

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Parish Newsletter

Thirty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Martin O'Neill, Ballyhemmon  
Deceased members of the Kavanagh family, Clashduff

Sun 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am: Mass for the people of the parish  
Sun 17<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Holy Souls  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Freda & Lucy Brooke, Yorkshire  
Tue 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Holy Souls  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 9am: Holy Souls  
Thur 21<sup>st</sup>, 9am: Holy Souls  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am: Doug Merritt, Millhouse  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am: Holy Souls

### ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

Mary & Ned Shallow, Ballyragget Rd/ London; Ann (Nacy) Wallace, Kilkenny St; Mathew Phelan; Mayhora.

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>NOVEMBER

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm: Seamus Farrell, Woodview  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Billy & Helen Mulchay, Yellow Rd

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

### PARISH CONTACTS:

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### THE PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Office: 056 444 1969  
Parish Email: castlecomer@ossory.ie  
Parish Web Page: castlecomerparish.ie

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> November: €1,945.00  
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

### MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

#### Ministers of Word: 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November

Saturday 7pm: Brigid Coady  
Sunday 8am: Donal Dunne  
Sunday 11am: Sheila Pedini

#### Ministers of Eucharist: 18<sup>th</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> November

Mon (9am)- Sat(10am): John Kelly  
Saturday 7pm: John Holohan  
Sunday 8am: Lalaine Brennan  
Sunday 11am: John Kelly

### 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

### 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.

### COELIAC HOSTS

Low gluten hosts are available for parishioners who are gluten intolerant. Please indicate your preference to the minister when you go to communion.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 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. These Mass Cards carry the name of Castlecomer Parish; the masses will be said by Fr Doyle or Fr Scriven in the parish. If 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 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR

The group continues to oversee the maintenance of the Community AEDs at The Community Hall and the Old Firestation on the Ballyragget Road. If you are interested in learning or renewing your skills IHF certified courses are being provided soon- contact 0872936209.

### WELLIE RACE 2025 LAUNCH

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 all support would be greatly appreciated. Chairman Michael "Macha" Brennan will have the famous well-guarded secret Powley Envelope on tow which will reveal the identity of Race Personality on New Years Day.

### THE BIBLE

Written by Lavinia Byrne and published by Canterbury Press Hero Lover Daughter Queen: Finding Yourself in the Bible suggests that the people we meet in the Bible have feats that are as varied as their temperaments.

With Solomon we build a temple, with the paralytic we discover our true friends; we dance with the beautiful girl from the Song of Songs and are thrown to the dogs with Jezebel. Who are these people? What can we learn from them? What wisdom do their lives contain?

Our belief systems hold up heroes and heroines to us, people to emulate whom we call saints. They also hold up antiheroes, whom we call sinners. In their stories, we are offered a mirror. By gazing into it and learning from their experiences, we are offered a way forward in our own lives.

The characters in the Bible were real people who grappled with the reality of the human condition. Even when they "called on the Lord" and reached beyond themselves for understanding, they did so from within the messy confines of lives like ours. For that reason, we can turn to them and find genuine insights. Their human insights have integrity and can help us in our own times. There is energy here to be tapped.

### Sacred Space

Sacred Space (www.sacredspace.ie) is a service provided by the Irish Jesuits. Begun in 1999 it has grown into a global online apostolate for daily prayer since that time, and now offers prayer in approximately 15 languages. They offer daily prayer on their site as a guide through to prayer in six stages, including preparing your body and mind, and culminating in reflection on the Gospel of the day according to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar.

Each week Something to Think and Pray About This Week is provided on the home page. This is normally an excerpt taken from a book on Ignatian spirituality.

Please note that Sacred Space is also published annually and is available in the Cathedral Bookshop at St Mary's Cathedral.

If you would rather use Sacred Space on your phone or when you are on the go, download the app by following this link: Sacred Space Apps