

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Parish of Castlecomer

Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee
Parish Newsletter 28th September 2025



+BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD+

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 27TH/28TH SEPT

Sat, 7pm: Joey Collins, Marymount
Gerry Mahon, Claremorris, Co Mayo
Sun 11am William Shea, Drumgoole, Kilkenny Rd
Mon: 9am Molly Mealy, 46 Kilkenny St
Sat: 10am TD Purcell & Padraig Purcell, Firoda
Patrick O'Shea, Donaguile, (MM)

ANNIVERSARIES

James (Jimmy) Joyce, Aughamucky;
Josephine Brennan, 41 Kilkenny St;
Philip Stowe, Kildare;
Catherine Kenny, Barrack St.

Anniversaries 4th/5th October

Sat 4th, 7pm: Tina Walsh Ardra

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 7pm-9pm
Wednesday & Saturday after Morning Mass

BLESSING OF PETS

Blessed are you,
Lord God,
maker of all living creatures.
We praise you for
the animals on the earth,
the birds in the air
and the fish in the sea.

You inspired St Francis to call
them his brothers and sisters.

We ask you to bless our pets.
By the power of your love,
enable them to live
according to your plan.
May we always praise you
for all your beauty in creation.

Blessed are you, Lord God, and
all your creatures! St Francis,
patron saint of animals, watch
over our pets and keep my
companion safe and healthy.
Amen.

PARISH CONTACTS:

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Office: 085 827 8729
Parish Email: castlecomer@ossory.ie
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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Week's Sunday Collection: €2,000.00
Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish funds
and to the clergy fund. *Mile Buíochas.*

Parish Office
Wednesday & Friday Mornings
9.30am – 12.30pm
085 827 8729

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of The Word:

7pm: Brigid Coady
8am: Maria Reyes
11am: Fonsie Mealy

Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat Angela Byrne
7pm: Louise Walsh
8am: Noreen Curry
11am John Kelly

PARISH & DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING

Diocesan Liaison Person:

Ailish Higgins

Contact: dlp@ossory.ie or 085 802 1633

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford

Contact: Parish Email or 085 827 8729

Please consult the Diocesan website

www.ossory.ie

for all relevant documents & policies.

FIRST FRIDAY IN OCTOBER

Next Friday is the First Friday in October; Fr Scriven
and Fr Doyle will visit the housebound at the usual
times.

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saturday is the feast of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis
is always identified with the love of animals and of
creation. After Mass on Saturday morning, 10.30ish,
all families are invited to bring their pets to the
churchyard where we will thank God for gift of the
pets and pray God's blessing up them. Walk your dog,
bring your cat, Praise the Lord!

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

In 2015 Pope Francis published his pastoral letter
Laudate Si. 10 years later Pope Francis and Leo have
invited us to reflect on the gift of creation during the
month of September, finishing on the Feast of St
Francis, Oct 4th. The theme this year is *Seeds of Peace
and Hope*. Preaching at Mass in July in the Laudate
Si Garden in Castle Gandolfo Pope Leo reminded us
that Jesus frequently uses images of the rhythms of life
and seasons inherent in nature in his parables of the
Kingdom of God.

Pope Leo XIV has inaugurated the Borgo Laudato Si,
a village of some 135 acres of gardens, villas,
archaeological sites, and farmland, with a commitment
to education, sustainability, and community life. The
Centre aims to be a place to live, to pray, to learn, and
to grow in communion with God, with one another,
and with creation.

As the Season of Creation concludes, we pray for
those who work to protect our planet: for scientists,
activists and community leaders. May we all embrace
a more sustainable and compassionate way of life.

Cluster of Parishes

A meeting took place on Tuesday night of
representatives from the three parishes of
Castlecomer, Clogh and Muckalee. Over 20 people
gathered to have a conversation about our parish areas
and also to talk of the road ahead. Discussion centred
around choosing a name by which we will refer to our
cluster of parishes; planning for the future and dates
for preparing for ministry. An evening of reflection
for Eucharistic Ministers (new and old) will take place
on Nov 11th – More details to follow.

ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX – THE LITTLE FLOWER

Mass will be celebrated in honour of "The Little
Flower" in St Joseph's Church, Ballyadams on
Wednesday 1st Oct, 7.30pm. All welcome.

THE ROSARY: A PRAYER OF PEACE AND PRESENCE

October, the Month of the Most Holy Rosary, invites
us to rediscover one of the Church's most beloved
devotions. The Rosary is more than a string of beads
- it is a spiritual lifeline, a rhythm of prayer that draws
us into the life of Christ through the eyes of His
Blessed Mother.

Each decade leads us through the mysteries of Jesus'
life, death, and resurrection, allowing us to meditate
on the Gospel with Mary as our guide. In its
simplicity, the Rosary offers profound depth: it is a
prayer of contemplation, intercession, and hope.
Whether prayed alone or in community, it brings
peace to hearts and homes and has been called a
"spiritual weapon" against the turmoil of the world.
Pope St. John Paul II reminds us, "To recite the
Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with
Mary the face of Christ."

At the end of his audience this week, Pope Leo
invited "everyone to pray the rosary every day during
the coming month – for peace – personally, with your
families and in your communities," he said.

PILGRIMAGE ITALY 2025

Adult Faith Development Group are holding a
pilgrimage to Northern Italy (Padua, Venice &
Bologna) in March 2026 (20th-26th). This pilgrimage
will explore faith by means of reflecting upon some
of the many wonderful pieces of art scattered
throughout these cities. Further details in parishes on
posters or by email: afd@ossory.ie and 057 93 55050

MABS – MONEY ADVICE AND BUDGETING SERVICE

The Kilkenny Money Advice and Budgeting Service
(MABS) is a free, confidential and independent
Money Management Advice Service. The service
assists people in dealing with their existing debt
problems, who have difficulty paying a mortgage, or
those facing legal action because of debt. They also
provide information and access to Insolvency
Services including free Debt Relief Advice under the
Personal Insolvency options. For more information
or an appointment, contact MAS on 0818 072610.
Kilkenny MABS, No 4 The Parade, Kilkenny

THE WELLIE RACE 2026

If you are interested in joining the Wellie Race
Committee as preparations for New Year's Day 2026
begin you are invited to part of the Organising
Committee. Meetings take place on Tuesdays at 9pm
in The Enterprise Centre. Please contact Chairperson
Michael "Macha" Brennan (086) 816 9507, PRO
Chubby Brennan (087) 212 1639 or any Committee
Member.