

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

12th January 2025

Parish Newsletter

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jim Quinn, Clogh Road; Monica Dickenson, Wicklow Town
Denis Farrell, Damerstown and USA

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sun 12th, 11am: Edward (Eddie) Kelly, Barrack St
Mon 13th, 9am: James Jessie Nolan, Maryville
Tue 14th, 9am: Paddy Kenny, Barrack Street
Wed 15th, 9am: Abraham Coady, Kiltown
Fri 17th, 9am: Jo Brophy, Maryville; Thomas Dwyer, Massford
Sat 18th, 10am: Tommy Coogan, The Square

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS

Michael Brennan, Mayhora; James Brennan, Kilkenny St; Margaret Conroy (nee Corcoran), Maryville; Mark Heffernan, The Square/Ardra; Patrick (Pat) Byrne, Higginstown/Clara.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR 18TH/19TH JANUARY

Sunday 11am: Sean Ryan, Upper Yellow Road;
Michael and Angela White, Knocknadogue

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

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

PARISH CONTACTS:

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Thanks to all who contribute regularly to the Parish and the upkeep of our Church

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: 18th/19th January

Saturday 7pm: First Holy Communion
Sunday 8am: Margaret McGrath
Sunday 11am: Fonsie Mealy

Ministers of Eucharist: 13th/19th January

Mon (9am)- Sat(10am): Maria Reyes
Saturday 7pm: John Holohan
Sunday 8am: Margaret O’Neill
Sunday 11am: Teresa Hetherington

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

BLESSING OF HOUSES

Traditionally on the feast of Epiphany Catholics bless their homes by writing the letters C, M, and B and the numbers of the year on either side — so this year it would look like “20+C+M+B+25. The letters stand for the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They also represent the Latin blessing “*Christus mansionem benedicat,*” - “May Christ bless this house.”

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Pope Francis has asked us on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: am I aware of the immense gift I carry within me through Baptism? Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son, his beloved daughter? And now, in memory of our Baptism, let us welcome God’s presence within us. We can do so with the sign of the cross, which traces in us the memory of the grace of God, who loves us and wishes to stay with us. That sign of the cross reminds us of this. Let us do it together: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And do not forget the date of your Baptism, which is a birthday. At our Baptism, we became God’s beloved children forever, and this is an occasion to remember and celebrate. May Mary, temple of the Spirit, help us to celebrate and welcome the wonders that the Lord works in us.

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 soon.

STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE IS THIS FOR YOU?

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 11th. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

OSSORY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 will take place from 19th until 24th May. 5 from €949 per person. For further information and bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or email info@joewalshstours.ie. This is an annual diocesan event and encourage parishioners to consider travelling to Lourdes in May.

SAINT BRIGID’S CROSSES

St Brigid’s Crosses will be available again this year. Further information from Aidan Shortall on 087 9012322. Volunteers for making the crosses and selling of them required.

POPE’S INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the Right to an Education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

MAYFAIR LIBRARY KILKENNY

New year, new beginnings, learn something new! Universal Class Online Learning. To get you started, staff at Mayfair library are hosting Universal Class Tutorials on Fridays for the month of during January. These will take place from 11.30-12.30 on a drop-in basis, there is no need to book. For more information Tel 7794174

LEAVING CERT IRISH ORAL EXAM WORKSHOP 2025

A three-part Leaving Cert Irish Oral Workshop will take place Johnswell Community Hall on the following date: 8th, 15th and 22nd March-. These workshops will provide an opportunity for students to learn, prepare and practice for their upcoming Leaving Cert Irish Oral Exam. To book or for further information please contact email tobarnageilge@yahoo.com

80s - 90s DISCO

An 80s-90s Disco will take place on Friday, 17th January in Langton’s Ballroom from 9.00pm till late. All proceeds in aid of local Group 174 Irish Pilgrimage Trust who bring young people with additional needs to Lourdes each April. Tickets are €15 available from Eventbrite or phone 087 904 0208 or 087 2070609.join in the fun while supporting a good cause. Fancy dress is optional!

SOCIAL DANCING MONEENROE

Every Saturday night in Moneenroe Community Hall from 9pm – 11.30p.m free light refreshments served. Good music assured.

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