

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

8th September 2024

Parish Newsletter

Twenty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sat 7th, 7pm: Rose Holden, Love Lane
Sun 8th, 11am: Dorothy (Dot) Byrne, Maryville
Mon 9th, 9am: Jack Bolland, Mill Lane
Sat 14th 10am: Joesph O'Shea, Dysart

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

McHale Family, Mayo; John Dillon, Corner House; Annie Buggy, Kiltown; Johanna Joan Foley (nee Heffernan), London/Ardra; Johanna Heffernan (nee O'Keefe), The Square/Ardra; Frances Shortall, Hillside View.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 14TH/15TH SEPTEMBER

Sun 15th 11am: Kathleen Simms (nee Ryan), Chatsworth Street
Malachy Tynan, Bowden's Court

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 - 9pm; Rosary at 8pm First Sunday of the month 3pm-5pm

PARISH CONTACTS:

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS:

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 1st September €1,965

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Ministers of the Word 14th/15th September

Saturday 7pm: Eithne McKenna
Sunday 8am: Maria Reyes
Sunday 11am: George Mealy

Ministers of the Eucharist 9th/15th September

Mon(9am)- Sat(10am): John Kelly
Saturday 7pm: Catherine Greer
Sunday 8am: Noreen Curry
Sunday 11am: Eoin Stowe

THE PARISH OFFICE:

The office is open on Wednesday and Friday, 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 send an email to the parish email address or leave post through letter box.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE:

The itinerary for the visit of the Relics of Saint Bernadette to St. Mary's Cathedral on 21st/22nd September were announced during the week.

Saturday 21 September

12noon: Formal reception of the Relics of St. Bernadette with Mass of Saint Bernadette by Bishop Coll.

3pm: Rosary led by Kilkenny Dominican Rosary Group

6pm: Ceremony of Water led by Fr Dan Carroll VG, The Irish Pilgrimage Trust.

7.30pm: Ceremony of Light and Evening Prayers led by Fr O'Connor, Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage

Sunday 22 September

11am: Mass with sprinkling rite with Water from Lourdes, led by Fr Ryan, Adm St Mary's.

3pm: Rosary led by Breda Campion Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Group

5.30pm: Mass with sprinkling rite with Water from Lourdes led by Fr O'Connor, Director of Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage.

7.30pm: Farewell Ceremony and Ceremony of Light led by Bishop Coll involving a reading from the account given by Saint Bernadette of the apparitions.

ST MARYS CATHEDRAL DRAW 2024/2025:

The annual St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw, now entering its tenth year, is a very important source of income for the care, maintenance of our Cathedral. To date the draw has raised over €750,000, showing the generosity and commitment of so many people and parishes around the diocese. At the launch of the draw for this new year, Bishop Niall and the Committee thanked all for their support and appealed for renewed backing for this enterprise. Tickets for the new season are available from the parish office on 056 444 1262 or from promoter Maureen Kelly on 087 770 7846. €10 per month or €120 for the year.

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL:

The monthly Church Door Collection will take place next weekend. We thank you for your support.

LEGION OF MARY TRIP TO KNOCK:

Trip to Knock on the 29th of September. Bus Leaving Kilkenny at 7.30am and stopping outside Castlecomer church at 8am. Names to Angela Byrne 087-210-9631.

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER:

For the cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

THE UNIVERSAL SYNOD:

Next month, Pope Francis will re-convene the universal synod. The word "synod" literally means "walking together", and it is not very far removed from the idea of "procession." Over the past few years Pope Francis has asked us to explore how, in the community of the Church, we can walk together more respectfully, more inclusively, and more effectively as witnesses to Jesus. Praying together is an essential part of that Christian witness.

Being a synodal Church, however, is not limited to what happens in the Church building. It is about how we share responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus in the world. Our prayer sends us out together to build community, to serve one another with generosity and integrity in our professional lives. As Saint James says (1:17-18, 21-22, 27), we are not just called to be hearers of the Word, we are called to live it in our daily lives. We are called to do that in a world where there are many opinions, but only one source of Truth. Walking together in faith involves recognising the gifts of others as well as our own... Our call to be a synodal Church is a life-long vocation. The challenge is for us to continue walking together.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION:

The season runs from 1st September and ends 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. At this time, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action as the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home. Creation is not given to humanity to use and abuse, rather, humanity is created to be part of Creation and to care for it. The annual Season of Creation Lecture: "Developing an Eco-Spirituality - To Hope and Act with Creation" will be held on 19th September at 7.30pm in Renehan Hall, St. Patrick's College Maynooth. Fr. Xavier de Bénazé SJ will explore eco-spirituality and Laudato Si' through different perspectives which reflect on the current environmental crises and how ecospirituality is part of the solution. To register please email cmurphy@jcfj.ie

ANAM CARA TIPPERARY

A Parent Evening for bereaved parents will take place on Wednesday 18th September at 7:15pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. Contact info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888

COUNSELLING SERVICES:

Towards Healing Confidential Helpline 1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie