

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

16th February 2025

Parish Newsletter

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 15th, 7pm: Seamus Walsh, Maryville
Sean Smith, Ballyhemmon

Sun 16th, 11am: Martin & Kathleen Coogan, Ballycomey
Patrick Brennan, Mayhora

Mon 17th, 9am: Michael Joseph Holland, Dublin/Barrack St

Tues 18th, 9am: Margaret & Michael Nolan, RIP

Wed 19th, 9am: Thomas Phelan & Deceased family members, RIP

Thurs 20th, 9am: Bill & Gladys Ryan, Donaguile

Fri 21st, 9am: Sheila Gleeson, Ballyragget Rd

Sat 22nd, 10am: Joe Joseet, London/Castlecomer (Month's Mind Mass)
Kathleen O'Neill, Maryville
Margaret Kavanagh, Marymount

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS

Patrick, Brigid & Chrissie O'Brien, Maryville; Ellen Presten (nee O'Brien); Maureen Vassallo; Tony & Mick Dunphy, Kilkenny St; Michael & Mary Brophy, Mayhora; Tom Ryan, Moneenroe/Aughmuckey; John Francis Byrnes, Chatsworth St; Bill Carroll, Donaguile; Very Rev Brian Scott; Mary Brennan, Lower Yellow Rd; Kathleen Dwyer, Ballyhemon; Sheila Comerford, Kilkenny Rd.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR 22ND/23RD FEBRUARY

Sat 22nd, 7pm: Alan Kenny, Donaguile Heights
Michael Kealy, Yellow Rd

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

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 9th February: €1,845
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE.

THE PARISH OFFICE:

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

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Ministers of Word: 22nd/23rd February

Saturday 7pm: Eithne McKenna
Sunday 8am: Margaret McGrath
Sunday 11am: Teresa Hetherington

Ministers of Eucharist: 17th/23rd February

Mon (9am)- Sat (10am): John Kelly
Saturday 7pm: Ingrid Brennan
Sunday 8am: Lalaine Brennan
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

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 11am Mass this weekend.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For vocations to priesthood, religious life. Let's pray that the ecclesial community welcome the desires and doubts of young people who feel called to live Jesus's mission in life: either through the priestly life, or religious life. *"God still calls young people even today, sometimes in ways we can't imagine. Sometimes we don't hear because we're too busy with our own things, our own plans, even with our own things in the Church."* (Pope Francis)

FIRODA NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Firoda are taking applications for school year 2025/2026 until February 28th, 2025. The school has an Afterschool facility available daily from 1:40pm to 5:40pm, for pupils enrolled in the school. If you wish to enrol a child, please contact the school office on 056 4441384 / 087 9050605 for an Application Form or visit the website on www.firodaschool.ie

ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Annual World Day of Prayer service which 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.

CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB 2025

This year's Annual Croagh Patrick climb organised by Erin's Own GAA Club is in aid of Vision Sports Ireland takes place on March 8th. Sponsorship cards are now available, or you can donate online via this link: <https://gofund.me/51401928>

KILKENNY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE

The Support service invites you to an evening with Fr. Jim Cogley, Thursday, 20th February, from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, In Newpark Hotel. Admission is free.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

Clothes can be dropped into the open dressing room in the Conahy Shamrocks GAA Grounds from Sunday 16th to 20th of February, you can donate unwanted clothes, shoes, linen, and cuddly toys. No hard plastic. No duvets or pillows.

JUBILEE OF ARTISTS SET TO BEGIN

The Jubilee of Artists is set to take place and is expected to feature a special Jubilee Mass presided over by Pope Francis, who is also scheduled to visit Rome's iconic movie studio's 'Cinecitta,' marking the first-ever papal visit to the studios.

This will be the first major event of this special Jubilee will be the opportunity for artists and those who are active in the world of culture to participate in a General Jubilee Audience, with Pope Francis. The encounter aims to provide a space for museum directors and operators in the art and academic world and cultural institutions to reflect on the current possibilities, methods and languages for the promotion and transmission of the religious and artistic heritage.

The Pontiff will also visit Rome's iconic Cinecittà film studios. During his visit, Pope Francis will meet visit a group of artists of the world of culture in cooperation with the Italian Ministry of Culture. With the efforts of the upcoming Jubilee of Artists, and in particular, an upcoming statement that will be produced together in the coming days, the participants will examine this "while looking back to our tradition, in order to not forget where we come from" but also "looking at the present, and where we are going in the future."

READINGS AT MASS: WWW.UNIVERSALIS.COM

Visit www.universalis.com/today and each day you will find information on the Saint of the Day, the Mass readings and Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND

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TRACTOR RUN – CARLOW

Sunday 23rd Feb, with registration commencing at 12.30pm and leaving at 2pm at The Leinster Mart, Killeslin, Fee €25. Proceeds going towards Ballinabranna NS and Éist Cancer Support Centre Carlow. All vintage vehicles, cars, tractors, lorries etc are very welcome to come along.