

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Parish Newsletter

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Anthony Murphy, Oakhill  
Michael Tyrell, Ballyragget Rd  
Sun 26<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Mary O'Shea (nee Bradley), Drumgoole  
Paddy Coogan, Smithstown Rd  
Justin Ring, Barrack St  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Holy Souls Mass Intention  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Roy Hunter, London  
Thur 30<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Pake, Margaret, Joe, Pa & Louise Farrell, Donaguile  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup>, 9am: Joseph Brennan Reigh, Knocknadogue  
Michael & Maureen Ferris, Ardra

### ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS

James Cantwell, Ballyhemmon; Ellen (Nelly) Kelly, Ballyragget/Aughamuckey; Chrisopher Phelan, Loon; Very Rev. Martin Comerford; Margaret Grant, Kiltown/ London.

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

Sat 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm: Mary Dargan, Ballycomey  
Edward (Ned) Healy, Firoda  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11am: Annette Kennedy, Kilkenny Rd (Month's Mind Mass)

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

### PARISH CONTACTS:

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### THE PARISH OFFICE:

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Parish webpage:  
www.castlecomerparish.ie

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 19<sup>th</sup> Jan: €1,770.00  
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: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February

Saturday 7pm: Mary Buggy  
Sunday 8am: Maria Reyes  
Sunday 11am: Sheila Pedini

#### Ministers of Eucharist: 27<sup>th</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February

Mon (9am)- Sat (10am): Angela Byrne  
Saturday 7pm: Catriona Brennan  
Sunday 8am: Noreen Curry  
Sunday 11am: Jeanette Harding

#### 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 HELPLINE

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

### ST BRIGID'S CROSSES

St Brigid Crosses will be available this weekend at all the masses. Suggested donation €3

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

Below is a prayer that you could say as you are hanging the Bridgid's Cross in your home:

*May the blessing of God  
and the Trinity be on this cross,  
and on the home where it hangs  
and on everyone who looks at it.*

### CANDLEMAS DAY

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February is the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, also known as Candlemas Day. The blessing of candles will take place at 11am Mass.

### FEAST OF ST BLAISE

Mass will be at 10am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> The Feast of Saint Blaise. The blessing of throats will take place at this Mass. *'Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop, and Martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen'*

### SCOIL ÍOSAGÁIN

Scoil Íosagáin (formerly Pres NS/Boys NS) will host an Open Evening this Wed, 29th Jan in the school from 8-9pm. All Parents welcome.

### ST. BRIGID'S CROSS WORKSHOP

Making a St. Brigid's Cross Workshop for adults takes place in Loughboy Library on Wednesday, 29th January from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Learn to make the St. Brigid's Cross with craft expert Monica Fleming. Using locally sourced rushes, various regional cross designs will be created. Email loughboy@kilkennylibrary.ie to book.

### ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL DRAW

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> in St Mary's Chapter House at 8pm. All are welcome. Tickets are available from Castlecomer Parish Office.

### OSSORY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 will take place, 19th until 24th May. 5 nights from €949 per person. please contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01 241 0800. Email info@joewalshstours.ie

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Saint Luke writes his Gospel so that the reader will "realise the certainty of the teachings" received. That certainty flows from the man in the synagogue who reads the scroll of Isaiah and promised that he will bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, give sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free.

Only God can work such wonders; that is why rejoicing in the Lord in our midst must be our strength. As the eyes of all those assembled in the synagogue looked intently at Jesus, they became an image of what we must do as members of the body of Christ – unite ourselves to him in faith and love.

### PRAYER FOR CALMING OF STORMS

Heavenly Father, you who command the winds and waves, we ask You to calm the storms that threaten our safety. Whether they manifest as tornadoes, hurricanes, or violent thunderstorms, let Your peace override the chaos. Instil calm in our spirits and stillness in the atmosphere.

Protect all those in the path of these storms, from families in their homes to travellers on the road. Strengthen our community's preparedness and response efforts, and let no life be lost to the fury of nature. May we always find our refuge in You, trusting that You are with us in the storm and beyond. Amen.

### WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE 2025

Bishop Niall will celebrate the Eucharist with religious, people and priests, on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025, in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny, at 1.00 p.m., as the Diocese gathers to celebrate the *World Day for Consecrated Life 2025* incorporating the *Jubilee Year of Hope*.

Our gathering will provide an opportunity for bishop, priests and people, to express our appreciation for the wonderful contribution Religious women and men have made, continue to make, and indeed, will make in our Diocese in the years ahead. All are welcome to come and join in our appreciation.

### KILQUAN DRAMA GROUP

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.