

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

16th March 2025

Parish Newsletter

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kathleen Knox, Kilkenny and Donaguile

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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

Sun 16th, 11am: Mary Cadigan, Uskerty
Larry Callery, Barrack Hill

Monday, 17th:

8am: For the People of the Parish

11am: Deceased members of the Male Voice Choir

Tues 9am: Brigid Downey, Donaguile Heights

Sat 10am: Michael and Eilish Teehan, Creamery Ho.

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS

JIMMY MCKAY, HOLY CROSS & CASTLECOMER;

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 22ND/SUN 23RD

7PM: Michael Brennan Roe, Maryville

ST PATRICK'S DAY

8AM AND 11AM

PLEASE NOTE - NO VIGIL MASS ON SUNDAY

Ár nAthair

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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.Amen.

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 23rd February: €2195.00

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE.

THE PARISH OFFICE:

At present we are in the process of relocating the office to the Church.

Please do not drop notices to the Parish House.

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Ministers of Word: 15th/16th March

Saturday 7pm: Eithne McKenna

Sunday 8am: Donal Dunne

Sunday 11am: Angela Molloy

Ministers of Eucharist: 16th / 23rd March

Mon – Sat John Kelly

Saturday 7pm: John Kelly

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 085 827 8729

Castlecomer Parish Office Telephone Number

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LENTEN STATIONS

Please return Lenten Stations Envelopes at this time. Sincere thanks to all who contribute faithfully through these collections for the support of the priests of the parish.

DATES FOR CEMETERY MASSES 2025

Crosshill Cemetery June 27th

Parish Graveyard July 4th

Smithstown TBA

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.

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.

TROCAIRE – MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN '25

Children all over the world are being denied an education because of the effects of the climate crisis. That was the from Trócaire as it launched its annual Trócaire Box appeal for Lent this year.

This Lent, Trocaire are asking all to help support communities as they adapt to the effects of the climate crisis so that they can continue farming, protect their homes from flooding, make a fair living from their crops, send their children to school and become more resilient.

The iconic Trócaire Box – which has been synonymous with Lent in Ireland for over 50 years – is the way we can help.

Take a box home

Let's make a difference together in 2025.

PLEASE DROP ANNIVERSARY NOTICES INTO THE SACRISTY

OR

USE THE BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH TO LEAVE
NOTICES OR OTHER OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE THE OLD
PARISH PHONE NUMBER**

POPE FRANCIS ON ST PATRICK

On St Patrick's Day 2016 Pope Francis ended his General Audience with thousands of pilgrims in St Peter's Square yesterday by invoking the protection and blessing of St Patrick.

"May his spiritual stamina stir you...to be consistent with your faith; his trust in Christ the Saviour sustains you, dear sick and infirm people, in times of great difficulty; and his missionary dedication reminds you, dear newlyweds, of the importance of the Christian education of your children," he concluded.

During his visit to Ireland in 2018 he spoke of the rich legacy of Patrick and how the Christian message has shaped the language, thought and culture of the people of Ireland:

"The threads of history reach back to over a millennium and a half ago, when the Christian message, preached by Palladius and Patrick, found a home in Ireland and became an integral part of Irish life and culture. Many "saints and scholars" were inspired to leave these shores and bring their newfound faith to other lands. To this day, the names of Columba, Columbanus, Brigid, Gall, Killian, Brendan and so many others are still revered throughout Europe and beyond. On this island monasticism, as a source of civilization and artistic creativity, wrote a splendid page in Irish and universal history.

Today as in the past, the men and women who live in this country strive to enrich the life of the nation with the wisdom born of their faith. Even in Ireland's darkest hours, they found in that faith a source of the courage and commitment needed to forge a future of freedom and dignity, justice and solidarity. The Christian message has been an integral part of that experience, and has shaped the language, thought and culture of people on this island."

(Address of Pope Francis in Dublin Castle, August 2018)