

PARISH NEWSLETTER



24th December 2017

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Tommy (Nacky) Brennan
Leytonstone, London/33 Kilkenny St.
Ann Walsh Donougmores, Ballyragget.

Anniversaries

Thomas (Tom) Coughlan (Sun. 8.00am.)
27 Hillside View.
Anastatia Mealy (Sun. 11.30am.)
Kilkenny St.
George & Catherine Walker
(Wed. 10.00am.) Ardra.
Teresa (Tess) Delaney (Sat. 10.00am.)
7 Florence Tee.
Catherine O'Loughlin Smithstown.
Thomas Fogarty Chatsworth St.
Mary Moran Ardra.
Kieran & Tom Brennan Ardra.
William (Bill) Curran Aughamuckey.
Richard Maguire Old Road, Moneenroe.
Sarah & Patrick Shiels Skehana.
Mary, Esther, Teresa & Kathleen Shiels
Skehana.
John, Mick, Ned, Martin & Mary Kelly
Moneenroe.
Mary Dunphy 31 Kilkenny St.
Mary Booth Glenmullen.
Mary Byrne Crosshill.
Maureen Vassallo (nee O'Brien)
27, Maryville/London.
Patrick Shore Firoda.
Patrick Kelly & Edward Kelly
52 Barrack St.
Thomas Brennan 41 Kilkenny St.
Saturday, 31st December at 7.00pm.
Catherine & Martin Connery
Donaguile.

Readers for Feast of Nativity of Our Lord

8.00pm. Mrs. Maureen Holohan.

Readers for Christmas Day

8.00 am. Mr. Tom Teehan.
10.00 am. Mrs. Catherine Comerford.
11.30 am. Mrs. Teresa Hetherington.

Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.
Sunday 8.00am. Mrs. Brigid Coady.
10.00am. Mrs. Patty Owens.
11.30am. Ms. Brenda Murtagh.

Priests on duty:

Fr. Michael Ryan Tel: 4441262 086 3693863
Fr. Ian Doyle Tel: 087 9669223

*May the Peace of Christmas
touch your life
may Bethlehem's bright Star of Hope
shine out for you,
and may the Christ Child
hold you always in His love.*

*We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and
Happy New Year. Thank you for your kind
support throughout the year.*

Fr. Michael Ryan.
Fr. Ian Doyle.

Mass Times during the Week

Tuesday – Saturday
Mass at 10.00a.m.

Senior Help Line - Don't be lonely this
Christmas. Open every day over Christmas and
from 10.00am to 10.00pm. Calls costs 30 cents.
Lo Call 1850 440 444. All calls confidential.

The Celebration of Christmas

Sunday, 24th December 2017

**8.00pm. Concelebrated Mass of
Christmas Night.
(Parish Folk Choir)**

Christmas Day

Monday, 25th December

**8.00am. Dawn Mass
(Congregational Singing)**

**10.00am. Christmas Day Mass
(Male Voice Choir)**

**11.30am. Christmas Day Mass
(Mary Kelly - Harpist)**

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Christmas Eve from 6.30pm. – 7.30pm.

A Prayer for Today

*'Lord Jesus, we pray that you
would increase our faith and
fill us with a firm hope in
your salvation, so that we
may more and more show
our love for you and
our neighbours'.
Amen*

Christmas Collection for the Priests of the Parish

Contributions will be gratefully received
this weekend, Christmas Day and the
following Sunday.

Please use envelope supplied

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

The Parish Pastoral Council and the
Society of Vincent De Paul invite people
who wish to donate Christmas gifts to
needy people to do so on the Feast of
Epiphany 6th January and the following
Sunday. Container will be beside the Crib.

Sunday, 30th December 2017 (Feast of Holy Family)

The recently erected statue of St. Joseph and
Child Jesus in Church grounds will be formally
unveiled by Sr. Sheila Bowe, Presentation
Sister and former teacher in Castlecomer
Community School and Blessed after 11.30am.
Mass.

In Memory of Fr. Joe Campion SAC R.I.P.
€1,280.00 was collected for the Street Children
in City of Buenos Aires, Argentina through
the sale Parish Christmas Cards.
Sincere thanks for your generosity.

A Reflection on Mary

Mary is for all time the perfect model of faith.
St. Ambrose encourages us with this reflection:
'You see that Mary did not doubt but believed
and therefore obtained the fruit of faith.
"Blessed are you who have believed." But you
also are blessed who have heard and believed.
For a soul that has believed has both conceived
and bears the Word of God and declares his
works. Let the soul of Mary be in each one of
you, so that it magnifies the Lord. Let the spirit
of Mary be in each of you, so that it rejoices in
God.'

Castlecomer Wellie Race 2018

Race Sponsorship Cards now available from
Sharon & Jackie's, Castlecomer Charity Shop,
Dillon's, Seamie Coogan, Gents Hairdressers,
Post Office, Bollards, David O'Rourke's
Curl Up n Dye & Railway Garage.

The Parish Centre

Open on
Friday, 29th December
10.00am – 4.00pm.

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 17th December - €1,725.00
Sincere thanks.