

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

24th November 2024

Parish Newsletter

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 23rd, 7pm: Seamus Farrell, Woodview
Sun 24th, 8am: Mass for the People of the Parish
Sun 24th, 11am: Billy & Helen Mulcahy, Yellow Rd
Mon 25th, 9am: Holy Souls
Tue 26th, 9am: Holy Souls
Wed 27th 9am: Paddy, Roseleen, Aidan & Cyril Geoghegan, Barrack St
Thur 28th, 9am: Ellie Coogan, Yellow Rd
Fri 29th 9am: John (Johnnie) Dunne, Kilkenny Rd
Sat 30th, 10am: Paul & Thomas Nolan, Hillside View; Edward (Ned) Brennan, Maryville
Ned Kavanagh, Marymount

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

Mary Coady (Snr), Skehana, Eamon, Teresa & Joseph Wallace, Market Street; Bill Stowe, Kildare;
Very Rev Canon Kearns (P.P), Castlecomer; Very Rev Canon Daniel O'Halloran, Philomena (Phil)
Heffernan, District Hospital/Ardra; William Coogan, Kilkenny Rd., Noreen Smith, Oakhill

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 30th/1st December

Sat 30th, 7pm: Paddy & Kitty Curry, Maryville
Sun 24th, 11am: Mass for the People of the Parish

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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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 17th November: €1,935.00
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

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.

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Ministers of Word: 30th/1st December

Saturday 7pm: Martin Walsh
Sunday 8am: Fintan Barrett/Oliver McGrath
Sunday 11am: Helena Dowd

Ministers of Eucharist: 25th/1st December

Mon (9am)- Sat(10am): Angela Byrne
Saturday 7pm: Catriona Brennan
Sunday 8am: Noreen Curry
Sunday 11am: Eoin Stowe

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE:

Diocesan 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

TOWARDS HEALING CONFIDENTIAL HELPLINE

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday,
Feast of Christ the King, from 3pm – 5pm.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS 2025

We welcome the children from our National Schools who are preparing for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist to our 7pm Vigil Mass this weekend. Please pray for them and their families in this important year for them. The programme of preparation is threefold: preparation at home, in the parish and through the schools. The Parish is encouraged to be part of this preparation, particularly in praying for the young people.

OSSORY PRIESTS SOCIETY

The Annual Collection for the care of retired priests in our diocese will take place next weekend. A contribution to the collection show appreciation for the many years of service our retired priests have given to God and to his people throughout Ossory.

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Annual Christmas Appeal for St. Vincent De Paul will take place on 7th/8th December.

CHRISTMAS & MASS 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 and sacristy.

CASTLECOMER HOSPITAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Castlecomer District Hospital will celebrate their annual remembrance service for those who have died in our loving care in the previous 12 months on 6th December 2024 at 2pm in the parish church.

HELPING THE HOMELESS- FARRELL'S GARAGE

Farrell's are holding a raffle for Kilkenny Helping the Homeless. All proceeds will be donated to this worthy cause and all prizes have been donated by local businesses. €5 per ticket. Draw takes place on Friday 20th December.

DEENSIDE MAGAZINE 2024

Next weekend the Deenside magazine will be on sale at the church door and is available locally in the town. Donation of €6.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED – GLANBIA & TIRLÁN

Annual Memorial Mass for the deceased family members, work colleagues and friends of Tirlán and Glanbia will take place in St Canice's Church Kilkenny on Friday 29th Nov; Rosary for the Deceased at 7.25pm, Mass at 7.30pm.

PRESENTATION DAY

Thursday last was the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lady and traditionally the day in which the Presentation Religious family celebrate their feast day. We salute those who continue to carry the lantern of Nano Nagle in our times, and we are particularly appreciative of the work of our local primary school who continue the charism of Nano.

ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

The Dominican Community, Black Abbey, Kilkenny, invite you to reflections on the Gospels of Advent in the Black Abbey on 28th Nov and 5th, 12th and 19th Dec, 7.15 p.m. – 8.30 p.m., facilitated by Father Stephen Cummins. Please contact 056 7721279 or by email blackabbey@dominicans.ie

TWO NEW SAINTS ANNOUNCED

Pope Francis announced Wednesday that Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, two young Catholics beloved for their vibrant faith and witness to holiness, will be canonized during two major jubilee celebrations in 2025.

Carlo, an Italian computer-coding teenager who died of cancer in 2006, is known for his great devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and is referred to as the first millennial saint. He is remembered for saying: "People who place themselves before the sun get a tan; people who place themselves before the Eucharist become saints." His canonization will take place during the Jubilee for Teenagers on April 25-27th, 2025.

Pier Frassati, a native of Turin who died at the age of 24 in 1925, is also beloved by many today for his enthusiastic witness to holiness that reaches "to the heights." Frassati was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1990 who called him a "man of the eight beatitudes". He will be canonized at the Jubilee of Youth gathering in Rome, July 28 – Aug 3, 2025.

WELLIE RACE LAUNCH FOR 2025

The launch of Castlecomer Wellie Race will be held in Bollards Lounge on Friday November 29th. This year the launch also includes a Table Quiz on the night, questions to suit all ages. Commencing at 9 p.m. Table of 4 costs €20. Raffle on the night.