

## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Parish of Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> October 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+

##### ANNIVERSARIES SAT 4<sup>TH</sup>/SUN 5<sup>TH</sup>

Sat, 7pm: Tina Walsh Ardra  
Weds 9am: Kitty Coogan Aughamucky.  
Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick, Maryville.

##### ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & Gerard Heffernan, Yellow Rd;  
Margaret Lanigan (née Heffernan), Yellow Rd;  
Patsy Brophy, Mayhora; Joseph Phelan, Mayhora;  
Thomas (Tom) Ryan, Aughamucky;  
Elizabeth Brennan, Patrick Brennan & Patrick  
Brennan (Jnr) Kilkenny St; Anne Smith, Golf Links.

##### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 3pm–5pm.  
Wednesday & Saturday after Morning Mass

##### Rosary

Mon-Sat daily at 12noon  
Sunday 3pm and Tuesday 8pm

#### PARISH CONTACTS:

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#### THE PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Office: 085 827 8729  
Parish Email: castlecomer@ossory.ie  
Webpage: www.castlecomerparish.ie

#### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Week's Sunday Collection: €1,870.00  
Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish funds  
and to the clergy fund. *Mile Buíochas.*

#### October Clergy Collection

Please return October Clergy Collection  
Envelopes at this time. Your generosity  
through these collections contribute to the  
monthly salary of Fr Scriven and Fr Doyle.  
*Mile Buíochais*

#### World Day of Migrants and Refugees

God, Almighty Father,  
we are your pilgrim Church  
journeying towards  
the Kingdom of heaven.  
Though we live on earth,  
our true home is in heaven.  
Do not let us become possessive  
of the portion of the world  
here on earth you have given us  
as a temporary home.  
For in eternity we have  
an eternal dwelling  
you have prepared for us.  
Open our eyes and our hearts  
so that every encounter  
with those in need  
becomes an encounter with  
Jesus, Your Son and our Lord.  
Amen.

Pope Francis 2024

#### MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

##### Ministers of The Word:

7pm: Eithne McKenna  
8am: Dick Mullins  
11am: Helena Dowd

##### Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat: Chrissie Brooke  
7pm: Sheila Lawlor  
8am: Margaret O'Neill  
11am: Janette Harding

#### 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

Please consult the Diocesan website

[www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)

for all relevant documents & policies.

#### World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. The current global estimate is that, in 2020, there were around 281 million international migrants in the world, which equates to 3.6 per cent of the global population, and that number continues to rise.

Pope Leo in announcing the celebration this year referred to migrants, refugees and displaced people as *Missionaries of Hope*: Through their daily lives they demonstrate *"their resilience and trust in God, as they face adversity while seeking a future in which they glimpse that integral human development and happiness are possible."*

*In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes."*

Pope Francis, in 2018, proposed four verbs to articulate an adequate response to the migration issue: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. To *"welcome"* means to open the doors according to the capacity of each country by facilitating the means for an entry in conditions: visas, to stop deportations, to guarantee assistance. *"Protect"* implies putting the person at the centre and defending his or her rights. To *"promote"* means to encourage their personal development in the country of destination, to help them in their language, civic and work training and education. And finally, *"integrating"* means mixing, living together, enriching and respecting each other. It will be future generations, in the long term, who will judge whether this process has been carried out fairly.

#### Dates for your Diary

An evening of reflection for Eucharistic Ministers (new and old) will take place on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – More details to follow – Save the Date.

#### ST LUKE'S ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7:30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny R95 V440. It is an opportunity for families and loved ones of patients who have died in the hospital to come together prayer and remembrance. All are welcome to attend.

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly St Vincent de Paul collection will take place next weekend; 11th/12th October.

#### PILGRIMAGE ITALY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> -26<sup>TH</sup> 2026

Adult Faith Development Group are holding a pilgrimage to Padua, Venice & Bologna. Further details in parishes on posters or by email: [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie) and 057 93 55050

#### WELLIE RACE 2026

If you are interested in joining the Wellie Race Committee as preparations for New Year's Day 2026 begin you are invited to part of the Organising Committee. Meetings on Tuesdays at 9pm in The Enterprise Centre. Contact Chairperson Michael "Macha" Brennan (086) 816 9507, PRO Chubby Brennan (087) 212 1639 or any Committee Member.

#### FRESHFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Classes for beginners will commence on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2025 at 7.30pm for 8 weeks. Further information: Anne Maria 087 2271136.

#### OCTOBER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. See [www.breastcancerireland.com](http://www.breastcancerireland.com) for more information.

#### DEENSIDE – CHRISTMAS 2025

Please send your greetings to friends and family abroad that you want included in the Christmas Deenside, to [margcris@mac.com](mailto:margcris@mac.com) before October 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### CASTLECOMER JUNIOR FOROIGE CLUB

Castlecomer Junior Foroige are looking for Adult Volunteers to assist with their weekly meetings which take place on Thursdays (7.30 – 9pm) in the Old Courthouse. Please contact Aidan Gleeson [aidan.gleeson@foroige.ie](mailto:aidan.gleeson@foroige.ie) or 086 067 4485.

#### KILKENNY DEMENTIA CAFE

October Dementia Cafe is taking place on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Oct in The Community Centre at Walkinslough Court on Walkin Street Kilkenny R95HX7K. from 1.30pm  
Info from Donna O'Donoghue 087 6022267.

#### CASTLECOMER FIRST RESPONDERS

A fundraiser will take place for Castlecomer Community First Responders in Castlecomer Golf Club on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, 8pm. Music at 9pm. Raffle on the night – tickets from O'Rourke's, Londis and Farrell's Garage. Entry free - Donations on the night.

#### CASTLECOMER BINGO

No bingo next Thursday night (16<sup>th</sup> October).