

Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

PARISH NEWSLETTER
 19th February 2017

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Anniversaries

Eamonn Boland (Sat. 7.00pm.)
 Kilkenny Road.
 Kathleen O'Neill (Sun. 10.00am.)
 16 Maryville.
 Ellen Preston (Sun. 11.30am.)
 20 Donaguile Heights.
 Judy Lyons (Mon. 9.00am.)
 18 Love Lane.
 Thomas (Tom) Moran Aughamuckey.
 Timothy (Tim) Moran Aughamuckey.
 Molly Moran Aughamuckey.
 Michael Kealy Yellow Road.

Saturday – 25th February at 7.00pm.

John (Jack) Dooley - Mayhora.

St. Brigid's Cross 2017

€6,240.00 in total was raised this year for Church funds and restoration of Church organ. In 2016- €5,560.00 was raised.
Again sincere thanks to all involved in this wonderful project for our parish.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017
 May 22nd – May 27th

The Committee invites applications from any person wishing to travel to Lourdes as an assisted pilgrim this year. Please give your name to any member of the Lourdes Committee before Wednesday, 15th March for consideration in this year's pilgrimage.
Please note: Cake Sale will be held on Holy Thursday, 13th April.

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Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Maureen Holohan.
 8.00 am. Mrs. Margaret McGrath.
 10.00 am. Mr. Billy Moran.
 11.30 am. Mrs. Teresa Hetherington.

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.

A Reflection on Marriage

(by Fr. Pat Moore)

“To love somebody is an art. It doesn't come simply or cheaply, it is a lifetime's work. It is a risk. There will be storms, but there will be times when the beauty of your lives together brings unexpected joy. Deeply buried hurts will resolve and release themselves...healing light flows from unknown regions of the heart... love does change everything. Where there is fear, courage begins to dawn, confusion gives way to clarity. In old walls unexpected doors open. Hearts awaken... Here in St. Mary's church, in this house of wise and intuitive shelter, God's house, you are surrounded by family, friends and people who wish you well.”

Celebration of Sacraments
 2017

Sacrament of First Confession
 Monday, 13th March at 7.30pm.

Celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation on 1st April at 11.00am.

Retreat for children preparing for Confirmation on Tuesday, 21st March in St. Mary's Cathedral

First Eucharist
 Sunday, 14th May at 11.30am.

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Monday, 20th February at 8.00pm. in Parish Centre. Ms. Gemma Mulligan, the Diocesan Co-Ordinator of the Pastoral Plan will attend.

Members are asked to make a special effort to be present. Thank you.

Church Cleaning Rota

Sincere thanks to all those who help with the Church cleaning on a regular basis.
New volunteers are needed urgently.
 If you are in a position to help on one of the teams please give your name to Mrs. Sheila Heffernan – Tel: 056-4441474

Annual Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Monday, 22nd May to Saturday, 27th May inclusive. Bookings – Contact: Eleanor (Monday-Friday) at Glenmore parish office telephone 051 880414, email glenmore@ossory.ie Price €775 PPS.

The Parish Centre Open on -

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

Always Say No to Illegal Drugs

Two Lives – One Love

Text of Submission to the Citizens Assembly by the Irish Bishop's Conference.
 Article 40.3.3. of the Irish Constitution referred to as the Eight Amendment reads:

The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right.

Copies of Statement in Box at Church door. Please take and read and share with your family.

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Castlecomer Credit Union

Congratulations and every good wish to all associated with this great community bank that has served the people of Castlecomer and surroundings districts with such professionalism understanding and confidentiality.
Every good wish for many more decades

Erin's Own

Registration Night

Saturday 25th February

Club registration for Adults & Juveniles will take place in Ballycomey on Saturday, 25th February from 7pm – 9pm. Viewing on the night also for our new state of the art Gym & Dressing Rooms.

New Members welcome

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 12th February €1,925.00

Sincere thanks.

LOTTO JACKPOT €7,800.00

Draw on Monday at 9.30pm.

(Shortall's)