

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

27th October 2024

Parish Newsletter

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anthony Heatherington, Massford

ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sat 26, 7pm: Jim & Annie O'Neill, Donaguile
Sun 27th, 11am: Noel Owens, Ryefield House, Mayhora
Donal McInerney, Ballyhemmon
Mon 28th, 10am: Frances Shore, Kiltown
Sat 2nd, 10am: Elizabeth (Betty) Harding, Maryville
T.D Purcell, Firoda

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

William & Elizabeth Shore, Kiltown; Lionel Steen, The Square.
Minnie O'Reilly, The Post Office.
Agnes Mullins, Killeshin. Pat & Margaret Mullins, Killeshin.
Michael (Mick) Brennan, Smithstown Cross.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2nd/3rd NOVEMBER

Sat 2nd, 7pm: John Greer, Donaguile
Laurence Holohan, Skehana
Sun 3rd, 11am: William & Phyllis Ryan, Marymount

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Thursday (Vigil Mass): 7.30pm
Friday: 11am Mass

FEAST OF ALL SOULS
Saturday: 10am

SMITHSTOWN CEMETERY
Sunday 3rd November 12.30pm
Mass and Blessing of Graves

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

Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
Contact: DLP@OSSORY.IE OR 085 802 1633.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
Contact: Parish email or 056 444 1969

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 20th October: €1,700.00
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Ministers of Word: 2nd /3rd November

Saturday 7pm: Mary Buggy
Sunday 8am: Dick Mullins
Sunday 11am: George Mealy

Ministers of Eucharist: 28th / 3rd November

Tues(9am)- Sat(10am): Shelia Loughlin
Saturday 7pm: Sheila Lawlor
Sunday 8am: Lalaine Brennan
Sunday 11am: Teresa Hetherington

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

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Monday (Bank Holiday): 10am
Tuesday -Wednesday: 9am
Thursday: 7.30pm (Vigil All Saints)
Friday: 11am (All Saints)
Saturday: 10am (All Souls)

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

€300.00 was donated on Mission Sunday. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY OF NOVEMBER

Fr Doyle will visit sick and housebound on Thursday, 31st October.

THE NOVEMBER OFFERINGS

The offerings will be taken up next weekend. This is one of six collections for the upkeep of the priests of the parish during the year. Please use envelope provided. Fr Scriven and Fr Doyle will each offer a novena of masses for all the faithful departed and for relatives of all Parishioners.

MASS IN SMITHSTOWN GRAVEYARD

Mass and Blessing of Graves in Smithstown Graveyard on Sunday Nov 3rd 12.30pm.

SAFEGUARDING PRESENTATION - COMMUNITY HALL

Ailish Higgins, Diocesan Safeguarding, will visit the parish on Tuesday 5th November at 7.30pm in the community hall to give a presentation on Safeguarding in Our Parish. This evening is primarily for those involved in ministry in the parish.

OSSORY TIMES – AUTUMN EDITION

The autumn edition of Ossory Times is now available. Cost €2.

Deenside Magazine 2024

People wishing to send greetings to relatives for the Christmas edition of the Deenside should email margcris@mac.com by the October 30th.

BRIDGE CLASSES

Bridge Classes in Tulla Hall, Threecastles Monday 4th Nov; information from Mary - 087-2369535.

CASTLECOMER WELLIE RACE 2025

The Committee invites charitable organisations to apply as beneficiaries in the 2025 distribution of funds at the Traditional Last Supper. Email to wellierace@gmail.com by 11th November. Applications only accepted by email.

MEMORIAL BOX FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

A Memorial Box for the names of your deceased relatives will be placed in front of the altar for the month of November. Printed sheets for the names of relatives are available in a basket at the Church door.

HE LOVES US

Pope Francis has published a new encyclical (letter), the 4th of his time as Pope. Entitled *Dilexit Nos* (HE LOVES US) the letter reminds us of the love of the Sacred Heart for all of us. "His open heart has gone before us and waits for us" Pope Francis writes in the opening paragraph. He calls for a new awareness of the love of Christ for each of us and that within the Heart of Jesus "we find the whole Gospel". It is in His Heart that "we truly come at last to know ourselves and we learn to love" (30).

The Pope concludes the letter reminding us that the Church as it responds to the desire of Jesus' Heart "love will be poured into human hearts, to build up the body of Christ...and to build a society of justice, peace and fraternity" (206). The letter comes as celebrations are underway for the 350th anniversary of revelations of the Sacred Heart to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673.

THE SYNOD

As the Synod meeting concludes in these days a writing group is tasked with preparing a Final Document which will be ready this weekend for consideration.

Former Master General of the Dominicans and newly appointed cardinal, Timothy Ratcliffe commented this week that it will be some time before the Synod bears obvious fruit. He referred to the gathering and meetings in Rome during this month of October as the "greatest exercise of listening in the history of humanity".

"God's providence is at work in this assembly, bringing us to the Kingdom in ways that God alone knows". He cautioned against trying to look for "startling decisions, headlines" to come out of the final text, saying, at a Vatican briefing with reporters, that that would be a mistake. The document will need to be read as something seeking to bring deep renewal of the church not "through dramatic decisions, but it evokes new ways of being a church in which we relate to each other much more profoundly in Christ and to Christ much more profoundly with each other", he said.