

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer
PARISH NEWSLETTER



26th March 2017

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord
Month's Mind
 Helen Cummins (Sat. 7.00pm.)
 9 Maryville.

Anniversaries

Johanna (Joan) Kelly, Mary & Michael
 Comerford, Laurence, Elizabeth, &
 Margaret (Peg) Comerford
 (Sun. 10.00am.) Co. Leitrim/Ardra.
 Liam Dowd (Sun. 11.30am.) Ballylinnen.
 Thomas & George Murphy
 (Tues. 9.00am.) Firoda.
 Hannah Lyons (Thurs. 9.00am.)
 18 Love Lane.
 Catherine Horgan Dublin.
 Bridget Crennan Knocknadogue

Parish Pastoral Council

The March meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 27th March at 8.00p.m. in Parish Centre. **Members please note.**

Advance Notice
Tuesday, 4th April

Parish Evening for men and women in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny.
 Time: 8.00pm. – 10.00pm. Bus from Community Hall at 7.15pm sharp.
 Please give names to Post Office.

The Parish Centre
Open on -

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

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Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne Kenna.
 8.00 am. Mr. Dick Mullins.
 10.00 am. Mrs. Margaret Kavanagh.
 11.30 am. Mr. George Mealy.

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.

Vigil Mass – Saturday, 25th March at 7.00pm.

The students from the Community School taking part in the Aim High Programme have arranged the Liturgy for this Mass.

Bottles needed for Blessed Easter Water

We need hundreds of clean plastic bottles for this year's presentation of Blessed Easter Water to families at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, 15th April 2017.
Basket at Church door.

Collection for Emigrants

€580.00 was donated for the Care of Emigrants in poor circumstances on St. Patrick's Day.
Sincere thanks

Marked by the Cross
Marked by a Cross,
Cherished and forgiven
We are travelling HOME

Called to be holy,
Called to be happy,
We are travelling HOME

Across deserts,
Over mountains
We are travelling HOME

God in our hearts,
God in our lives
We are travelling HOME

Reflection for Today
'Virtue is its own reward, and brings with it the truest and highest pleasure; but if we cultivate it only for pleasure's sake, we are selfish, not religious, and will never gain the pleasure, because we can never have the virtue'.
John Henry Newman

Reflection for Lent
'Lord of the universe, look in love upon your people. Pour the healing oil of your compassion on a world that is wounded and dying. Send us out in search of the lost, to comfort the afflicted, to bind up the broken, and to free those trapped under the rubble of their fallen dream.'
Sheila Cassidy
Jane Mellett Email mellett@gmail.com

Next Weekend
Church Door Collection
for
World Gathering of Families in Ireland
August 2018
Pope Francis to attend

New Draw in Aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration
€60,000.00 in Prizes
12 Monthly Draws
March 2017 – February 2018
Subscription €10.00 per month.

First Draw: Wednesday, 29th March at 8.00pm. in Chapter House
Tickets available from

Sacristan, Ms. Maureen Kelly,
Post Office, Parish Office,
Mrs. Patty Owens – Ryefield.

Frugal Lunch

Every Wednesday during Lent at the Rectory, Clogh Road. Homemade soup and brown bread served between 1.00pm - 2.00pm. There is no charge, but donations in aid of Parish Poor Fund, and St. Vincent de Paul. **All are welcome**

Castlecomer Lourdes Assisted Pilgrims Fund
Coffee Morning/Cake Sale
in
Community Hall
on

Holy Thursday, 13th April
10.00am. – 1.00pm.
Donations of Cakes/Tarts/Buns etc. appreciated on morning of sale.

Wellie Race 2017

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks a donation of €600.00 for Restoration of Church Organ.

Weekly Envelope/St. Patrick's Day
Sunday, 19th March €2,360.00
Sincere thanks.

LOTTO JACKPOT €2,600.00
Draw on Monday at 9.30pm.
(Vault's)