

Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer
PARISH NEWSLETTER



26th June 2016

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Richard Dowd London/Upper Hills.
 Margaret (Peg) Burke Ballickmoyler/Firoda.

Month's Mind

Ellen (Nellie) Moran (nee Dowd)
 (Sat. 7.00pm.) Yellow Road/Tullamore.

Anniversaries

Nicholas Cummins (Sun. 10.00am.)
 9 Maryville.
 Robert Byrne (Sun. 11.30am.)
 2 Kilkenny Road.
 Jack & Mary Ann Kavanagh
 (Thurs. 9.00am.) 4 Maryville.
 Thomas Coogan (Sat. 10.00am.) Firoda.
 Eileen & Kieran Brennan 47 Kilkenny St.
 Edward & Catherine & McDonald
 Maryville.

Saturday, 2nd July - 7.00pm.

Month's Mind

Thomas (Tom) Brennan - The Prince.

This Weekend

Annual Church Door Collection for Charities helped by Pope Francis and for the general administration of the Church.

Eilis O' Rourke Tournament

Erin's Own G4M are hosting this Tournament today Sunday, 26th June in Ballycomey from 1.00pm. Refreshments will be served. All donations will be go to the Home Care Team. *All are Welcome*

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Maureen Holohan.
Sunday 8.00am. Mr. Dick Mullins.
 10.00am. Mrs. Margaret Rothwell.
 11.30am. Mrs. Sheila Pedini.

Cemetery Masses 2016

Parish Cemetery (Congregational singing)

Friday, 1st July at 7.30pm.

Please note there will be a collection for the maintenance of the Cemetery on an annual basis at this Mass.

Please be generous – thank you sincerely.

**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.

**Fundraising for Church Organ
 Family Collection Jars**

Once again we ask your support for this venture. Last year almost €3,000.00 was donated in small change. There is a basket of plastic jars at the Church door and we ask you to take one with you for your home and encourage members of your family to drop in coins of all sizes. Please return on Thursday, 8th September – Birthday of B.V.M.

Daisy Day for Hospice Foundation

Sincere thanks to all who contributed or helped in any way. The sum of €1,674.10 was collected for this very worthy cause.

A Reflection for Today

Theme: Do not Judge Others

Gospel of Matthew 7:1-5

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; because the judgements you give are the judgements you will get, and the standard you use will be the standard used for you. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the great log in your own? And how dare you say to your brother, "Let me take that splinter out of your eye," when, look, there is a great log in your own? Hypocrite! Take the log out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take the splinter out of your brother's eye.'

Some thoughts on this text

The great rabbi Hillel said: 'Judge not thy friend until thou standest in his place.' The German writer Goethe said: 'I see no fault that I might not have committed myself.' There is an old Red Indian proverb (Sioux) which says, 'Before I judge my neighbour, let me walk a mile in his moccasins.' Blessed Mother Teresa said it perhaps best of all: 'If you judge people you have no time to love them.' Thomas à Kempis who wrote, 'Do not be angry that you cannot make others as you would wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.' The Holy Spirit teaches us that to err is human, and therefore we forgive, because to forgive and show mercy is truly divine. *Lord, teach me to imitate the divine and be slow to anger and indignation, but quick to forgive and show mercy, sympathy and empathy.*

Parish Centre

Open on

Tuesday – 10.00am. – 12.45pm.
 Wednesday – 10.00am. – 5.00pm.
 Friday- 10.00am. – 5.30pm.

The Priests in Concert

**Holy Trinity Church,
 Rathdowney, Co. Laoise**

Friday, 1st July at 8.00pm.

**Tickets: €20.00 available from
 Rathdowney, Parish Office 050546282
 or 086-2444594, rathdowney@ossory.ie**

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 from July 1st – August 31st

Friday, 1st July (First Friday)

Fr. Ryan & Fr. Campion will visit the sick and elderly today.

Castlecomer Community School

Fetac Level 6

Early Childhood Care and Education
 6M2007.

Course details can be viewed at www.fetchcourses.ie or phone 056-4441447 for an application form.

Smithstown Cemetery

Mass on Friday, 15th July at 7.30pm.

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 19th June - €1,880.00

Sincere thanks.

Senior Help Line - Is a confidential listening service for older people for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland – **LoCall 1850 440 444**

Lotto Jackpot - €5,400.00

Monday - 9.30pm.

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