

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

## FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



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

#### ANNIVERSARIES & ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm: John Brennan, Smithstown  
Sean Dowd, Yellow Rd  
Patsy Egan, Donaguile

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11am: Margaret James O'Neill, London/Hillside View

Tue 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Patrick Brennan, Kiltown

Fri 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Jimmy & Mai Kenny, Firoda

Sat 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am: Tessy & Martin Power  
Mary Brennan, Maryville  
Padraic Purcell, Firoda

Richie Lynch, Kilkenny Rd; Jim, Charlie & Elizabeth Geoghan, Maryville; ; James Byrne, Kiltown.  
Pierce Kenny, Byrnesgrove; Paddy Brennan, Kiltown

#### ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 8<sup>TH</sup> / 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Sat 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Mary (Min) Kennedy, Mayhora

Sun 9<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Gabrielle (Gay) Conroy, Maryville

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (First Sunday of the month) from 3pm – 5pm

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#### SAFEGUARDING:

The Diocesan Liaison Person, Ailish Higgins,  
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The Parish Representatives are: Eilish Dunne  
& Ger Comerford They can be contacted  
through the parish office telephone number.

The Diocesan Policies are available to view  
on [www.ossory.ie/safeguarding](http://www.ossory.ie/safeguarding).

#### ENVELOPE AND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Week ending 26<sup>th</sup> May: €2,005

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

#### MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

##### Readers for 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 7pm: Brigid Coady  
Sunday 8am: Donal Dunne  
Sunday 11am: Margaret Kavanagh

##### Eucharistic Ministers: 3<sup>rd</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> June

Mon- Sat 9am: Angela Byrne  
Saturday 7pm: Sheila Loughlin  
Sunday 8am: Lalaine Brennan  
Sunday 11am: Eoin Stowe

##### Parish Office

The parish office is open on Tues & Wed  
9.30 – 12.30pm. Please contact the office by  
phone or email outside of office hours to arrange  
anniversary masses or other sacraments.

##### Trocaire Say 'Thank you'

The Trocaire appeal in the parish during Lent  
raised a total of €2,695.00. Your generosity and  
donations were very much appreciated.

#### Corpus Christi Procession FHC

Children from our Parish who made their First  
Holy Communion Procession 9<sup>th</sup> June at the  
11am Mass. Please come in your Communion  
attire.

#### First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of June. The sick  
and housebound will be visited at the normal  
times. Please inform the Parish Office or one of  
the priests if you have a relative or neighbour  
who would like a call.

#### June Collection this Weekend

This collection is one of several Collections for  
priests of the Parish. Please use envelopes you  
received. Sincere thanks to all members of the  
parish who contribute so faithfully to these  
collections.

#### Corpus Christi Procession St Kieran's

The Corpus Christi Procession will take place at  
St Kieran's College at 5.30pm on Sunday. Our  
celebration will be led by Bishop Niall Coll.

#### Graigucullen Novena Mass

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
concludes this week on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at  
7.30pm in St Clare's Church Graigucullen  
Rosary at 7.10pm. Guest speaker for the evening  
is Elma Walsh. Founder of the Live Life  
Foundation of her son Donal who died at 16yrs.

#### Relay for Life 2024

This year's Relay for Life takes place on 6th/7th  
July at Kilkenny Rugby Club, Waterford Road.  
If you would like to donate, please visit  
[www.relayforlife.ie/event/kilkenny/home](http://www.relayforlife.ie/event/kilkenny/home). Your  
donation will help raise funds for the Irish  
Cancer Society who support cancer patients and  
their families across Ireland.

#### Pope's Prayer Intentions for June

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention this June  
is for "those fleeing their own countries."  
The prayer intention is through the Pope's  
Worldwide Prayer Network during the month in  
which the United Nations commemorates World  
Refugee Day on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Feast of Corpus Christi

In 1264, Pope Urban IV, impressed by a  
Eucharistic miracle that had taken place in  
Bolsena, near Orvieto in Italy where he was  
residing, decreed a new solemnity to be  
celebrated after Pentecost St Thomas Aquinas  
was asked to write the prayers and hymns for the  
feast. He wrote the hymn which we now know  
as Panis Angelicus. The now traditional  
procession of Corpus Christi was introduced by  
Pope John XXII in 1316 during his visit to  
Orvieto and its beautiful cathedral.

In the Eucharist, Jesus Himself re-presents for  
our benefit His Sacrifice on Calvary (Luke  
22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:26-29), gives Himself to us  
in Holy Communion (Exodus 16:4, 35; John 6:1-  
14, 48-51), and remains among us until the end  
of the age (Luke 24:13-35; Mt. 28:18-20). He  
comes to us in this humble form, making  
Himself vulnerable, out of love for each one of  
us. Yet, as God Himself, the Body and Blood of  
Christ deserves our utmost respect and love, as  
well as our adoration. The Second Vatican  
Council declared that the Eucharist is the "source  
and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen  
Gentium, no. 11). St. Francis of Assisi said, "In  
this world I cannot see the Most High Son of  
God with my own eyes, except for His Most  
Holy Body and Blood."

#### Prayer for Exam Students

Bishop Niall has offered this prayer for students  
preparing for exams.

*Lord,*

*Give me insight*

*that I might understand*

*what I am studying*

*and help me*

*to remember it when the time comes.*

*Above all,*

*I thank you for the ability*

*to be able to study*

*and for the many gifts*

*and talents you have given me.*

*Help me always to use them*

*in such a way that they honour you*

*and do justice to myself. Amen.*