



Parish of Castlecomer

Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee

18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Parish Newsletter 4th August 2025



+BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD+

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joe Dowling, Firoda Upper

MONTH'S MIND:

SUN 3RD, 11AM: Joe Shalloe, Kiltown/Ballyragget Rd

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 2ND/3RD AUG

Sat 2nd, 7 pm - Sally Kelly, Kilkenny St.
Thomas Dowling, Marymount.

Sun 3rd, 11am - Helen Brennan, Smithstown;

Mon 4th, 10am: Mary & Tom Loughlin, Ardra;

Tues 5th, 9am: Joe Murphy, Yellow Road;

Fri 8th, 9am: Paul Scanlon, Southampton.

(Funeral Mass and Burial of Ashes)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen & Kieran Brennan, Kilkenny Street.

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 10TH/SUN 11TH

Sun 11am Joe & Julie Comerford

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday 3rd August 3pm – 5pm.

Wed and Sat: after Morning Mass

If you ask me what you are to do in order to be perfect, I say, first - Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising; give your first thoughts to God; make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament; say the Angelus devoutly; eat and drink to God's glory; say the Rosary well; be recollected; keep out bad thoughts; make your evening meditation well; examine yourself daily; go to bed in good time, and you are already perfect.

St John Henry Newman

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending July 20th: €1,920.00

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: Brigid Coady

8am: Dick Mullins

11am: Teresa Hetherington

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat John Kelly

Sat 7pm: John Holohan

Sun 8am Margaret O'Neill

Sun 11am Janette Harding

Parish & Diocesan Safeguarding

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins

Contact: dlp@ossory.ie or 085 802 1633

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford

Contact: Parish Email or 085 827 8729

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul monthly collection will take place next weekend at all masses.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

The relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis has been placed in the special reliquary which been commissioned to display the relic in the parish church. It is hoped that Bishop Coll will join us on September 7th to celebrate mass on the day of his canonization.

STATUE OF THE SACRED HEART

The Pilgrim Statue of the Sacred Heart, blessed by Pope Francis for this Jubilee Year comes Church of the Sacred Heart in Moneenroe on Monday evening (Adoration 6.45pm and Mass at 7.30pm); Bishop Coll will celebrate the closing mass of the visit in Moneenroe on Aug 16th at 6pm.

MASS AT BALLINALACKEN CROSS

Mass will be celebrated at the Grotto of Our Lady Queen of Peace Ballinalacken Cross (R32W665) on the 3rd Aug at 3pm to celebrate the 25th year of the statue. All welcome.

COIS NORE CANCER SUPPORT SERVICE

Join Cois Nore on Sunday the 3rd of August for a fun Run/Walk 5K; start time 9.30 am. In Castlecomer Discovery Park. Registration from 8.45am. Registration fee €20 (€10 under 16's).

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will be in the Avalon Hotel, Wed 6th Aug, 3.45pm – 8pm.

THE COUNCIL OF NICAIA

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

Why was the Council called? Heresy had spread through Christendom – in particular Arianism which claimed that Christ had been created by the Father who lacked eternal divine nature. While Christ was the first creature, he was nonetheless created.

Was the Council of Nicaea the first Council? No. Prior to the gathering in Nicaea there had been many synods and councils called to settle disputes that arose in Christianity.

CHRISTIANS IN GAZA

Today in Gaza the Christian Community has been reduced to about 650 people: 450 of them are barricaded in the Holy Family Compound and about 100 others live in the Orthodox parish.

Very few hospitals are functional; medical supplies are exhausted. 80 per cent of the house are destroyed and more than 2 million are displaced. They lack shelter, food and clean water; for two years schools have been closed. The dead are 57,000, 60% are women, elderly and children. The wounded exceed 134,000. It is reported that over 600 people have been killed as they lined up to seek food, many of them children and teenagers.

MARY'S MEALS ANNUAL WALK

Mary's Meals, who fundraise to provide funds to feed starving children in our world, will be among us in August. Walking from St John's Church Kilkenny to Clogh on Aug 7th and onward to Knock (arriving on Aug 15th) they are inviting people to join them or to assist with the collection along the way; more information from Josephine 0872037173 or Fr Eamonn 0879077985. A simple solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children in their place of education in 16 of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for an entire school year.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

The Youth Gathering in this Jubilee Year of Hope takes place this week. Also incorporating World Youth Day 2025 over one million young people have gathered in Rome for this festival of faith. Culminating with Mass celebrated by Pope Leo XIV on Sunday morning Friday was dedicated to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Saturday evening the near one million young people attended a vigil in *Tor Vergata* presided over by Pope Leo XIV.

In welcoming the young people to Rome Pope Leo XIV told the young people that Jesus tells them: "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." (Mt 5:13-14). Encouraging them that their voices, their enthusiasm, their cries will be heard to the ends of the earth asking them to cry out for peace in our world.

TIME TO PRAY – EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday 3rd August 3 – 5pm