

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

1st September 2024

Parish Newsletter

Twenty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Nixie Boran, Donaguile/Manchester; Bernadette McIntyre, Castlecomer/Cork; Michael Brennan, Crettyard.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

SAT 31ST, 10AM: Ronan Dowling
Sat 31st, 7pm: Mary Brennan, Mayhora
Patrick, MaryAnne, Catherine Carroll (nee Shore) & William Shore, Firoda
Martin Walsh, London/Firoda

Sun 1st, 11am: Daniel Downey, Kiltown.
Tues 3rd, 9am: Nora Dunne, Skehanna
Thur 5th, 9am: Jack, Mary Ellen and tom Hanrahan, Kilkenny
Fr 6th, 9am: Sheila and Danny O'Neill, Kilkenny Street

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Jeremiah and Ellen Dargan, Ballycomey;

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 7TH/8TH SEPTEMBER:

Sat 7th, 7pm: Rose Holden, Love Lane
Sun 10th, 11am: Dorothy (Dot) Byrne, Maryville

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

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 15th August: € 2,490.00
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Ministers of the Word 7TH/8TH SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7pm: Maureen Holden
Sunday 8am: Margaret McGrath
Sunday 11am: Teresa Hetherington

Ministers of the Eucharist 1st – 7th September

Mon(9am)- Sat(10am): Chrissie Brooke
Saturday 7pm: John Holohan
Sunday 8am: Margaret O'Neill
Sunday 11am: Teresa Hetherington

THE PARISH OFFICE:

The office is open on Monday, Wednesday and **Friday** 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 letter box.

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 7th. 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.

HOLY COMMUNION - COELIAC:

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

BACK TO SCHOOL

Best wishes to all the boys and girls from our parish who start or return to school this week. We wish them health, happiness and wisdom.

RENOVATION WORK IN THE PARISH CHURCH:

The work continues in the sanctuary area of the church. Progress is good and both architect and painters are pleased with the progress.

THE OLYMPIC BELL

During the Paris Olympic Games, track and field champions rang a bronze bell located close to the finish line in the stadium. Later this year the bell will be placed in the newly re-opened Notre Dame Cathedral in Parish.

The cathedral's rector, Father Olivier Ribadeau Dumas, was contacted a few months before the Paris Olympics to see if the Paris Cathedral would be interested in this bell for Notre Dame.

The bell, weighing 1,103 lbs., was made by the Cornille Havard foundry located in Normandy. The same company has been responsible for the restoration of eight of these nine bells in the cathedral, after they had been damaged during the fire of April 15, 2019.

The Olympic Games bell will join two other bells, newly cast by the same company, which will ring together during Mass. They will replace the bells that were used before the fire destroyed the site.

CATHEDRAL DRAW

The August Draw took place on Wednesday – unfortunately no luck locally this month. Results on the Notice Board. The new draw commences in September for another 12 months. Thanks to all who have supported this draw for our Cathedral.

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

LADY WELL, BALLYOUI SKIL – SCHOOLS’ COLLECTION

Approximately 740,000 pages (288,000 pages in the pupils’ original exercise books; 451,000 pages in bound volumes) of folklore and local tradition were compiled by pupils from 5,000 primary schools in the Irish Free State between 1937 and 1939. An account of ‘Lady Well’ was written by Nellie Ivory from the Convent School in Ballyragget recording the information given to her by Mrs Ivory from Ballycondra, Ballyragget.

The nearest holy well in the district is Lady Well in the parish of Ballyouskil. People visit it on the fifteenth of August. Rounds are performed, the Rosary and other prayers are said and the water is drunk by those who visit the well.

Once when the people in the district came short of water, they got some in the holy well but the water could not be boiled.

No one is known to have been cured by the water of the well and no relics are left there. There is a bush growing over the well.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention Sept 24

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

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.

COIS NORE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

The Cois Nore Cancer Support Outreach worker is in Castlecomer every Wednesday morning at the Old Courthouse, Kilkenny Street from 10am to 12 pm. Drop in for information and support or make an appointment by calling 087-4833941.