

Parish of Castlecomer

Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee

19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Parish Newsletter 10th August 2025



+BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD+

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joe Dowling, Firoda Upper; Paddy Doyle, Hillside;

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 9TH/SUN 10TH

Sun 11am Joe & Julie Comerford, The Square

Mon 9am: John (Jack) Barrett, Kilkenny Street;

James Murphy, Carlow

Fri 11am: Declan McDermott, Killeslin

Sat 10am: Martha and James Mealy, Ardra

ANNIVERSARIES:

Helen Brennan, 3 Woodlands Grove; Michael O'Gorman, Smithstown.

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 17TH/18TH

Sat 7pm: Jim Carroll Donaguile

Jim, Alice and PJ Dooley, Smithstown; Helena

and Bill Brennan, Smithstown; Billy Dooley,

Crettyard

Bridget O'Shea; Hillcrest

John Rothwell, Firoda

Sun 11am: Anna & Danny Dooley, Lower Firoda

John Dowling, Donaguile (Month's Mind)

MASS SCHEDULE

Aug 11th – 16th

Mon – Wed 9am Mass

Thursday 14th: 7pm (Vigil Mass)

Friday 15th: 11am (Holy Day)

Saturday 16th: 10am Mass

Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady

Friday 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady and is a holy day of obligation. Vigil Mass (Thursday) 7pm and Holy Day Mass (Friday) 11am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues Evening (7pm-9pm)
Wednesday & Saturday
after Mass

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending Aug 3rd: €1,895.00

Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish funds and to the clergy fund. *Mile Buiochais.*

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available for parishioners who are gluten intolerant. Please indicate your preference to the minister when you go to communion.

Parish Office: 085 827 8729

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of Word:

7pm: Martin Walsh

8am: Margaret McGrath

11am: Helan Dowd

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat Maria Reyes

Sat 7pm: Eoin Stowe

Sun 8am Noreen Curry

Sun 11am John Kelly

Parish & Diocesan Safeguarding

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins

Contact: dlp@ossory.ie or 085 802 1633

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford

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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.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Bishop Coll will join us on September 7th to celebrate mass on the day of canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Please visit the relic in the Parish Church seeking his intercession.

GAZA – AUGUST 24TH: DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Humanitarian aid is not only necessary, it is a matter of life and death. Refusing is not a delay, but a sentence. Every hour without food, water, medicine and shelter causes deep harm (Cardinal Pizzaballa, Patriarch of Jerusalem).

The Irish Bishops have asked that August 24th as a day of prayer and reflection in the Middle East: 24 hours of prayer and reflection in parishes and homes: light a candle, say the rosary, make some small personal penance or sacrifice; that the light of hope may radiate from Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people

CRAFT EXHIBITION

Castlecomer Crafters are exhibiting in Kilkenny Presentation Primary School, Parnell Street, as part of The Kilkenny Arts Festival. Open August 8th to 17th, daily 10.30-6.00pm.

THE COUNCIL OF NICAIA

The Creed - at the heart of the Church's faith

What did the Council say? The Council bishops affirmed that Christ is "true God from true God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father".

What difference did the Council make? Neither the council nor the creed was universally accepted immediately. Acceptance was quicker in the East; it took much longer in Europe. There were several attempts to overturn the council; in 380AD the Emperor Theodosius declared that the Nicene Christianity was the official religion of the Empire. **Was there a Creed before 325?** Yes, the Council of Nicaea expanded on previous creeds seeking to be more precise in what the Church believes.

Words in the Creed:

CONSUBSTANTIAL means of the same being or made of the same "stuff".

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

St. John Henry Newman has been named a doctor of the church by Pope Leo XIV. There are 37 saints so named which include four women: St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Hildegard of Bingen.

Newman, born in 1801, began his religious life as a member of the Anglican Church (ordained priest in 1825) and converted to Roman Catholicism in 1845 and was ordained a Catholic Priest in 1847. In 1851 Newman came to Ireland at the invitation of Archbishop Paul Cullen, Archbishop of Dublin, to serve as rector in the fledgling Catholic University in the city, the present University College Dublin. Newman commissioned architect John Hungerford Pollen to design the beautiful University Church on Saint Stephen's Green which was opened in 1856.

He was appointed cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879. He died at the age of 89 in 1890 and was canonised by Pope Francis in 2019.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell noted the special connection St John Henry continues to have with Dublin: *"The beautiful University Church on St Stephen's Green, built on his initiative and under careful supervision, is a special place of worship for all Dubliners and reminds us to this day of his generosity, presence and work among us in that time."* The Dublin Archbishop expressed confidence that the new honour conferred on the saint would lead to "a renewed interest in his works, the lasting testimony to an exceptionally gifted mind".

Bishop Monahan of Killaloe welcomed the announcement commenting that *"Many regard Newman as the father of much of the thinking of the Second Vatican Council and the current Synodal process. He was certainly way ahead of his time. His devotional work, prayers, hymns and profound poetry helped to bring many people closer in their relationship with God."*

STATUE OF THE SACRED HEART

The Pilgrim Statue of the Sacred Heart is in the Church of the Sacred Heart in Moneenroe; see Clogh newsletter for ceremony details. Bishop Coll will celebrate the closing mass of the visit in Moneenroe on Aug 16th at 6pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
monthly collection this weekend.