

Parish of Castlecomer

Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee

21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Parish Newsletter 24th August 2025



+BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD+

ANNIVERSARIES 23RD/24TH

Sat 7pm - Breda Shortall, Maryville
Patrick Tyrell, Bowden Court & Ballyragget Rd
Sun 11am Noel Dowling, Moneenroe
Mary Hole (Nee Reeves) Kilkenny St.

Fri 9am: Mary Brennan, Mayhora

Sat 10am: Margaret (Peg) Ryan, Maryville

ANNIVERSARIES:

Julia (Bunty) O Loane, Yellow Rd; John, Margaret & Michael Byrne, 46 Maryville; Tom Shalloe Snr & Tom Shalloe Jnr, Ballyragget Rd; William & Nora Sherwood, Love Lane.

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 30TH/31ST

7pm: Ronan Dowling, Woodlands Grove
Rosie Holden, Love Lane
11am: Eileen Sherwood, Maryville
Dec of Sherwood, Lawlow & Egan Family

Ladywell Novena August 31st – Sept 8th

Prayer for those receiving Exam Results

Father, may your presence be felt as young people receive their examination results at this time.

May they know that their worth and value is not based on academic achievement but on your unchanging love for them.

Help them to trust in your goodness.

Fix their eyes firmly on you and guide their steps along the path before them knowing that this moment is just one step in their unique journey. Amen.

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending Aug 17th: €1,980.00
Aug 15th: €410.00

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Tuesday Evening (7pm-9pm) Wednesday & Saturday

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of Word:

7pm: Bridgid Coady
8am: Maria Reyes
11am: Margaret Kavanagh

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat Angela Byrne
Sat 7pm: Sheila Lawlor
Sun 8am Margaret O'Neill
Sun 11am Teresa Hetherington

Parish & Diocesan Safeguarding

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
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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.

CASTLECOMER MALE VOICE CHOIR

Castlecomer Male Voice Choir are holding a collection this weekend; this is an opportunity for us all to acknowledge their great contribution to the community throughout the year.

GAZA – AUGUST 24TH: DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

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: they suggest to us the following as a way to enter into this day of prayer:

- Attending Mass and offering it for peace in Gaza
- Spending time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
- Praying the Rosary for peace and justice
- Lighting a candle at home or in your church
- Making a small personal sacrifice or act of penance
- Reaching out to your political representatives to advocate for justice and humanitarian aid
- Supporting trusted aid organisations bringing relief to Gaza

Archbishop Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland invites us: *“This is a moment for our nation to radiate the light of Christ into the darkness, a light of peace, of justice and of hope for our world. Let us stand together, as one body in Christ, for the people of Gaza and for all who long for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land.”*

Black Abbey – 800 Years Celebration

The Man Born to Be King Celebrating 800 years of the Black Abbey, Lake Productions in Association with the Black Abbey present **The Man Born to be King** on 9th, 10th and 11th of September in the Black Abbey at 7.30pm. Adm: €15 (open seating). Booking on Eventbrite.

SCOIL ÍOSAGAÍN

Work has continued apace over the past few weeks in preparation for the opening of Scoil Íosagaín in September. Extensive contact with the Department of Education and Science has taken place since the decision to amalgamate; plans for renovation were submitted for approval and in early August permission to do essential work was given – works to provide upgraded toilet facilities, the provision of a disabled accessible toilet, a new office, new entry door and foyer to facilitate controlled entry and exit into the building has been undertaken. The new principal has engaged with staff and classroom and teacher allocation has taken place in anticipation of the new school year. Ms Mary McCarthy continues as the School Manager while the process to put a Board of Management in place is brought to completion. The Patron, Bishop Coll, will appoint the new board in September. This is an exciting time for education in our town and we look forward to the beginning of a wonderful experience of learning and growth in the years ahead.

IRELAND – THE HOME OF THE *CEAD MÍLE FAILTE*

Bishop Leahy, Bishop of Limerick, responded to recent incidents of unprovoked attacks and violence against people from India and South Asia in recent weeks. Bishop Leahy reminds us all that the people in Ireland cannot but be grateful for the wonderful contribution that the ‘New Irish’ make to our lives, for the many ways that they gently but efficiently and compassionately are present in healthcare and the hospitality industry, in the IT, engineering and financial services as well as in many other walks of life and work in Ireland.

Speaking to the Syro-Malabar Community Bishop Leahy said: “It is shameful for native Irish to hear members of the Indian community say they are too scared to go out. People may be entitled to varying views about migrants and our social policies in Ireland but nothing excuses boorish behaviour.”

Bishop Leahy reminds us there is a rule of conduct written in every heart – *treat your neighbour as yourself*. “No matter who we are or where we come from, that is the criterion that must dominate all our relationships. That is the Golden Rule that we must all adhere to in our speech and in our social media interactions as well as in daily encounters. He said: “May Irish people discover more deeply what this Golden Rule means for us. It’s written into our spiritual DNA. If we forget it, we create havoc.”