

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

10th November 2024

Parish Newsletter

Thirty -Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Cory Hynes, Moneenvew, Moneenroe

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sat 9th, 7pm: Anne & Michael O'Neill, Hillside View  
John Byrne, Market Street

Sun 10th, 8am: Mass for the people of the parish

Sun 10th, 11am: Holy Souls

Mon 11<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Holy Souls

Tue 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am: James (Jimmy) & Margaret (Peg) Farrell, The Square

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 9am: Holy Souls

Thur 14<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Holy Souls

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 9am: Holy Souls

Sat 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am: Joe & Margaret O'Neill, Maryville; Deceased members Castlecomer Bridge Club;  
Deceased members of Castlecomer Active Retirement Group.

### ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

Maurice Shortall, Maryville; Dick & Kathleen Shortall, Deerpark; Theresa McKenna, Bowden's Court;  
John & Jack Crennan, Knocknadgoue/ Dublin; Michael Murphy, Chatsworth St; Elizabeth Geoghegan;  
Annie Philps; Betty Campion.

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Sat 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Martin O'Neill, Ballyhemmon

Deceased members of the Kavanagh family, Clashduff

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### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> November: €2,010.00

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

### MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

#### Ministers of Word: 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> November

Saturday 7pm: Eithne McKenna

Sunday 8am: Maria Reyes

Sunday 11am: John Kelly

#### Ministers of Eucharist: 11<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> November

Tues(9am)- Sat(10am): Maria Reyes

Saturday 7pm: Catherine Greer

Sunday 8am: Margaret O'Neill

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

### ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS—SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 7PM

At Mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, we will pray and remember all who died in the past 12 months. Families who have had a bereavement in the past 12 months are invited to this Saturday Evening Mass and will be asked to bring a remembrance candle to the altar. The names are listed in the Sacred Space in our church and with all the deceased are remembered at our masses during November.

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD DURING NOVEMBER

You are invited to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends and to place them in the basket before the altar. Paper available at the church porch.

### MASS FOR DECEASED NURSES AND MIDWIVES

Mass for deceased nurses and midwives will take place on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10.30am in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy. A tea/coffee morning will be held in the adjoining Parish Centre; collection also for Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team.

### CHILD SAFEGUARD

Thanks to Ailish Higgins, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, for the visiting us during the week. 40 parishioners gathered for the information evening as Ailish updated us on diocesan protocols and procedures to ensure that our parish is a safe place for children, young people and vulnerable adults. Thanks to all who attended as we all share responsibility for the care of each other.

### Mass Cards & Christmas Cards

The parish has a selection of Christmas Mass Bouquet and Christmas Shared Mass Bouquet Cards available this year. Fr Doyle and Fr Scriven will celebrate a Tridium of Masses over the Christmas period for the intentions of those who wish to include family and friends through these parish cards.

Mass Cards, signed by Fr Scriven and Fr Doyle, are available in the Parish Office. These Mass Cards carry the name of Castlecomer Parish; the masses will be said by Fr Doyle or Fr Scriven in the parish. In the event that the local clergy cannot celebrate the mass the Mass Intention may be given to another diocesan priest or to a missionary priest through St Patrick's Society Kiltegan or the Columban Missionaries, Dalgan Park. While Mass Cards are available elsewhere often the Priest's signature is indistinct, detail of the vendor is vague and it is hard to receive assurance as to where the masses are said.

### CASTLECOMER SVP

Monthly collection will be taken up at masses this weekend. Thanks for your generosity.

### NEW PRESIDENT OF US

The Vatican responded to Donald Trump's election through Cardinal Pietro Parolin who wished him much wisdom.

"At the beginning of his mandate, we wish him much wisdom because that is the principal virtue of those who govern, according to the Bible," the cardinal said.

Asked about Mr. Trump's statement during the campaign and after his victory that "I'm not going to start wars, I'm going to stop wars," Cardinal Parolin responded, "Let us hope, we hope, we hope!" But, he added, "I don't think that even he has a magic wand." He emphasized that to end war, "there is a need for much humility, much willingness and the need to seek the interests of humanity as a whole, rather than focusing on particular interests."

### The Synod – Inverting the Pyramid

The Synod on Synodality has just concluded with the submission of its Final Report and its full and unqualified acceptance by Pope Francis. It is now part of the teaching of the Church. This three-year process of discernment, consultation, assembly-gathering and final deliberation is now over, and it has been an astonishing success – but not in the way many may think, Maria Grazia in The Tablet suggests.

Pope Francis is embedding a culture of encounter, a pattern of deep listening and a reverencing of the other, in the life of the Church. Francis has spoken of "inverting the pyramid" and so the top-down model that has prevailed for centuries is being replaced by a percolation of missional energy and vision from the bottom up.

Francis is not an innovator pope: no new doctrines, no sundering departures from past practices.

But he is a disruptor pope: he has dismantled the established pattern of past synods, including expectations of how popes should be involved; he has freed the synod to be constructively creative rather than cautious. He is determined to bring the teachings of the Second Vatican Council fully into the life of the Church – and so he seeks to 'invert the pyramid'.