

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Parish Newsletter

Twenty - Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Dollard, Kilmacow

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sun 13<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Seamus Kennedy, Ardra  
Alice Rice, The Prince Grounds  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Geraldine Bourke, Deen Cottage  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Martin Kenny, Rathkyle  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am: George & Ina Kelly, Ardra

### ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

Margaret & Michael Dwyer, Knocknadogue; Patrick, Elizabeth & Patrick Jnr Brennan, Kilkenny St;  
Frederick Osborne London; Annie Curran, Aughamuckey; Bishop Laurence Forristal, Ossory;  
Fr. M Rowe (curate) 1924; Louise Farrell, Dairy Rd/ Kilkenny.

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 19<sup>TH</sup> / 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Sat 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Kathleen Tynan, Skehana  
Patrick Kealy, Castlecomer/London  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Lil & Willie Coogan, Andorra House, Kilkenny Rd  
Maureen Healy, Donaguile Heights

### EUCARISTIC ADORATION:

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

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

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### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 6<sup>th</sup> October: €2,235  
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

### MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

#### Ministers of Word: 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>October

Saturday 7pm: Eithne McKenna  
Sunday 8am: Maria Ryes  
Sunday 11am: Anegla Molloy

#### Ministers of Eucharist: 14<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>October

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

### THE PARISH OFFICE:

The office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please contact the office to arrange masses or other sacraments and all parish business.

### COUNSELLING SERVICE:

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

### FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS

Priest & Parent meeting: 15th October at 7:30pm in Castlecomer Community Hall, Kilkenny St. We look forward to meeting you all at this event.

### MISSION SUNDAY CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION

Annual Church Door collection will be taken up next weekend. World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mass and Blessing of Graves takes place in Smithstown Graveyard on Nov.3rd at 12.30pm. The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 19<sup>th</sup> May to 24th May 2025.

### CASTLECOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRAYER SERVICE

All parishioners are invited to join with the Castlecomer Community school at a prayer service as they start their new academic year on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 12(noon) in the parish church.

### ST CANICE

On 11<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated the Feast of St Canice. One of four saints of our diocese Canice or Caineach of Aghaboe is associated with the monastery of Aghaboe and of course the city of Kilkenny. The city gets its name from being the 'Church of Canice'. One of 12 Apostles of Ireland Canice was born in c515 near Dungiven in Ulster. A disciple of Finnian of Clonard he befriended Colmcille at Clonard. Having been ordained in Rome he spent time in Scotland before returning to Ireland and finally establishing a monastery in Aghaboe – 'the Field of the Ox'. Canice founded a monastery near what is now St Canice's Cathedral. Together with St Kieran (Ciarán of Saigir) he is one of the patrons of Kilkenny.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO FR MICHAEL SHORTALL

Congrats to Castlecomer native Fr Michael Shortall who has been appointed President of St Patrick's College Maynooth. This is a wonderful appointment for Fr Michael and involves him in very important work in the Irish church: President of our National Seminary and the training of young priests, President of the Pontifical University which provides theological formation for students who undertake courses in theology to prepare them to work in the Irish Church and Catholic Schools.

### Prisoners Sunday – 13<sup>th</sup> October

Prisoners Sunday encourages us to pray for prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities and those working or volunteering in the criminal justice system. It is also an opportunity for us to think about how we, as individuals, as a Church, and as a community, can serve our brothers and sisters affected by imprisonment.

Prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families can find themselves on the margins of our society. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a handout to'. But the gospel of Matthew 25: 36 reminds us of our duties towards them: "I was in prison and you came to see me".

We should draw on the values of our faith; dignity, solidarity, and subsidiarity, and believe everyone can make a fresh start, whatever they may have done.

### THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

What are the main questions and themes for the 2024 synod assembly? The 2024 Instrumentum Laboris, outlines three overarching questions: How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity? How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel? What processes, structures, and institutions are needed in a missionary synodal Church?

The 2024 *Instrumentum Labori* has avoided emphasizing some controversial topics already discussed in 2023. Instead of addressing these issues they have been delegated to specialized study groups for further examination.

### Bishops' Pastoral Letter

The Bishops of Ireland have published a pastoral letter – *A Hundred Thousand Welcomes?* – reminding us of our responsibility to respond to the key questions of immigration across our island, and the world. The Letter is available in the church this week and provides a space for us as 'migrant pilgrim people' to contemplate the causes of migration, the gifts that migrants bring to our Church and our country, the economic and social issues we all face in Ireland the importance of *encounter* in building a true sense of belonging in every parish and community. See [www.catholicbishop.ie](http://www.catholicbishop.ie) for a short video presentation and the Letter in full.