

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Parish of Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter 30th November 2025

Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee Grupa Paroistí: Chaisleán an Chomair, Maigh Coillí agus An Chloch



+BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD+ RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dick Holohan, The Square; Shervin Hirbod, Kilkenny; Maggie Walker, Deerpark; Eleanor Ivory, Maryville; Nancy Holman, Coolbawn; Rev Ian Coulter, Kilkenny; Raymond (Ray) Lazenby, Love Lane

ANNIVERSARIES NOV 29th/30th

Sat, 7pm Annie O'Neill, Michael O'Neill, Hillside View Sun 11am Edward Kelly, Kilkenny St (Month's Mind)

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Ned Kavanagh, Marymount

Mairín Kavanagh, Marymount

Mon: 9am Michael & Brigid Daly, Fairymount

Tues 9am Jonnie Dunne, Kilkenny Rd

ANNIVERSARIES

Danny Shaloe, Hillside View; Edward (Ned) Brennan, Maryville ANNIVERSARIES DEC 6TH/7TH

Sat 7pm: Mary Dowd, Kiltown

Jimmy Hurley, Kilkenny Rd, (Month's Mind).

Sun, 11am Tom, Mary & Martin Morrissey, Hillside View,

Kathleen & James Ring, Clashduff

ADVENT PRAYER

O come,
O come, Emmanuel
Come into
our brokenness;
Come into our joy.
Come into
our captivity;
Come into our freedom.
Come into our fear;
Come into
our compassion.
And come,
O come,
Emmanuel.

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Week's Sunday Collection: €1,565.00 Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish funds and to the clergy fund. *Mile Buiochas*.

NOVEMBER CLERGY COLLECTION

Please return November Clergy Collection Envelopes.

Mile Buiochais

SAVE THE DATE

A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Castlecomer Male Voice Choir & Athy Choral Fusion present an evening of song on Fri 12th Dec in The Church of the Immaculate Conception.

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of The Word:

Sat 6th 7pm: Mary Buggy Sun 7th,8am: Tom Teehan Sun 7th, 11am Angela Molloy

Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat Mary Farrell
Sat 7pm Sheila Lawlor
Sun 8am Margaret O'Neill
Sun 11am John Kelly

PARISH & DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING

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Ailish Higgins

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Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford

Contact: Parish Email or 085 827 8729

Documents & Policies on Diocesan Website.

FIRST FRIDAY IN DECEMBER

Fr Doyle will visit the housebound on Thursday and Fr Scriven will visit at the usual times on Friday. If you or a member of your family or a neighbour would like a monthly visit, please contact Fr Scriven or Fr Doyle or the parish office.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND MASS CARDS

The parish has a selection of Christmas Mass Bouquet and Christmas Shared Mass Bouquet Cards available in the Parish Office. Fr Doyle and Fr Scriven will celebrate a Tridium of Masses over the Christmas period for the intentions of those who wish to include family and friends through these parish cards. Mass Cards, signed by Fr Scriven and Fr Doyle, are also available in the Parish Office. These cards carry the name of Castlecomer Parish.

SURVEY ON PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOICE

Parents of young children – from sixth class age and under, are invited to participate in the YOU'RE YOUR SAY survey from the Department of Education. Seeking the opinions on education in our area the survey is specific to each school and will influence decisions in the future as to the type of schools that will serve us locally. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children would have their voice heard also.

For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey is available on www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey

Whatever your opinion or wish please make sure you HAVE YOUR SAY.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

Results of the November Draw are on the Church Notice Board. Thanks to all who supporters.

SOCIAL INCLUSION PLAN

The Social Inclusion Pillar of Kilkenny PPN is developing a new Social Inclusion Plan and is reaching out to community groups and organisations. A workshop is taking place locally in Castlecomer Community Hall on Thur 4th Dec, 6pm. Further information and registration link is on: https://kilkennyppn.ie/have-your-say-social-inclusion-plan-survey/

POPE LEO PASTORAL VISIT TO TURKEY

This weekend Pope Leo XIV has travelled to Turkey to commemorate the 1700 anniversary of the Nicene Creed – the Creed that we say on Sunday at Mass. Commenting on the Council that took place in Constantinople 1700 years ago Pope Leo said: "That council represents a fundamental stage in the development of the creed shared by all the Churches and ecclesial communities...(and) while we are on the path towards the reestablishment of full communion among all Christians, we recognize that this unity can only be unity in faith," the pontiff said. "The Council of Nicaea is not merely an event of the past but a compass that must continue to guide us towards the full visible unity of all Christians".

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE - FROM BROKENNESS TO HOPE

In this *Year of Hope 2025: From Brokenness to Hope*, will acknowledging the great work of both the Carer and the Health Care Professional.

Ms. Marian Curran, a mother of a young adult with special needs and former lecturer in Religious Education, will share her journey "From Brokenness to Hope". Dr. John Cuddihy, retired G.P. will share his life as a medic – Being there.... "Still There". Saturday, 6th Dec, 10am - 2pm in St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny. All welcome. Further information from the Diocesan Office on admin@ossory.ie or 056 7762448.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The Diocesan Vocation Team is hosting a Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday 4th December at 7pm in Mullinavat Parish Church; St Canice's Church Kilkenny, Castletown Parish Church. Please join us for a time of prayer for vocations in Ossory.

WELLIE RACE – LAUNCH NIGHT – NEW DATE

Open Invitation to all for the Launch Night of the Wellie Race 2026 in Bollards on SAT 6^{TH} Dec, at 9pm. Table Quiz (Table of 4: $\ensuremath{\epsilon}$ 20). Race Personality will be revealed and sponsorship cards available on the night.

DEENSIDE MAGAZINE - CHRISTMAS 2025

Bumper edition of the Deenside Magazine 2025 will be available next week at all masses. Great Read. Great Buy. Don't miss it!

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