

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

30TH JUNE 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret (Peg) Coogan, Firoda; Michael Sexton, Love Lane.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sun 30th, 11am: James Comerford, Coolbawn; Edward (Teddy) Brennan, Hillside View

Tues 2nd, 9am: Jack & Maryanne Kavanagh, Maryville

Thurs 4th, 9am: Mary & John Kelly, Ardra

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

Dan & Kitty Dowd, Hillside View; George Stone, Skheana; Nancy Shalloe, Hillside View.
Harold Stone, Kiltown; Kathleen Holohan, Gurten; Mary Kenny, Hillside View.; Joan Pender England/Byrnesgrove.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 6TH /7TH JULY

Sat: 6th, 7pm: Nan Moran, Aughamuckey (Months Mind Mass)

Sun 7th, 11am: Edward (Ned) Holland, Ardra (Months Mind Mass)
Kevin & Peggy Egan, Drakelands

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration every Tuesday: 7pm/9pm; Rosary at 8pm First Sunday of the month 3pm/5pm

PARISH CONTACTS:

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 23rd June: €2,300

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Ministers of the Word 6th/ 7th July

Saturday 7pm: Eithna McKenna
Sunday 8am: Maria Reyes
Sunday 11am: Margaret Kavanagh

Ministers of the Eucharist 1st/7th July

Mon(9am)- Sat (10am): John Kelly
Saturday 7pm: Eoin Stowe
Sunday 8am: Lalaine Brennan
Sunday 11am: Tereasa Hetherington

The Parish Office:

The office is open on Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please contact the office to arrange masses or other sacraments and all parish business. If no reply on phone, please leave voice mail; or email parish email address; or leave post through letter box.

PARISH CEMETERY MASS:

The Parish Cemetery Mass will be on this Friday the 5th July at 7.30pm. No 9am Mass on Friday Morning.

ANNIVERSARY MASS INTENTIONS:

We ask parishioners to be mindful when booking a Mass Intention that due to funerals the date/time may have to be changed – the parish office will contact you at the earliest opportunity. Month's Mind Masses and First Anniversary Masses may have to be shared due to scheduling of Masses. Anniversary Remembrance Masses to be given in at Parish Office a week before publication in newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation.

JULY FIRST FRIDAY:

The 5th July is the First Friday. Fr Ian will visit the sick and at the normal times. Fr Scriven will visit on Monday 8th. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like a call.

ANNUAL PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:

The annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Thursday the 18th of July. The bus will leave from Castlecomer at 8am. Please book your seat no later than Sunday the 14th of July. Please contact Maureen Kelly on 087-770-7846.

BALLYFOYLE AGRICULTURAL SHOW:

The show will take place today the 30th of June from 10:00 to 18:00. This year's show is in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare and local charities. Baking, Crafts, Food, Horticulture, Craft fairs and much more.

CATHEDRAL DRAW:

Congrats to the winners in the June Draw which took place in the Cathedral Chapter House on Wednesday night. Thanks to all who support the draw. Results can be viewed on Parish notice board.

NATIONAL DAY OF INTERCESSION FOR PRIESTS:

National Day of Intercession takes place on the 5th August at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. (Open to all) Holy Rosary & Holy Hour of Prayer and Praise at 11.30am. Holy Mass with Eucharistic Healing Service Basilica at 3pm.

FEAST DAYS OF OUR SAINTS:

Monday 1st July is the feast of Saint Oliver Plunkett. Archbishop of Armagh and Martyr: The Irish Bishops' Conference issued a pastoral letter at the time of his canonisation (October 1975); We thank God for having given him to us to show us an example in these troubled times and to be our Patron in Heaven."

"He travelled the country for ten years, often in disguise and sometimes barely ahead of his pursuers, until his capture and imprisonment put an end to his labours. During these ten years he had done as much as any man since St. Patrick to strengthen and preserve the faith in Ireland."

"We ask him today for all the graces we need for ourselves and for our country. We ask that we may be as he was, steadfast, courageous and devout, untiring in our work for peace and reconciliation, loyal to the Church and firm in our faith even unto death. St Oliver Plunkett pray for us."

Wednesday July 3rd is the feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle. In the scriptures we read the story of the appearance of Jesus to His disciples in the upper room. There's one character in this story who tends to get more press than the others: Thomas. He becomes known as "doubting Thomas," the one who needed to see to believe.

Do we condemn Thomas? Judge his unbelief? After all, didn't he spend several years of his life walking with the Lord, listening to His teachings, and being prepared to carry on His ministry? Shouldn't belief come easy to him? Moments of doubt, fear, and unbelief in the life of faith are unavoidable.

The story of Thomas gives hope to all of us who have doubted at some point in our lives. For how does the Lord respond to his doubt? He meets it with love. He brings Thomas to understanding. The Lord meets our doubt with love as well because he thirsts for our faith. He reaches out, takes our hand, and says, "Put your finger here and see my hands...and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

"My Lord, and my God."

**Castlecomer Graveyard Mass and
Blessing of Graves,
Friday 5th July, 7.30pm**