

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jack Phelan; London & Mayhora

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES:**

Sat: 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Kathleen Ryan; Deerpark

Sat 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am: Sean Phelan; Smithstown

**ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:**

Kathleen Joyce, Aughamuckey; Vey Rev. Thomas Murphy; Clinton Nolan, Kilkenny Rd; Canon McNamara, P.P Castlecomer.

**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Sat: 27<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Gabrielle Ryan, Bowden's Court/Maryville (Months Mind).  
John Brennan Roe; Hillside View  
Rose O'Rourke, Kilkenny St

Sun 28<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Nellie Campion, Ballyragget Rd  
Margaret (Peg) Coogan, Firoda (Months Mind)

**Prayer During the Day:**

The Angelus & Rosary is recited every Monday – Saturday at 12(noon) and Sunday at 3pm.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

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

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**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**

Week ending 14<sup>th</sup> July: €1,715  
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

**MINISTRIES & NOTICES:**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD 27<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY:**

Saturday 7pm: Mary Buggy

Sunday 8am: Tom Teehan

Sunday 11am: Fonsie Mealy

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 22<sup>ND</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY:**

Mon(9am)- Sat(10am): Sheila Loughlin

Saturday 7pm: John Holohan

Sunday 8am: Lalaine Brennan

Sunday 11am: Jeanette Harding

**THE PARISH OFFICE:**

Please note that The Parish Office is Open **Wednesday and Friday** from 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please contact office to arrange masses, 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.

**Faith is a Gift from God**

It is given to us as a very small seed. God cannot make it grow, develop and mature without our help and contribution. Like any gift we receive, unless we open it and use it, it will die. If we don't use this gift, it will become a wasted gift. However, with prayer, perseverance and patient this small seed will grow and mature. The great gift is that as we nourish and nurture this small seed, it in return will help us to grow and mature as followers & disciples of Jesus. We will grow and mature just as the seed grows into the large tree. Faith is not magic. It requires our attention, commitment and dedication. In his letter St. James reminds us of that *faith without good works is dead*. The challenge is that that faith we believe with our hearts, proclaim through our prayers and liturgies will be seen through the quality of our daily lives. St. Francis once said that we are to make every effort to proclaim the good news of the gospel - sometimes we will have to use words. Our actions speak louder than any of our words. The test of our faith will be seen through the quality of daily lives. Our faith will be visible through how speak to others, how we treat others and how we reach out to comfort and support those who need our help. We thank God for the gift of faith. We also ask God to give us the courage of our convictions. May we have the strength to be followers of Jesus and put faith in practise whenever and wherever we can.

**ANNUAL ST. JAMES WALK:**

The annual Camino Jenkinstown Walk will take place on Sunday, July 28th beginning at Jenkinstown Church Car Park at 2.30 pm. Each walker will be given a scallop shell from Santiago De Compostela. The Scallop shell is the symbol of the pilgrim.

**CROAGH PATRICK ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE:**

This year's Croagh Patrick pilgrimage theme is: 'To pray for and honour grandparents and the elderly'. The annual pilgrimage takes place next weekend known as Reek Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of July. Mass on the summit at 10am.

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY:**

The National Grandparents Pilgrimage will be celebrated on the 28th of July in Knock shrine. The Principal Celebrant on the day will be the Papal Nuncio to Ireland, Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor. Ceremonies will commence with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm, Mass at 3pm, followed by Rosary Procession. For those unable to join the in person, the ceremonies of the day will be streamed on the website - [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**EXTRACT FROM ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS DUFFY AT**

**RECENT ORDINATION IN ARCHDIOCESE OF TUAM:**

*"Jesus continues to call to priesthood. Sometimes this is difficult to hear, and may need to be relayed by others, maybe by you. God continues to call people, maybe here in this church, in our parishes, in our schools and third level colleges, in our football clubs and in our factories, on our farms and in our offices, among the employed and the unemployed, among those at home and those who have emigrated and among the many people who have happily made Ireland their new home. Do not be afraid to answer God's call, do not be afraid to explore the possibility and the opportunity; be assured, if God calls, He will guide and He will support. God will provide everything you need in order to attend to the responsibilities He calls you to discharge."*

**SEEK YE FIRST**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;

Seek, and you shall find.

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia

**LOURDES AVE**

When creation was begun,  
God had chosen you to be.  
Mother of his blessed son,  
Holy Mary, full of grace.

**AVE, AVE, AVE MARIA**

When creation was restored,  
you were there beside the Lord,  
whom you cherished and adored,  
Holy Mary, full of grace.

**THE BELLS OF THE ANGELUS**

The bells of the angelus are calling to pray  
In sweet tones announcing, the sacred Ave

Ave. Ave, Ave Maria

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria

An angel of mercy led Bernadette's feet  
where flows the deep torrent Our Lady to greet.