

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

8th December 2024

Parish Newsletter

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED: John (Johnny) Ryan, Clashduff Lower

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 7th, 7pm: Matt O'Connor, Drumgoole
Mary, Tom & Martin Morrissey, Ballylinnen/Hillside View
Mary Dowd, Kiltown

Sun 8th, 11am: John Healy, Donaguile Heights
James & Kathleen Ring, Clashduff

Tues 10th, 9am: Geraldine Bourke, Deen Cottage

Wed 11th, 9am: Dan, Joe & Kay Brennan, Manchester; Patrick Kenny, Byrnesgrove

Thur 12th, 9am: Walter & Kathleen Kelly, Kilkenny St

Sat 14th, 10am: Michael Coady, Skehana; Katie Moran, Cruttenclough

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS

Patrick (Patsy) Barcoe, Moneenroe; Elizabeth Mealey Gorteen; Michael & Margaret Nolan, Deerpark;
Very Rev. Joseph Butler (P.P), Castlecomer; Patrick Byrne, Firoda; Tom Ownes, Ryefield House;
Sheila Jenkins (nee Geoghegan), Barrack St; Richard, Paddy & Edward Moran, Aughamuckey;
George Lacy, Loon.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 14TH/15TH December

Sat 14th, 7pm: Mary Brennan, Maryville; Des Kavanagh, Donaguile

Sun 15th, 11am: Kathleen (Kay), Conway, Mayhora

PARISH CONTACTS:

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Office: 056 444 1969

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 1st December: €1,810.00

Retired Priests Collection: €420.00

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: 14th/15thDecember

Saturday 7pm: Eithne McKenna

Sunday 8am: Donal Dunne

Sunday 11am: FHC Children

Ministers of Eucharist: 9th/15thDecember

Mon (9am)- Sat(10am): Chrissie Brooke

Saturday 7pm: Ingrid Brennan

Sunday 8am: Lalaine Brennan

Sunday 11am: Angela Molloy

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

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES

Monday 9th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (patron feast of our parish). Mass times in Castlecomer Parish:

Monday: 11am Day Mass & 7pm Eve Mass

FIRST COMMUNION:

We welcome the boys and girls preparing for First Holy Communion next weekend at 11am Mass.

ADVENT JESSE TREE:

Starting on the 1st of December, (the creation) our church Jesse Tree follows the events leading up to the birth of Jesus with spiritual stories from the bible. Parents are encouraged to show the tree to their children leading up to Christmas. Advent activities are placed under the tree and can be taken home to follow the journey of Advent with families.

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 through these parish cards. The signed Mass cards are available in the parish office and sacristy.

St Mary's Cathedral Bookshop

St. Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop is now open 5 days a week (Mon - Fri) 9-30am till 5-00pm also now opening weekends during the Christmas season. Selection of Nativity Sets, Christmas Cards, Nativity stories, spiritual books, and other religious gifts. Calendars, Catholic Diaries for 2025 and a wide range of Children stories available also.

Diocesan Draw:

Please note the December Draw will take place on Wednesday, 18th December. Tickets available from the parish office.

CASTLECOMER GOLF CLUB KIDS DISCO

The Golf Club are holding a kids disco on 14th December from 5.30pm to 7pm. Christmas Jumpers welcome. €5 per child. Spot prizes on the evening.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS & SPRAYS

Florist Marian Fitzpatrick is now taking orders for Christmas wreaths and sprays for the Christmas season. Please contact: 087-761-6857.

Feast of The Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is the 8th of December. When the feast day falls on a Sunday in Advent it is transferred to Monday. It will be a feast day with the rank of a Solemnity. While it is on the Irish Liturgical Calendar a Holy Day of Obligation the obligation is not applied when the feast day is transferred. Consequently, this year, the Feast Day will be celebrated at Mass on Monday, but it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

Church of the Immaculate Conception

The doctrine was officially defined by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854. While this is the date in which the doctrine was defined officially by the Church there are centuries of tradition and faith that proclaimed the doctrine. The 8th of December was assigned a holyday of obligation by Pope Clement XI in 1708 and Mary Immaculate was confirmed Patroness of the United States in 1847 by Pope Pius IX who in 1854 defined the doctrine. On 25 March 1858 when asked by Bernadette of Lourdes who the Lady was received the reply: "I am the Immaculate Conception". It has always been a question of how a young uneducated girl in rural southern France would have known of this title of Our Lady.

Tweet for Each Day of Advent:

Thoughts, reflections, prayer and ideas - why not take a few moments each day during Advent to pause in prayer. Follow us on Twitter @ossorydiocese. Simple booklet available to download now at www.ossory.ie

Advent a Time of Hope : a Message of Hope:

On Wednesday 11 Dec in St Kieran's College at 7pm Bishop Coll will explore the hope that our faith brings us.

Rev. Dr Sean Maher, priest of Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin presents an evening exploring the hope filled message of the Scriptures at St Kieran's College, Tuesday, 17th December; 7.00pm

ANAM CARA PARENT SUPPORT EVENINGS

Monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday the 18th of December at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless how recent their death was. No need to register in advance. To find out more email info@anamcara.ie.