

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish of Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter 21st December 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+

MONTH'S MIND

Sat 7pm: Dick Holohan, The Square

ANNIVERSARIES DEC 20TH/21ST

Sat 7pm: George Mealy, Beechfield House Anastatia Mealy, Kilkenny
Michael Owens, Kilkenny St.

Sun 11am Noel Byrne, The Prince; Gerry Kelly, The Prince; Jim & Annie O'Neill, Donaguile;
Martin Melody, New York; John Healy, Donaguile Heights

Mon 10am Pat Hogan, The Square, Inistioge

Sat 11am: Patrick & Mary Anne Shore, Firoda

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Maureen Healy, Donaguile Heights; Michael Dwyer, Ballyhemmon House;
Mary Moran, Ardra; Tom & Kieran Brennan, Ardra; Martin McKenna, The Square;
Mary Dunphy, Kilkenny St.; William Curran, Aughamucky; Patrick, Annie & Pakie Kelly,
Barrack St; John Devlin, Florence Terrace, John Snr & Margaret Devlin, Florence Terrace;
Lily Nicholson (nee Devlin), UK; Thomas Brennan, 41 Kilkenny St; Angela Dillon, The Corner
House

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND 27TH/28TH DEC:

Sun 11am: Maureen Healy, Donaguile Heights

PLEASE NOTE MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK

PARISH CONTACTS:

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Office: 085 827 8729
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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Week's Sunday Collection: €1950.00
Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish funds and to
the clergy fund. *Mile Buíochas.*

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

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of The Word:

Sat 28th 7pm: Maureen Holohan
Sun 29th 8am: Dick Mullins
Sun 29th 11am Fonsie Mealy

Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Tues Angela Bryne
Wed 6pm Ingrid Brennan
Wed 8pm Catherine Greer
Thur 8am Margaret O'Neill
Thur 10am: Angela Byrne

Fri 11am: Angela Byrne
Sat 11am: Angela Byrne
Sun 8am: Noreen Curry
Sun 11am: Eoin Stowe

CATHEDRAL DRAW

Congratulations to winners in the December
draw – no winners local, we live in hope!!

THE O ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT

The O Antiphons are the seven antiphons that are
recited during the prayers in the eight days before
Christmas, Dec. 17-23, the final days of preparation
for Christmas. The importance of O Antiphons is
twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah:
O Sapientia (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O
Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (O
Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Rising Sun), *O Rex
Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and *O Emmanuel*.
Also, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of
the coming of the Messiah.

According to Professor Robert Greenberg of the
San Francisco Conservatory of Music, the
Benedictine monks arranged these antiphons with a
definite purpose. If one starts with the last title and
takes the first letter of each one – Emmanuel, Rex,
Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia – the
Latin words *ero cras* are formed, meaning,
Tomorrow, I will come. Therefore, the Lord Jesus,
whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and
whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic
titles, now speaks to us, Tomorrow, I will come.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND MASS CARDS

Mass Cards and Christmas Cards carrying the name of
Castlecomer Parish, signed by Fr Scriven and Fr
Doyle, are available in the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office is open on Monday this week.
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 send an email
to castlecomer@ossory.ie

DEENSIDE MAGAZINE – CHRISTMAS 2025

Bumper edition of the Deenside Magazine 2025 is
out now. Great Read. Great Buy. Don't miss it!

ST CARLO ACUTIS

The relic of St Carlo Acutis will be in the church
during the Christmas season. All welcome to visit and
pray through his intercession for their needs.

KILKENNY CHURCHES CHRISTMAS CRIB WALK

The Annual Kilkenny Church Christmas Crib Walk
will take place on St. Stephen's Day beginning at the
Friary Church at 11 a.m.

OSSORY TIMES AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND - €2

CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

Monday: 10am

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday (Christmas Eve)

6pm & 8pm

Thursday (Christmas Day)

8am & 10am

Friday (St Stephen's Day): 11am

Saturday (St John): 11am

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you wish to avail of Confession in your
preparation for the celebration of Christmas it
will be possible on
Sunday 21st, 2pm-4.30pm.

PARISH ENVELOPES

If you would like a box of Parish Envelopes to use during
the year please contact the office or one of the priests. The
envelope system allows us to maximise your generosity
through the Charitable Donations Tax Back scheme – it is
of no further cost to you but of great benefit to the parish.

WELLIE RACE 2026 *Committee appeal for support.*

The bread and butter of our Annual Wellie Race are the
Sponsorship Cards from where the revenue is raised to
support so many local charities and organisations. The
Sponsorship Cards are available from Bollards, Corner
House, Shortalls, Q Healthcare, Holohan's, O'Rourke's,
Ranchers Pub Coon, Village Bar Clogh, Tirlán or from any
member of the committee.

CHRISTMAS GREETING AND WISHES

*Fr Scriven and Fr Doyle wish everyone t
beannachtaí na Nollag as we welcome
home visitors and family for the
Christmas season. May the Christ Child
bless us all as we stand at the crib and
behold Emmanuel, God with us. May
blessings be céad beannacht faoi dhó on
us all as we celebrate Christmas and
stand on the threshold of a New Year.*

**Nollaig shona agus athbliain
faoi mhaise daoibh go leir**