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Castledermot

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Sunday 17th August 2025

Weekend Masses

Castledermot:

Sat 7.00pm: Margaret Behan (A), Gerry Hennessy (A), Larry Cummins (A),
Noel Moore (A).

Levitstown:

Sun 9.30am:

Castledermot:

Sun 11.00am: Paddy Corrigan, Castleroe West, (MM), John Farrelly (2nd A),
Helen Holden (A), Gerry Hennessy (A), John Doyle, Kilkea (A).

Prayers Requested For: Margaret Byrne (née Doyle) (RD).

Mass Schedule:

Mon: 7.00 pm Evening Mass: Mass in Honour of our Lord's Agony in the
Garden of Gethsemane,
Mass for the Souls of the Smullen, Mullroony,
McDermott & Roche Families. -

Tues: 10.00am Morning Mass: Birthday Intentions.

Wed: 10.00am Morning Mass: Elizabeth Comiskey (RD), Paddy Rooney (RD),
Cecelia O'Connor (RD), Margaret Byrne (RD),
Mary Delaney (RD), Reggie Lawler (RD),
Mary O'Neill (RD), Donor's Intention,
Tom Dooley (A).

Thur: NO MASS

Fri: 7.00pm Evening Mass:

www.castledermotparish.com: Our website has now been updated, and the newsletter can be viewed there.

Items for Newsletter: Please note all items for inclusion in the newsletter must be delivered in person or in writing by 12 noon on Thursday. This deadline also includes emails received to castledermotparish@gmail.com.

Parish News

- ❖ **Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza on Sunday 24th August 2025:** Archbishop Dermot Farrell has asked all parishes in the Archdiocese to dedicate next Sunday 24th August as a special day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. This appeal in conjunction with Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh unites us in prayer before God, crying out for an end to all the terror and violence being perpetrated with tragic results for all. We are asked to light a candle in our home, attend Mass, or maybe say the Rosary; make some small personal penance of sacrifice, and on that day let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.
- ❖ **Pockets of Hope - Pilgrimage Season 2025:** The Archdiocese of Dublin's Pilgrim Season continues. The Pilgrim route includes St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, City Quay, Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott Street and St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street. Fr. Tom has set aside next Saturday 23rd August to complete the Pilgrim route and wishes to invite anyone interested to join him. He intends to leave the church carpark at 9.30am and return mid-afternoon. Please contact Fr. Tom if you would like to travel.
- ❖ **Trócaire Collection:** The Trócaire collection from the Parish of Castledermot amounted to €1260.00. Fr. Tom received a letter of gratitude from Trócaire acknowledging the generosity of our Parish and our steadfast heart for humanity.
- ❖ **Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** The Dublin Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from 4th Sept – 9th Sept led by Archbishop Farrell. Applications are still being accepted to travel with the Assisted Pilgrim Section. For more information, please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on 01 8087555 or info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie. To travel as a hotel pilgrim please contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410800.
- ❖ **The 800th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St. Lawrence O'Toole:** Castledermot will mark this historical event for our parish, with a special mass composed by Brain Kehoe. The parish choir, accompanied by members of other choirs, will travel to the Pro-Cathedral on the 22nd of November 2025. The parish have organised a bus to travel to the Pro-Cathedral at 4.30pm on Saturday 22nd of November followed by a meal in the Gresham Hotel. Anyone interested in attending the mass, should contact the parish office, 059 91 44888. More details nearer the time.
- ❖ **Talk on St. Laurence O'Toole:** is taking place on Monday September 1st at 8pm in the headquarters of the Knights of Columbanus, Ely Place, Dublin 2. The talk will be given by Fr. John Scroope O'Brien, who is a distant relative of St. Laurence. All are welcome.
- ❖ **Novena to Our Lady of Knock:** The annual Knock novena takes place from August 13th – August 21st. The theme this year is "Pilgrims of Hope" as we continue to celebrate this Jubilee year. You can attend **in person or online** at www.knockshrine.ie There is a great variety of speakers at two masses each day which take place at 3pm and 8pm. It's an opportunity to renew our faith and to hear from women and men with different perspectives on our church and the role faith plays in our society.