual and religious
journey over 2,502ft.

This year's pilgrimage has the theme of Christian
hope in this universal "Jubilee Year of Hope".
Pilgrims who undertake the pilgrimage at Croagh
Patrick — as well as Lough Derg and Knock —
will receive a pilgrim passport to earn stamps at
each of the three shrines during this year and are
will receive a commemorative Jubilee Year medal.

MARY'S MEALS ANNUAL WALK

Mary's Meals, who fundraise to provide funds to
feed starving children in our world, will be among
us in August. Walking from St John's Church
Kilkenny to Clogh on Aug 7th and onward to
Knock (arriving on Aug 15th) they are inviting
people to join them or to assist with the collection
along the way; more information from Josephine
0872037173 or Fr Eamonn 0879077985. A simple
solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children
in their place of education in 16 of the world's
poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for an entire
school year.

COIS NORE CANCER SUPPORT SERVICE

Join Cois Nore on Sunday the 3rd of August for a
fun Run/Walk 5K start time 9.30 am. In
Castlecomer Discovery Park. Registration on from
8.45am. Registration fee €20 (€10 under 16's).