

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

19th January 2025

Parish Newsletter

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen Duggan, Aughamuckey/England; Roy Hunter, London

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sun 19th 11am: Sean Ryan, Upper Yellow Road

Michael and Angela White, Knocknadogue

Wed 22nd, 9am: Liam Coogan, Yellow Rd

Thur 23rd, 9am: Terence Dunne, Skehana

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS

Tommy, May, Tom & Janie Dowling, Ballyragget; Collette Barrett, Donaguile; Rita Smith, Bowden's Court; John Smith, Golf Course; Very Rev Thomas Kelly, Castlecomer; Donal & Nora Creedon, Cork; Patsy and Eileen Sheil, Deerpark.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR 25TH/26TH JANUARY

Sat 25th, 7pm: Anthony Murphy, Oakhill

Michael Tyrell, Ballyragget Rd

Sun 26th, 11am: Mary O'Shea (nee Bradley), Drumgoole

Paddy Coogan, Smithstown Rd

PRAYER DURING THE DAY: Monday – Saturday at 12(noon) & Sunday at 3pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday: 7pm – 9pm; Rosary at 8pm

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Office: 056 444 1969

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 12th Jan: €1,855.00

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE.

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: 25th /26th January

Saturday 7pm: Martin Walsh

Sunday 8am: Tom Teehan

Sunday 11am: Helena Dowd

Ministers of Eucharist: 20th/26th January

Mon (9am)- Sat (10am): John Kelly

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

FIRST HOLY 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MONSIGNOR DAN CARROLL

Bishop Coll has informed us that in view of Fr Dan Carroll's service to the Diocese of Ossory as Vicar General, the title of Chaplain to His Holiness has been conferred on him by Pope Francis. With every best wish to Monsignor Dan from his native parish. *Comhghairdeas ó do pharaoiste dúchais.*

ST BRIGID'S CROSSES

St Brigid Crosses will be available next weekend at all the Masses. Suggested donation €3.

CHURCH UNITY WEEK 2025

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from the 18th to the 25th of January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul – and we are reminded annually of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17.21).

The theme for this year's week of prayer is 'Do you Believe This?'. The theme, prepared by an ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy, reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?" Bishop Coll will preach at their Sunday Eucharist in St Canice's Cathedral.

CASTLECOMER COIS NORE OUTREACH

Available for two hours every Wednesday morning from 10am to 12pm at the Old Courthouse, Kilkenny Street, Castlecomer. Call in for a chat, information or registration to join the confidential services available in the Cois Nore Cancer Centre, Kilkenny.

CASTLECOMER PANTOMIME 2025

Deenside Players will present their pantomime in the Castlecomer Community Hall on a series of nights starting from Tuesday 28th January to Saturday 1st February. Tickets on sale on www.GR8events.ie or from the Community Hall.

KILQUAN DRAMA GROUP COON

The group present a comedy in three acts, "Stop it Nurse" in Coon Hall. Play on 31st Jan, 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th and 9th Feb at 8.00 pm. Adm €10.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025 – ALIVE IN CHRIST

Sunday, 19 January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2025. The theme for Catholic Schools Week – 21st to 27th Jan - this year is: **Alive in Christ**. The theme is taken from Pope Francis who reminds us in *Christus Vivit* "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!"

This week annually celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to our parishes and acknowledges the work of Boards of Management, staff, parents and pupils of our schools.

A PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Almighty God,

You sent forth your Son

as a beacon of hope for all people.

As a Teacher He has given us

the prime example of the importance of education.

As disciples we look to him

for inspiration and strength.

Thank you for the many people

who have dedicated their lives

in service to our Catholic Schools.

Our teachers and Boards of Management who sustain our schools.

Our parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education.

Our students who work hard to further their education.

Bless all our Catholic Schools and the many people who advance our mission.

May our schools be a home for those who seek to grow in openness, faith, love, intellect and commitment to justice,

in your name, we pray. Amen.

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

A Community First Responders' Program in the Castlecomer and surrounding area is being organised. CFR volunteers attend emergencies such as, stroke, heart attack and people who are unconscious. An information evening will be held in Castlecomer Community Hall on 20th January at 7pm. All welcome.

CLOGH COMMUNITY SUNDAY BINGO

Clogh Community Council will hold a Sunday Bingo on the 26th Jan at 3.00 p.m. at the Parish Centre, Clogh. €750.00 in prize money. All are welcome.