

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Parish Newsletter

Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pat Fennelly, Crettyard; Thomas Lyng, Monteen, Crettyard; James (Jim) Carroll, Donaguile; Fr Peter Paul Daly OMI, Dublin; Maurice Conlan, Stradbally.

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sun 25<sup>th</sup>, 11am, Noel Dowling, Old School Crescent

Wed 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Margaret (Peg) Ryan, Maryville

Sat, 31<sup>st</sup>, 10am: Ronan Dowling, Woodlands Grove

### WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Julia (Bunty) O'Loane (nee Dunne), Aughamuckey'; Patrick Tyrell; Breda Shortall, Maryville; Tom Shallow Snr & Tom Shallow Jnr, Ballyragget Rd; Thomas & Ann O'Neill, Ballyhemmon. Christopher (Kit) Weldon, Marymount; Kevin Wallace, Kilkenny St.

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 31<sup>ST</sup>/1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

Sat 31<sup>st</sup>, 7pm: Mary Brennan, Mayhora  
Patrick, MaryAnne, Catherine Carroll (nee Shore) & William Shore, Firoda  
Martin Walsh, London/Firoda

Sun 1<sup>st</sup>, 11am: Daniel Downey, Kiltown.

### HOLY COMMUNION - COELIAC:

Low gluten hosts are available at Mass for those who are coeliac. Please indicate to the minister.

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### THE PARISH OFFICE:

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### DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING:

Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins  
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### PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford  
Contact: 056 444 1262 or Parish Email.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 18<sup>th</sup> August: €2,070

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

### MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

#### Ministers of the Word 31<sup>ST</sup>/1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7pm: Mary Buggy  
Sunday 8am: Tom Teehan  
Sunday 11am: Margaret Kavanagh

#### Ministers of the Eucharist 26<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> September

Mon(9am)- Sat(10am): Sheila Loughlin  
Saturday 7pm: Ingrid Brennan  
Sunday 8am: Noreen Curry  
Sunday 11am: John Kelly

### THE PARISH OFFICE:

The office is open on **Friday** this coming week from 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please contact the office to arrange masses or other sacraments and all parish business. If there is no reply on phone, please leave a voice mail; or alternatively send an email to the parish email address or leave post through

### SEPTEMBER FIRST FRIDAY:

September First Friday Visitation to the housebound. Fr. Ian will be visiting the housebound on his list on Thursday September 5th due to a wedding on Friday 6th September. If this is not convenient, please let him know by phone (0879669223). Fr Scriven will visit on Fri 7<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a family member or neighbour who might like the priest to visit on the First Friday please contact the Parish Office.

### LADYWELL NOVENA 2024 SCHEDULE:

Sat 31st: Fr Eamon O'Gorman  
Sun 1st: Fr Kieran O'Shea  
Mon 2nd: Fr PJ Madden  
Tues 3rd: Fr Paddy Byrne  
Weds 4th: Fr John Duffy  
Thur 5th: Fr Martin Delaney  
Fri 6th: Fr Willie Purcell  
Sat 7th: Fr Eamon O'Gorman  
Sun 8th: Mgr. John Byrne  
Each evening at 7.30pm; All are Welcome

### RENOVATION WORK IN THE PARISH CHURCH:

As you can see scaffolding has reappeared in the church during the past week. This will provide a stable platform for the artists who will come this week to repair the sanctuary roof. Donald Knox is the artist commissioned by the architect, Michael O'Boyle, to undertake this work.

Donald Knox has been a specialist painter and artist for 30 years and 15 years ago was joined in business by his son Robin, who brought his experience in Furniture painting and Gilding to the partnership.

As restorers, they have worked on Ireland's most important buildings including Dublin Castle, Farmleigh, Castletown House, Trinity College, Muckross House, and as muralists and gilders at the K Club, the Mansion House, The Guildhall, Derry and The Dorchester Hotel. Churches they have worked on include St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin, St Malachy's Belfast, St Peter's Cathedral Belfast, Clonard Monastery and St Andrews Dublin. Their work in the next two weeks will restore the sanctuary roof.

### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK – LEGION OF MARY SUNDAY:

Bus to Knock on Sunday, 29th September leaving the Parade at 7.30am Booking in St. Mary's Parish Office, Kilkenny. Cost €25 and can be paid when booking. All are welcome

### SAINT FIACRE – 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Saint Fiacre was born in Ireland at the end of the sixth century. He was raised in a monastery where he became a monk and imbibed knowledge of herbal medicine. In time he had his own hermitage and perhaps a monastery, possibly near St. Fiachra's Well at Cill Fiachra (Kilferagh), Sheastown, As crowds flocked to him because of his reputation for his holiness and cures, he sailed to France in search of greater solitude. When he arrived at Meaux in 628, the bishop St Faro, granted him a site. Fiacre cleared the ground of trees and briars, made a cell for himself, a garden for herbs and vegetables, a chapel and a hospice for travellers. All this developed into the village of Saint-Fiacre. In time the crowds flocked to him in search of cures. He died around 670. He has become the patron saint of gardeners. In 1999 a garden in his honour was made at the National Stud in Kildare. Fiacre is also the patron of taxi-drivers.

### THANK-YOU TO KILKENNY – FROM MARY'S MEALS:

The recent collections in Kilkenny and Castlecomer were a wonderful boost to the work of Mary's Meals. The Kilkenny walkers arrived at Knock safely on 15<sup>th</sup> August – the Feast of the Assumption. The generosity from you will provide meals for over 90 children on each day throughout the school year. Míle Buíochais.

### ADULT LITERACY FOR LIFE:

Do you or a family member in need of improving reading, writing, maths or digital skills? Contact: Kilkenny Adult Learning Service (KCETB) 056 776 3149.

### JUBILARIANS 2024:

The annual gathering in St Kieran's College took place last Tuesday evening.

Fr Liam Dunne, formerly a curate in Castlecomer, was honoured for his Diamond Jubilee.

Mgr Dan Cavanagh (Rosbercon), Mgr Kieron Kennedy (Freshford) and Dr Fergus O'Farrell (Windgap) were honoured as they celebrated their Golden Jubilees.

Fr Peter Muldowney (St Patrick's) and Fr Richard Scriven (Castlecomer) celebrated their Ruby Jubilees.

The Golden Jubilarians are all past pupils of the Secondary School while Frs Muldowney and Fr Scriven are past pupils of the Secondary School.