

**church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer**  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**



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

**Died Recently**

Bridget (Bridie) Hetherington  
 Kilkenny St./Bowden's Court.  
 Sister Margaret Mary (Peg)  
 Peace in Christ, Retreat House.  
 Michael Walsh Donaguile.

**Month's Mind**

Phyllis Ryan (Sat. 7.00pm.) 1 Marymount.

**Anniversaries**

Bridie Shortall (Sun. 10.00am.)  
 30 Maryville.  
 Joan Rainsford (Sun. 11.30am.)  
 16 Love Lane.  
 Catherine Delaney (Thurs. 9.00am.)  
 Mayhora.  
 Claire Duffy Kilkenny St.  
 John & Mary O'Brien Skehana.  
 Joseph Brennan 17 Church Ave.  
 Ellen Duggan Firoda.  
 Michael & Teresa (Tess) Farrell  
 7 Love Lane.

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April - 7.00pm.  
 Denis Byrne – Clashduff.

**Weekly Envelope/Church Collection**  
 Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April - €2,170.00  
 Sincere thanks.

**Always Say No to Illegal Drugs**

**READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**Vigil Mass** 7.00pm. Ms. Majella Fenlon.  
**Sunday** 8.00am. Mr. Tom Teehan.  
 10.00am. Mrs. Margaret Rothwell.  
 11.30am. Ms. Brenda Murtagh.

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**Parish Pastoral Council**

April meeting will be held on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April  
 at 8.00p.m. in Parish Centre.  
*Members please note*

**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.*

**Easter Stations**

This Collection is for the Priests of the Parish.  
 Sincere thanks to all who contribute so faithfully.  
*We ask that people contribute according to their  
 means, given the difficult times we are in.*

**Collection for Christians in Holy Land**  
 €525.00 was donated on Good Friday.  
 Sincere thanks

**Divine Mercy Sunday (Today)**

There will be a celebration of Divine Mercy  
 Sunday at the Black Abbey, Kilkenny at 3.00pm  
 this Sunday. This will include, The Chaplet of  
 Divine Mercy, Mass, Benediction and blessing  
 with the relic of St. Faustina.

**New Sets of Envelopes**

New Sets of Envelopes for Church and  
 Priests collections will be distributed  
 during the coming two weeks. Sincere  
 thanks to all who do this work in the  
 name of the Parish. Many people still  
 prefer to give an offering during Mass.  
 We encourage people to please use our  
 envelopes. If you do not get a set of  
 envelopes before first Sunday in May  
 and would like to please contact the  
 Parish Office – Phone: 056-4441262.

**This Weekend**

**Annual Church Door Collection for  
 Children with Special Educational Needs**

The money collected will support projects  
 for 46 children at Mother of Fair Love  
 School, Kilkenny where 22 parishes of the  
 Diocese are represented.  
*Your support is greatly appreciated*

**Trocáire Family Fast Boxes**

Please bring boxes with you this/next  
 weekend and leave in basket at Church  
 Door. **Please convert donations into  
 Euro's/Notes.** Sincere thanks.

**St. Luke's Hospital  
 (Carlow and Kilkenny)**

Annual Remembrance Ceremony for  
 families who have been bereaved by the  
 death of their child through miscarriage,  
 still-birth, infancy or childhood on  
 Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April in St. Fiacre's  
 Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny at 8.00pm.  
 Refreshments afterwards in Parish Centre.

**Blessing of Homes**

Should you wish to have your home  
 blessed, the Season of Easter is a very  
 appropriate time. You are welcome to  
 contact Fr. Ryan or Fr. Campion.

**Support for Persecuted Christians**

*That persecuted Christians may be supported  
 by the prayers and material help of the whole  
 Church.*

*Today, more than ever, with the advances in  
 communication we are fully aware of the  
 many violent acts committed against  
 Christians, some of whom are being  
 slaughtered while pronouncing the name of  
 Jesus. Pope Francis asks us not to forget the  
 tragedy of persecution. 'Open Doors', an  
 international organisation that brings  
 awareness of Christian persecution, states  
 that a significant increase in attacks has  
 occurred against Christians since 2014. Last  
 year, for instance, more than 7,000 Christians  
 were killed for their faith, which they note is  
 'almost 3,000 more than the previous year.'*  
*The largest areas of growing Christian  
 persecution occur in the Middle East, Africa,  
 and Central Asia.*  
*World leaders offer little more than  
 condolences after major attacks on  
 Christians. People are truly suffering in  
 unthinkable ways for holding Christian  
 beliefs. We need to stand up in solidarity with  
 them. Pope Francis says: 'Today there are  
 more Christian martyrs than in the first years  
 of the Church.'*  
**Cormac McConnell.**  
*(The Sacred Heart Messenger)*

**Lourdes Assisted Pilgrims Fund**

Sincere thanks to all who donated  
 Cakes/Tarts/Buns etc. or helped in any way at  
 the Coffee Morning held on Holy Thursday.  
 Your help is much appreciated.

**Parish Centre Open on**

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

**Lotto Jackpot - €2,600.00**  
**Monday - 9.30pm.**  
**Vaults**