

Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
 17th July 2016



**Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord**

**Anniversaries**

Patrick & Bridget Brennan (Wed. 9.00am.)  
 Manchester/Moneenroe.  
 Karen Jones (Sat. 10.00am.)  
 Liverpool/9 Marymount.  
 Elizabeth (Lizzie) Dowd Upperhills.  
 Kathleen Joyce Aughamuckey.  
 Patrick & Elizabeth Moran Aughamuckey.

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 7.00pm.**

William & Mary Bealin Loon.  
 Peggy Bealin Loon.  
 Patrick, Jim, & Michael Bealin Loon.

**Understanding Patience  
 (Pope Francis)**

*“Patience takes root when I recognise that other people also have a right to live in this world, just as they are. It does not matter if they hold me back, if they unsettle my plans, or annoy me by the way they act or think, or if they are not everything I want them to be. Love always has an aspect of deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I would like”.*

**Parish Centre  
 Open on**

Monday – 10.30am. – 1.00pm.  
 Tuesday – 10.00am. – 5.00pm.  
 Friday- 10.00am. – 5.30pm.

**READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**Vigil Mass** 7.00pm. Mrs. Pauline Mullally.  
**Sunday** 8.00am. Mrs. Margaret McGrath.  
 10.00am. Ms. Muirean McSweeney.  
 11.30am. Mr. Eamon Kavanagh.

**Entry Ticket and Bonus Raffle Entry  
 St. Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund  
 Kilkenny Greyhound Track,  
 Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
 First Race 8.00pm. sharp**



**Raffle Prizes**

**Voucher: 2 nights B & B and Evening Meal for 2 at any Irish Clarion Hotel**  
**2 All Ireland Hurling Final Tickets**  
**Ticket: €10 per person, Children Free**  
**Tickets on Sale in Bollards Lounge Bar, Dillon’s Lounge Bar & The Gem**

**Muckalee - Castlecomer  
 Parish Pilgrimage to Knock  
 Thursday, 21st July 2016**

Bus leaving Castlecomer (near Post office) at 8.00am. sharp. Please book your seat with payment not later than Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> July.  
 Tel: Maureen Kelly on 087-7707846.  
 Adults: €20.00 – Children: €10.00.

**Always Say No to Illegal Drugs**

**A Reflection for Today**

And only where God is seen does life truly begin.  
 Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is.  
 We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution.

Each of us is the result of a thought of God.  
 Each of us is willed.  
 Each of us is loved.  
 Each of us is necessary.

There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ.  
 There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him.

**Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI**

**Church Gate Collections**

We wish Parishioners to know that the Parish has no control over Church Gate Collections. This is a matter entirely for the Gardaí and the organisations involved. A permit is necessary in order to hold such a Collection and parishioners are entitled to ask to see it at any time.

*We make a special appeal to all organisations to keep in mind that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul hold their monthly Church door Collection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. We ask all organisations seeking a permit to avoid this Sunday in every month so that there are not two collections as people enter the Church.*

**Message to Parents** - As more and more training sessions and sporting events are held on Sunday morning, we make a special appeal to Parents to bring their children to either the Vigil Mass or early Mass on Sunday morning.

**Fatal Foetal Abnormality**

*(The following letter was written and signed by 13 parents whose babies suffered from above condition.)*

*The letter was published in a number of Newspapers.*

*They wrote: “These babies were our children. They had a severe disability. They were not a ‘fatal abnormality’, nor were they less than human. Their lives mattered, because every child matters, whether we have two hours or 10 years to cradle and love them, to make memories and heal ourselves. “It is disturbing and distressing to see abortion campaigners repeatedly use our children’s conditions to further their own agenda, in regard to repealing the Eight Amendment”.*

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
 Parish Church**

**Every Tuesday from 7.00pm. – 9.00pm.**  
*All are welcome to come for a short or longer period to join in this time of Adoration and Prayer to the Praise and glory of God and for a renewal of Faith in the Blessed Sacrament.*

**Weekly Envelope/Church Collection**

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July - €1,765.00  
*Sincere thanks.*

**The Bell Tower  
 Castlecomer Discovery Park**

Come and enjoy a large selection of Arts & Crafts by local exhibitors at The Bell Tower, 10.00am – 5.00pm daily until Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

**Lotto Jackpot - €6,000.00  
 Monday - 9.30pm.  
 Bollards**