

# SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY (A)



Parish Newsletter 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Cluster of the Parishes 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:** Dave Hetherington, Loon;  
Mary Brophy (née Tuck), Mayhora, & Killamuck, Abbeyleix

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

- Sat 7pm: Sean Dowd, Upper Yellow Rd, Patsy Egan, Donaguile, William Conroy, Maryville, John Brennan, Smithstown
- Sun 11am: Josie Healy, Firoda
- Mon 10am: (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)
- Tues 8:15am: Paddy Phelan, Maryville
- Wed 8:30am: For those undertaking examination
- Sat 10am: Martin & Tessie Power, Maryville

**ANNIVERSARIES** James Byrne, Kiltown, Lily O'Shea, Deerpark, James Campion, Chatsworth, Clogh, Margaret & Micheal Nolan, Deerpark Tom Byrne, Maryville/Sandyford

### ANNIVERSARIES MASSES 7<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:

Sat 7pm: Richard & Kate Brennan, Smithstown James & May Kenny, Firoda

Sun 11am: Valerie Kelly Conway, Lower Acorns Edward Holland, Ardra

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The Parish Office is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Please submit items for the newsletter before 11am on Friday morning.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May Collection: €1785  
*SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE.*

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

- Sat 7pm: Mrs Eithne McKenna
- Sun 8am: Mr Oliver McGrath
- Sun 11am: Mrs Helena Dowd

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

- Mon – Sat: Angela Byrne
- Sat 7pm: Ingrid Brennan
- Sun 8am: Margaret O'Neill
- Sun 11am: Jeanette Harding

### PARISH & DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING

Diocesan Liaison Person:  
**Ailish Higgins**  
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Parish Safeguarding Representatives:  
**Ailish Dunne & Ger Comerford**  
Contact: Parish Email or 085 827 8729  
Documents & Policies on Diocesan Website.

### KILKENNY REGISTER OF ELECTORS

Please check your information is correctly recorded at [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie).

### HOLY AND BLESSED TRINITY

“The Triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection. Saint John Paul II shed light on this when he said, ‘Our God in his deepest mystery is not solitude, but a family, for he has within himself fatherhood, sonship and the essence of the family, which is love. That love, in the divine family, is the Holy Spirit’”. **Pope Francis, Joy of Love, 11.**

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Bishop Ger Nash (Apostolic Administrator) has signed updated commission certificates for all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, in Castlecomer parish. These will be presented at 7pm (Eve Mass), 8am & 11am Masses 6/7<sup>th</sup> June (Solemnity of Corpus Christi). There is a formula provided for commissioning. Please attend the Mass that is convenient for you, and importantly pop into Sacristy to register before Mass begins.

### EXAMINATIONS 2026

Our gratitude to the ‘regular’ morning Mass community for supporting our students during examination period. The time of the morning Mass from (Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June) will be 8:30am, to enable students, families, and staff to start each day with a sacred moment for reflection, stillness, and closeness to the Lord. NB Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June morning Mass at 8:15am to facilitate students’ registration at school. Equally, Bishop Ger (Apostolic Administrator) will celebrate Mass at 7:30pm in St. Canice’s Church Kilkenny, for all students sitting examinations. All are welcome. The parish will be praying for you all.

### FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNIONS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

Fr Ian will visit the housebound with Holy Communion: Fr Richard’s list Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June in the morning, and his own usual list on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, in the morning.

### JUNE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

This collection is one of several collections for priests of the Parish. Please use envelopes or use collection box in the church. Sincere thanks to all members of parish who contribute so faithfully.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – CEMETERY MASSES

- June 26<sup>th</sup>: 7PM. Crosshill Cemetery
- July 3<sup>rd</sup>: 7PM. Parish Cemetery
- July 10<sup>th</sup>: 7PM. Smithstown Cemetery

### HYMNS FOR BLESSED TRINITY & MONTH OF MAY:

*Words provided for everyone to join in with the singing.*

### Song to the Blessed Trinity

Father, we adore you.  
Lay our lives before you.  
How we love you.

Jesus we adore you.  
Lay our lives before you.  
How we love you.

Spirit we adore you.  
Lay our lives before you.  
How we love you.

### QUEEN OF THE MAY

Bring flowers of the rarest,  
Bring blossoms the fairest,  
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

### Refrain

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!  
Queen of the angels and Queen of the May.  
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

Their lady they name thee,  
Their mistress proclaim thee,  
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true  
As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers,  
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

### WITH THANKS

The Irish Cancer Society gratefully appreciates the generous donation of €3860 from the people of Castlecomer and surrounding areas. Sincere thanks to all who volunteered & donated on Daffodil Day.

### CARLOW CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Carlow Choral Society will give Mendelssohn's Elijah with the RTE Concert Orchestra on Friday 12th June at 7.30 pm in Carlow Cathedral. Tickets from Eventbrite or from CCS members.