

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

Parish Newsletter

Thirty -First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Thomas (Tommy) Coady, Cruttenclough, Coon  
Philomena Devlin, England

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm: John Greer, Donaguile  
Laurence Holohan, Skehana

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8am: Mass for the faithful departed

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11am: William & Phyllis Ryan, Marymount  
Bridget (Bridie), Michael & baby Helen Shortall, Aughamuckey

Wed, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am: James, Juile, Margaret, Elsie, Patrick, Theresa Brennan & Adam Brennan Kearney,  
Donaguile, The Spike

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Thomas Finnegan, Kiltown

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 9am: Sally Salter & Joe Byrne, Ballyhemmon/Church Avenue

### ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

Ann Treacy (nee Ryan), Aughamuckey/Moneenroe; Frank & Lar Devlin, Donaguile.

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Sat 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Michael O'Neill, Hillside View  
John Byrne, Market Street

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:

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### PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford  
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### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 27<sup>th</sup> October: €2,155.00  
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

### MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

#### Ministers of Word: 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> November

Saturday 7pm: Maureen Holohan  
Sunday 8am: Tom Teehan  
Sunday 11am: Fonsie Mealy

#### Ministers of Eucharist: 4<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> November

Tues(9am)- Sat(10am): Chrissie Brooke  
Saturday 7pm: Ingrid Brennan  
Sunday 8am: Noreen Curry  
Sunday 11am: Jeanette Harding

### 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

### CHILD SAFEGUARDING

Ailish Higgins will give an update on Child Safeguarding policies in the Diocese of Ossory and our parish on Tuesday evening (7.30pm - 9pm) in Castlecomer Community Hall. All readers, ministers of the Eucharist, choir members and sacristans are invited to attend. Child Safeguarding is of concern to everyone – please attend.

### NOVEMBER OFFERINGS

November's offerings will be taken up this weekend. Both priests will each offer a novena of masses for all the faithful departed of all Parishioners. Your generosity in these annual collections are received with thanks by both Fr Scriven and Fr Doyle.

### REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED IN NOVEMBER

A Memorial basket for the names of your deceased relatives is now in place at the altar during the month of November. Printed sheets for the names are available in a basket at the Church door. You are invited to write the names of your deceased and place them at the altar. Masses will be offered during the month of November.

### OSSORY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 19 – 25 May 2025. Bus transport from Loughboy Shopping Centre and Castlecomer to Cork Airport. Direct flights to Lourdes. Full religious programme. Choice of 3\* and 4\* hotels €949 and €995 respectively. Contact JWT 01-2410800 or email info@joewalstours.ie Assisted pilgrims contact Fr. O'Connor 087-2517766.

### DIVINE MERCY AND FAMILY TREE HEALING MASS

Mass and Divine Mercy Prayers in St Abban's Church Doonane on Monday 18 November, 7.30pm; Celebrant Fr John Walsh.

### TOUR OF CORE COLLEGE

Core College, who recently occupied the former Presentation Convent building, is pleased to invite visitors to take a tour of the premises and the herbal gardens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>. The visit includes a tour of the building and the grounds of the convent and an introduction to the work of Core College. Limited places – contact Eoin on (089 400 0212).

### COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER

Meeting for first responders in Coon Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November for the surrounding parishes. All welcome to attend.

### November – Month of The Holy Souls

From the very earliest days Christians have honoured with great respect the memory of the dead, and “because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins” (2 Mac 12:46) they remember them in prayer. Primarily the holy sacrifice of the Mass is offered as we remember all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; the deceased are also remembered in other pious exercises, such as prayers for the dead, alms deeds, works of mercy and the application of indulgences to the souls of the faithful departed. Traditionally November is the Month of the Holy Souls. This year as always, we will remember all who have been called home to the Father's House.

Lord God,  
Whose days are without end  
And whose mercies beyond counting,  
keep us mindful  
that life is short and the hour of death  
unknown.

Let your Spirit guide our days on earth  
in the ways of holiness and justice,  
that we may serve you  
in union with the whole Church  
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.  
And when our earthly life is ended,  
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,  
where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

Belief in the resurrection of the dead is an essential part of our Christian faith. Death is the end of our earthly life, but ‘not our existence’ (St Ambrose) since the soul is immortal. Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life (Catechism, 1007). According to the faith of the Church, ‘to die in Christ’ begins at Baptism. In Baptism we sacramentally die in Christ so as to live a new life. Our prayers, particularly during November, implore our loving Father to have mercy on the souls of the dead, to purify them by the fire of his love, and to bring them to His Kingdom of light and life.

When we die we close our eyes to this world and open them to the vision of God.