



# church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

24<sup>th</sup> June 2018



### Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

#### Died Recently

Fr. Martin Ryan SSC  
Philippines/Muckalee.

#### Month's Mind

Christopher (Christy) Barrett  
(Sun. 11.30am.) Smithstown.

#### Anniversaries

Elijah Dunkley (Sat. 7.00pm.)  
Manchester, England.  
Edward (Teddy) & Eamonn Brennan  
(Sun. 10.00am.) 4 Hillside View.  
Thomas (Tommy) O'Neill Ballyhemmon.  
Mary Kenny 28 Hillside View.  
Richard Conway Mayhora.  
Michael & Margaret Nolan 16 Deerpark.  
Robert Byrne 2 Kilkenny Road.

#### Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> June - €1,530.00  
Sincere thanks.

#### Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Parish Church

Every Tuesday from 7.00pm. – 9.00pm.  
Rosary recited at 8.00pm.  
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8.45pm.  
All are welcome.

Parish Centre - Open on  
Monday – 10.30am. – 5.00pm.  
Wednesday – 10.00am. – 1.00pm.  
Friday- 10.00am. – 5.00pm.

### Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Pauline Mullally.  
Sunday 8.00am. Mrs. Brigid Coady.  
10.00am. Mrs. Patty Owens.  
11.30am. Mr. Eamon Kavanagh.

#### Priests on duty:

Fr. Michael Ryan Tel: 4441262 086 3693863  
Fr. Ian Doyle Tel: 087 9669223  
Secretary: Tel: 056-4441969

#### Fr. Martin Ryan SSC 1929 - 2018

Fr. Martin Ryan was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 1929 at Wildfield, Muckalee, Co. Kilkenny. Educated at Muckalee NS and St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, he came to Dalgan in 1947 and was ordained priest on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1953. Martin was assigned to the Philippines and to the southern island of Mindanao where he would work in various pastoral assignments over the following fifty years. Among other parishes he served in Gingoog, Dunmalinao, Mambajao, Maranding, Linamon, Maigo and Corpus Christi, Ligan City. Martin was blessed with a child-like directness and simplicity. He gave himself unstintingly to the task in hand. The accidental death of his brother, and fellow Columban, Lar in October 1995 was a very heavy blow which he bore with courage and patience. He had a passion for hurling and was always anxious for news about the fortunes of Kilkenny and of his local club. Fr. Martin died at St. Columban's Retirement Home, Navan, on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and was buried in his home parish of Muckalee.  
*May his great soul rest in peace.*

### Cemetery Masses 2018

Crosshill Cemetery  
Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.  
(Male Voice Choir)  
Parish Cemetery  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.  
(Congregational singing)  
(Please note time - 7.30pm.)

#### A Father's response to the death of his daughter Frank Pomeroy a Christian Preacher in Texas, U.S.A. whose 14 – year - old daughter was shot in a School shooting incident last year wrote the following reflection on his great loss

As he was finishing his tribute to his daughter, Frank Pomeroy was asked by a reporter; "What do you tell the other grieving families?" His response was as swift as it was honest "I'm still working on that" he said. He then turned back to face the camera saying: "Christ is the one who is going to be lifted up, that's what I'm telling everybody: you lean in to what you don't understand – you lean into the Lord... whatever life brings to you, lean on the Lord rather than your own understanding. "I don't understand, but I know my God does, and that's where I'll leave that," he said. It is a remarkable testimony of faith and trust in the midst of the most appalling tragedy. Faith is, above all else, the overwhelming trust that – in the end – all will be well. Even when we can't see it.

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

Advance Notice - Cemetery Mass  
Mass will be celebrated in Smithstown Cemetery on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

### Coal in the Blood

New book launch "Coal in the Blood" by Seamus Walsh on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30pm. in Castlecomer Community Hall. Launch by Dr. Michael Conway. Special guests Castlecomer Male Voice Choir.  
All are Welcome

### Thomas Coogan Library

Castlecomer Library's Ladies' Friendship Club meet twice monthly in Library meeting room. Next meeting on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 10.30am -12pm. Facilitator: Sarah Kearns at 056 7771404

Storytime and Crafts for children every Wednesday morning at 11.30pm. Adult afternoon Book Club: meet on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30. New members welcome!

### Erin's Own Gaelic 4 Mothers & Others & Gaelic 4girls

Will host the Eilis O'Rourke Tournament today Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June from 12 noon at Ballycomey. *Family fun day. All welcome*

### Searlait Tywang Memorial Road Run Committee

Are delighted to announce that with your assistance we have raised €31,998.74 this includes monies collected from sponsorship, donations and money given directly to Aobheann's Pink Tie, so less expenses incurred the Committee will present a cheque for €24,089.65. The presentation will take place in Bollards Lounge on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July between 8.30pm./9.00pm. *All are welcome.*

### Hospice Collection for Carlow Kilkenny Homecare Team

Sincere thanks to all who contributed or helped in any way. The sum of €1,980.25 was collected for this very worthy cause.

Lotto Jackpot €5,400.00  
Draw - Monday at 9.30pm.  
(Vault's)