

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

23rd February 2025

Parish Newsletter

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bishop William Walsh, Killaloe

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 22nd, 7pm: Alan Kenny, Donaguile Heights
Michael Kealy, Yellow Rd
Michael, Winnie, Danny & John Dunne, Maryville

Sun 23rd, 7pm: Bertha Swift, Kilkenny Rd
Alec & Bridie McDonald, Donaguile
Michael Holden, Love Lane

Mon 24th, 9am: Catherine & Edward McDonald

Tues 25th, 9am: Balkin Family Members

Wed 26th, 9am: Sally & Edward Hetherington, Barrack St

Thurs 27th, 9am: Thomas Phelan and Deceased Family Members

Fri 28th, 9am: George Stone

Sat 1st, 10am: Living & Deceased members of the Deenside

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS

John Francis Burns, Chatsworth St; Mary White (nee Murtagh), Bowden's Court; Sheila Comerford, Kilkenny Rd; Paddy Murtagh, Marymount; Danny & Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Dysart; William (Bill) Brennan, Coon West; Sr Francis Xavier Gannon, Presentation Sisters; Tony & Mick Dunphy, Kilkenny St.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR 1ST/2ND MARCH

Sat 1st, 7pm: David Boland, Crettyard

Sun 2nd, 11am: Paddy & Helan Loughlin, Ardra

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 16th February: €2,605
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE.

THE PARISH OFFICE:

The office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am – 12.30pm for all parish business.

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Ministers of Word: 1st/2nd March

Saturday 7pm: Martin Walsh
Sunday 8am: Tom Teehan
Sunday 11am: Margaret Kavanagh

Ministers of Eucharist: 24th/2nd March

Mon (9am)- Sat (10am): Angela Byrne
Saturday 7pm: Catherine Greer
Sunday 8am: Margaret O'Neill
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

MASS FOR MEMBERS OF THE DEENSIDE MAGAZINE

Mass will be offered on Saturday 1st March at 10am
Mass for all living and deceased members, contributors and all involved in the Deenside.

ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

The Annual World Day of Prayer will be held in St Patrick's Church, Clogh at 7.30pm on Friday 7th March. The service is prepared by the people of the Cook Islands. This event is open to men & women. Refreshments served afterwards.

WELLIE PRESENTATIONS

Castlecomer Wellie Race Committee will distribute the funds from this year's Race to the chosen beneficiaries at the traditional "Last Supper" in Shortall's Lounge on Friday March 7th at 9.30 p.m. The Adult Merit Awards will also be presented at this function. All are welcome to attend. The Children's Merit Awards will be presented at a function in Castlecomer Library on Tuesday March 4th at 7 p.m.

FIVE MINUTES TO LIVE

On Friday 28th February at 7.30p.m. in St. John's Church, Sean Colgan will speak of his near-death experience, of how prayer played a major role and been given a second chance in life. The Cois Nore Choir will join with singing well known hymns.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL DRAW

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday 26th Feb in St Mary's Chapter House at 8pm. All are welcome. Tickets available from the Parish Office.

OSSORY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place 19th-25th May 2025. There are two places available for assisted pilgrims travelling to Lourdes. Those wishing to be considered for a place, please forward your name and number by letter to Castlecomer Parish Office before the 7th March.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY

The launch event for the All-Ireland Rosary Rally will take place in Knock at St Johns Centre on Saturday the 1st March from 12(noon) until 5pm. Rosary, Holy Mass, Meditation and Talks will be given on the day. Programs for the 2025 Rally will also be given out. All welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday evening from 7pm – 9pm; Rosary at 8pm

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

*Heavenly Father,
We come before you with hearts
Full of hope and faith.
We lift Pope Francis before you in prayer.
We ask for your healing touch
To be upon him.
Grant him strength and comfort;
Surround him with love and guidance.
May he feel the prayers
And support of the faithful
Throughout the world
Amen*

SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

A talk by Alice O'Neill McLoughlin will be given on John McShain on *The Man Who Built Washington, from a South Kilkenny Viewpoint* in Mullinivat Parish Hall on Friday 28th Feb at 8pm.

LEAVING CERT IRISH ORAL WORKSHOP

A three-part Leaving Cert Irish Oral Workshop will take place Johnswell Community Hall on 8th, 15th and 22nd March-. to learn and prepare for upcoming Leaving Cert Irish Oral Exam. To book please email tobarnageailge@yahoo.com

KING CHARLES AND QUEEN CAMILLA TO VISIT POPE

King Charles and Queen Camilla of England will make their first official visit to the Vatican in April. As part of their official state visit, Charles and Camilla will join Pope Francis in celebrating the 2025 Jubilee Year. Though he has visited the Vatican in the past as Prince of Wales, this will be the first official visit to the Vatican of Charles as king. Charles visited the Holy See on five separate occasions as Prince of Wales, the first of which was in April 1985, followed by an April 2005 visit for the funeral of Pope John Paul II. Charles in his visits has met with three popes, including John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis. He also met with John Paul II in Canterbury during the first-ever visit of a pope on British soil. Queen Elizabeth II, Charles's mother, also visited Italy and the Vatican during a jubilee year, coming in October 2000 for the Great Jubilee held that year.