



# 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Parish Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026



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

## +BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD+

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul O'Connor, Kiltown;  
Bridget Scanlon (née McSweeney), Southampton/Maryville  
Fr Lar Dunphy, Urlingford; Fr Odhran Furlong, New Ross

### MONTH'S MIND:

Sun 11am: Racheal Tyrrell, Ballyragget Rd

### ANNIVERSARIES 14<sup>TH</sup>/15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Sat 7pm: Seamus Walsh, Maryville;  
Sean Smith, Ballyhemmon;  
Patrick Brennan, Mayhora.  
Mon: 9am James Downey, Tinalinton  
10am Ellen Preston (née O'Brien), Donaguile Heights  
Bridget O'Brien, Maryville  
Chrissie O'Brien, Maryville  
Maureen Vassallo (née O'Brien), Maryville

### ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Ryan, Maryville; Tom Ryan, Aughamucky/Moneenroe;  
William Moran, Ardra; Patrick Downey, Firoda;  
Henry (Har) Downey, Firoda.

### PARTH CONTACTS:

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### THE PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Office: 085 827 8729  
Parish Email: castlecomer@ossory.ie  
Webpage: www.castlecomerparish.ie

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Sunday's Collection: €2,030.00  
Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish funds and to the clergy fund. *Mile Buiochas.*

### PARTH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Contact can be made with the Parish Office by leaving a message on the parish phone, drop a written message into the post box in the Church Porch or email to castlecomer@ossory.ie

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

## MASS CARDS

A variety of Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office.

## Anniversary Masses Weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 7pm**  
Sally, Barney & Catherine Young, Hillside View  
Sheila Gleeson, Ballyragget Rd

**Sunday 22nd Feb, 11am**  
Kathleen O'Neill, Maryville  
Bertha Swift, Kilkenny Rd  
Michael Kealy, Yellow Rd  
Danny & Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Dysart

## MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

### Ministers of The Word:

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm: Brigid Coady  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 8am: Maria Reyes  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 11am: Helena Dowd

### Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat: John Kelly  
Sat 7pm: Ingrid Brennan  
Sun 8am: Margaret O'Neill  
Sun 11am: Angela Molloy

### 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

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday begins our journey to The Upper Room, the Hill of Calvary and the Tomb of Resurrection: The Great Mystery of the Church. On Wednesday masses will be at 8am, 10am and 7pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all masses and will be available in the church throughout the day. Come and Journey with Me.

## COIS NORE OUTREACH

Thanks to all who made St Brigid's Crosses this year and all who contributed to parish funds. Well done to one and all – evangelisation is not just by preaching but creatively through these beautiful simple and traditional crosses the Word of God is announced. May you be blessed for your work.

## COIS NORE OUTREACH

Cois Nore Outreach Centre service for individuals diagnosed and families affected, carers, or bereaved family members is available in the Castlecomer Community Hall every Monday morning from 11am to 1pm. All enquiries welcome.

## LAST SUPPER.

The traditional Last Supper where the funds will be distributed to the chosen beneficiaries from Wellie Race 2026 will be held in Shortalls Lounge on Fri Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 p.m. The Children's Merit Awards will be held in the Library on Tues Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

## TEXT ALERT.

Castlecomer Community Text Alert subscription fee of €10 is now due from all members who wish to continue with this important service. Please drop it into the Credit Union or to committee member.

## ERINS OWN GAA LOTTO

This week's jackpot is €15,600. The draw will take place Tuesday night. Tickets are on sale around the town, or you can play online. BE IN TO WIN. Thanks to those who contributed to the Croagh Patrick Climb; €150 was forwarded to Erins Own.

## ANAM CARA BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Bereavement Information Evening for bereaved parents - regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement - online on Tues 17th Feb, 7pm. Information from info@anamcara.ie or call 085 288 8888. The monthly Parent Support Evening hosted by Anam Cara will take place on Wed 18th Feb at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. Further information by email info@anamcara.ie or call 01 4045378.

## Trocaire 2026

Trocaire Boxes available in the church this weekend for your household. Please use them to support the work of Trocaire worldwide.

The TROCAIRE theme this year is “Strength and Honour are her Clothing” (Proverbs 31:25) and we are introduced to a three-generation family in rural Rwanda, led by Uwamahoro, a young mother supporting her daughter, niece and elderly mother. Through their story, we are invited to reflect on the Gospel call to justice, resilience and care for our common home and our common family.

## A Lenten Journey of Reflection and Renewal

*Baptised and Sent in Lent* invites participants to rediscover:

- Who we are as the baptised People of God
- How we belong within the Church community
- What we are called to contribute to our faith journey and to wider society

Each week explores themes such as belonging, healing, renewal and mission, placing baptism at the heart of renewal in the Church in Ireland.

Online Sessions – Thursdays at 7:30pm

Session Hosts:

Thursday, 19 February Julieann Moran

Thursday, 26 February Archbishop Eamon Martin

Thursday, 5 March Fr Declan Hurley

Thursday, 12 March Bishop Brendan Leahy

Thursday, 19 March Bishop Martin Hayes

Why participate? “Lent is a season when many people are already seeking renewal and asking deeper questions about faith and purpose. *Baptised and Sent in Lent* offers a simple way to slow down, listen carefully, and rediscover baptism as a lived calling to hope, service and responsibility.” (Julieann Moran, General Secretary, Irish Synodal Pathway)

Participation is free. Contact the Parish Office for details.

## TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL LENTEN COURSE

“A New Springtime of Faith: Enjoying the Gospels of Lent” A six-part video series from the Tarsus Scripture Team, which explores the six Gospel readings of Lent and how engaging with the weekly Gospel can renew and deepen our faith and relationship with God and each other, during this time of preparation for the mystery of Easter. Also includes two Zoom webinars: a discussion with the presenters, and a prayerful meditation. €35 per household or €100 for Parish Groups. Information and registration: [www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie](http://www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie)