



**Castlecomer Parish
Newsletter 21st June 2026**

***Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary
Time. Year A (II)***

Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee

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+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

ANNIVERSARIES AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 7pm: Dan Dowd, Kiltown; Margaret O'Neill, Ballyragget Rd; Gabrielle Ryan, Bowden's Crt.

Sun 8am: For the People of the Parish

Sun 11am: Christy Brennan, Glebside (MM)

Mon 9:00am: Fr. Gerard Dowd, Aughamucky

Tues 9:00am: Increase Vocations to Priesthood

Wed 9:00am: Private Intention

Thur: 9:00am: Shared Mass

Fri: 7pm: Crosshill Cemetery Mass

Sat: 10am: Priest's Intention

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING AT THIS TIME: Thomas (Tommy) O'Neill, Ballyhemmon. Nicky Connelly, Upper Clashduff. Nancy Shalloe, Hillside View. Ellen Brennan, Kilkenny St. Mary Ann & Martin Brennan, Drumgoole. REQUIESCANT IN PACE.

Mass intentions for weekend 27th/28th June:

Sat 7pm: James O'Neill, Hillside View
Martin Hurley, Hillside View

Sun: 11am: James, Tim, & Marie Comerford, Coolbawn. Thomas & Margaret Coogan, Firoda

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - 1 Peter 4:10

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

Sat 27th June 7pm: Mary Buggy

Sun 28th June 8am: Dick Mullins

Sun 28th June 11am: Sheila Pedini

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat 27th June 7pm: Eoin Stowe

Sun 28th June 8am: Margaret O'Neill

Sun 28th June 11am: Teresa Hetherington

Mon - Sat: (Daily Mass): John Kelly

PHEW!....EXAMINATIONS

Examination time can be a stressful and anxious time for students, and for families too. The examination period is now concluded....at least for now. Both, students and the workforce, are aware that we are always tested academically and professionally through life. We continue updating our understanding and skills for, "everyday is a school day". I over-heard a parent saying to a student, after the Religious Leaving Cert, "well you have finished that - you can throw all the notes and papers away. You won't be needing them again!" We are disposed to the need for further education/training/information throughout our lives. But, the most important further education, our spiritual development, is either not valued or just overlooked. When was the last time I bought/borrowed a book/article to 'feed' my spiritual life? Do I have a healthy curiosity about my spiritual life?

We have a personal relationship with God, and like all relationships we seek a deeper knowing of the 'other'. Relationships we formed in our school days have evolved as we have matured and grown. If we are to have a personal and authentic relationship with God, we need to deepen that relationship with prayer, but, equally, with discerning more and more 'Who is God? This begs the question; how, what, where & when; have I invested my time to continue my spiritual development, and deepening my relationship with God?

Is it enough to go to Mass, say my morning and night prayers, pray the rosary or participate in 'ritual' occasions as the sole connection with God? Surely, it would be like having a friend that I only see at a birthday or another event once in a while - no other contact in-between; no phone calls, no meeting up, no emails, no communication. Such a relationship would falter, and/or cease to be a life-giving relationship experience. Like all relationships I need to invest time into my understanding of God, and God's place in my life. Have I an action plan, a strategy, for my continuing spiritual development? What resources are available to me? Here are some online resources.

<https://www.manresa.ie/> or <https://ossory.ie/adult-faith-development/> or <https://catholicbibleonline.com/blog/catholic-youth-ministry-faith-formation-teenagers-adolescents/> or <https://universalis.com/> or <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/work/faith/adultfaith/> or <https://hallow.com/>

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NOTES & NEWS

ST. CARLO ACUTIS: We welcome back the relic of Saint Carlo Acutis to the parish church. He is proving to be an inspiration to many people, young and old alike, and both, nationally and internationally. His life story and mission can be sought on <https://www.carloacutis.com/en/association>

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Commission certificates, signed by Bishop Ger, are available in the sacristy for collection. Please collect either before or after Mass. Those who were unable to renew their commitment to this ministry, can do so on collection of certificates.

WELCOME FR. BRENDAN PAYNE: Fr Payne will be joining us this weekend to speak about the work of the Kiltegan Priests.

FATHER'S DAY: a blessed, peaceful and joyous Father's Day to all our Dads! *Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience. Amen*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Tuesday, 7-9pm; Wed & Sat after morning Mass. Rosary/Chaplet recited in church Monday-Saturday 12 noon and Sundays 3pm. All are welcome to join in

CEMETERY MASS: Crosshill Cemetery; 7pm, 26th June: Parish Cemetery; 7pm, 3rd July: Smithstown Cemetery; 7pm, 10th July. **There will not be morning Mass at 9am on these days.**

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: Thursday 16th July. Coach leaving: Muckalee Church 7:30am; Coon Church 7:45am; Castlecomer Square 8am. For further information: Teresa Haughney 086 3925628; Maureen Kelly 087 7707846; Margaret Murphy 087 7559006. Please book your seat no later than Sunday 12th July.

MILE BUÍCHOAS: To the 'Famous Five' ladies that came to the church last Sunday afternoon, at short notice, to clean and prepare the church for Fr. Dowd's funeral.

STATUE OF OUR LADY, BALLINALACKEN: The annual rosary will be held on Sunday 6th July at 8pm. All are welcome.

BALLYFOYLE BAKING COMPETITION: Sunday 28th June at agricultural show. All details on 0863151937 or www.ballyfoyleagriculturalshow.com

COLLECTIONS: Parish Collection 13th/14th June: €2270.00 *Mile Buíochas.*

Porch collections: Month of June, collection for the priests of the parish Please use box at the church door, and envelopes if you have them.