

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

9th March 2025

Parish Newsletter

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Nolan, Kilkenny Road

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 8th, 7pm: Lucy Mealy, Beechfield House
Mary O'Neill, England
Molly & Ned Brennan, Knocknadogue

Sun 9th, 11am: Irene O'Shea (nee Conway), Chatsworth St
Helen Shea, Drumgoole/Kilkenny Rd

Mon 10th, 9am: Anthony (Tony) Barrett, Kilkenny Rd

Tues 11th, 9am: Patrick and Emir Kelly

Wed 12th, 9am: Thomas Phelan & deceased family members

Thur 13th, 9am Kieran & Eileen Brennan

Fri 14th, 9am Elizabeth and Charles Geoghegan

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS

Patrick Simms, The Square; Jimmy McKay, Holycross;
Pake and Margaret Walker, Deepark; John and Mary Tynan
and deceased members of the Tynan Family; James Moran,
Cruttenclough.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR 16TH/17TH MARCH

Sat 15th, 7pm Mary and John O'Mara & extended family
Joe and Nancy Brennan, Maryville

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday: 7pm – 9pm

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atá ar neamh,
go naofar d'ainm,
go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil
ar an talamh,
mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil
tabhair dúinn inniu,
agus maith dúinn ár
bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne
dár bhféichiúna féin,
agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach saor sinn ó olc.

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 23rd February: €
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: 15th/16th March

Saturday 7pm: Bridgid Coady
Sunday 8am: Fintan Barrett/Oliver McGrath
Sunday 11am: Fonsie Mealy

Ministers of Eucharist: 3rd /9th March

Mon (9am)- Sat (10am):
Saturday 7pm:
Sunday 8am:
Sunday 11am:

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

Castlecomer Parish Office Telephone Number

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LENTEN STATIONS

You are invited to please return Lenten Stations Envelopes at this time. This is one of six collections during the year for the Priests of the Parish. Sincere thanks to all who contribute faithfully every year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 17th St Patrick's Day
April 5th First Penance
April 13th Palm Sunday
April 20th Easter Sunday
May 18th First Holy Communion
June 22nd Corpus Christi

CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB 2025

Congrats to all who scaled the Hill of Patrick this weekend and through their fundraising are helping Vision Sport Ireland. Thanks to all who supported the cause at last weekend masses.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Reflection for Lent every Wednesday of Lent in the Black Abbey at 11am led by Fr. Joe Kavanagh OP.

WELLIE RACE 2024 PRESENTATIONS

Mile Buíochas to the Wellie Race Committee and all involved in the Wellie Race 2024 for their generous contribution to the Parish of Castlecomer. As ever, much appreciated.

MAYFAIR LIBRARY KILKENNY

Seachtain na Gaeilge Conversation Café on Tuesday March 11th at 6pm. All are welcome to join the resident Irish Group for some music, conversation and craic. Booking essential 7794174.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration National Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, 6th April 2025. Bus will leave from Woodies Car Park in Kilkenny at 7.30 am. Please contact 086 1666547.

CASTLECOMER DISCOVERY PARK

St Patrick's Weekend activities planned for the whole family – Workshop for all age.

SVP CASTLECOMER

The SVP montly collection will be taken up this weekend at all masses. Thanks to all who assist this work through their time and your contributions.

SYNOD - A REAL REASON FOR HOPE

Pope Francis has called on all on a synodal journey. For some time now the Church throughout the world has worked to ensure that the voice of all of its members are included. We have tried to do this in Ossory and throughout the Church in Ireland. It has not always been easy or without its setbacks - but much has been achieved. Please join us when Julianne Moran the General Secretary for the Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church in Ireland reflects on the challenges and hopes
Location: St Mary's Cathedral Chapter House
Date: Wednesday, 12th March 2025 at 7.00pm

POPE FRANCIS ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Why wear ashes on Ash Wednesday? Pope Francis in a prepared homily for Ash Wednesday this year wrote:

Ashes “revive in us the memory of what we are”, but also “the hope of what we will be” Pope Francis said.

“We bow our heads in order to receive the ashes”, he said, “as if to look at ourselves, to look within ourselves. Indeed, the ashes help to remind us that our lives are fragile and insignificant: we are dust, from dust we were created, and to dust we shall return.”

This fragility takes many forms, the Pope said: weariness, weaknesses, fears, failures, failed dreams, illness, poverty, suffering, and, of course, mortality.

While ashes remind us of our fragility, however, Pope Francis said, they also remind us of our reasons for optimism.

“The ashes remind us,” the Pope said, “of the hope to which we are called in Jesus, the Son of God

Finishing his homily Pope Francis invited us all this Lent to “return to God with all our hearts”.