

Parish of Castlecomer

Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee

23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Parish Newsletter 7th September 2025



+BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD+

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Canice Farrell, Durrow; Patrick (Pa) O'Shea, Donaguile.
Rev Mark Wilson, Clogh;

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 6TH/7TH SEPT

Sat 7pm: Joe Dowling, Upper Firoda (MM)
Sun 11am: Daniel and Shiela O'Neill, Kilkenny St.
Tues 9am: Deceased of the Hanrahan Family, Kilkenny
Wed 9am: Norah Dunne, Skehana
Thurs 9am: David Byrne, Tallaght
Fri 9am: Elisabeth Hetherington, Barrack St
Sat 10am: Joseph O'Shea, Dysart

Anniversaries

Annie Buggy, Kiltown; John Dillon, Corner House; Jack Boland, Mill Lane; Nicholas Boran, Clashduff, Donaguile & Manchester; Annie Boran, Clashduff, Donaguile; James Farrell, 21 Hillside View; Francis Shortall, Hillside View; Jim Shortall, Yellow Rd.

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 13TH/14TH SEPT

Sat 7pm: Paddy Doyle, Hillside View, (MM)
Sun 11am: Kathleen Simms, Chatsworth St

CARLO ACUTIS PRAYER

O God our Father,
we thank you for giving us Carlo,
a model of life for young people,
and a message of love for all.
He made the Eucharist
his "highway to heaven."

You gave him Mary
as a beloved mother,
and with the Rosary you made him
sing the praises of her tenderness.
Accept his prayer for us.
Attend especially to the poor,
whom he loved and helped.

Through his intercession
may I receive the grace that I need...
(mention your intention).
And make our joy full,
raising Carlo among
the saints of your Church,
so that his smile
may shine again for us
to the glory of your name. Amen.

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending Aug 31st: €2040.00
Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish
funds and to the clergy fund. *Mile Buiochais.*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 3PM-5PM

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

Parish Office: 085 827 8729

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of Word:

7pm: Maureen Holohan
8am: Donal Dunne
11am: Sheila Pedini

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat John Kelly
7pm: Catriona Brennan
8am: Noreen Curry
11am: Angela Molloy

Parish & Diocesan Safeguarding

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
Contact: dlp@ossory.ie or 085 802 1633

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
Contact: Parish Email or 085 827 8729

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office, based in the Parish Church, is open
on Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9.30am –
12.30pm. Please drop in, call or email to book
anniversaries or other enquiries re parish business.

SMITHSTOWN GRAVEYARD

Mass and blessing of Graves in Smithstown
Graveyard on Sunday 21st September at 12.30pm.
Please pass on word to family, friends and neighbours.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL DRAW

Congrats to winners in the final draw of the 2024/2025
monthly draw. Bishop Coll has forwarded tickets for
the new draw which will commence in September.
Tickets available locally through Maureen Kelly and
the Parish Office. Thanks to all who have loyally
supported this diocesan draw over the past years.

TAKE OUR BREAD

**Take our bread, we ask you,
take our hearts, we love you,
take our lives, oh Father,
we are yours, we are yours.**

Yours as we stand at the table you set,
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget
We are the signs of your life with us yet,
we are yours, we are yours.

Your holy people stand washed in your blood,
Spirit filled yet hungry we await your food.
Poor though we are,
we have brought ourselves to you:
we are yours, we are yours.

LOURDES HYMN

When creation was begun
God had chosen you to be
Mother of His blessed Son,
Holy Mary, full of grace.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria

When creation was restored
You were there beside the Lord
Whom you cherished and adored,
Holy Mary, full of grace.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria

BE STILL

Be still and know that I am God
I am the Lord who healeth thee
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust

LADYWELL NOVENA 2025

The 2025 Novena concludes on September 8th. Fr
John Dunphy will lead the novena on Sept 7 and Fr
Eamon O'Gorman will celebrate on Sept 8.

BLACK ABBEY – 800 YEARS CELEBRATION

To celebrate 800 years of the Black Abbey, Lake
Productions, present **The Man Born to be King**; 9th,
10th & 11th Sept in the Black Abbey. 7.30pm (€15).

SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness
and all these things will be added onto you
allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given onto you,
seek and ye shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened onto us
allelu, alleluia.

HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of the sea and the sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

**Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
'Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R