

28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Parish of Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter 12th 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 11TH/SUN 12TH

Sat, 7pm: Seamus Kennedy, Ardra
Sat:10am Gabriel Kelly, Waterford
Sean Ryan & Deceased members of the
Ryan & Kavanagh families

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Bridie Gleeson; Kilkenny Rd; Elizabeth,
Patrick & Patrick Brennan Jnr; Alice Rice, Prince
Grounds; Terry Renwick, Aughamucky; Annie
Curran, Aughamucky; Louise Farrell, Smithstown;
Paul Nolan, Hillside View; Minnie O'Reilly, Post
Office; Pat & Margaret Mullins, Killeshin;
Agnes Mullins, Killeshin; Annie & John Phillips;
Helen Byrne, Kilkenny Rd.

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 18TH/SUN 19TH

Sat 7pm Maureen Healy, Donaguile Heights
Sun 8am Martin Kenny, Rathkyle.
Sun 11am Donal McInerney, Ballyhemmon
Kieran O'Donnell, May O'Donnell &
Michael Holohan

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Week's Sunday Collection: €1280.00
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 Buíochas

NOVEMBER 2ND: FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Rosary will be recited at the Statue of Our Lady in
Deerpark at 3pm.

ÁR NATHAIR

Ár nAthair,
atá ar neamh,
go naofar d'ainm,
go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil
ar an talamh,
mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil
tabhair dúinn inniu,
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne
dár bhféichiúna féin,
agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach saor sinn ó olc. Amen.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesday & Saturday after Morning Mass.

Rosary

Mon-Sat daily at 12noon
Sunday 3pm and Tuesday 8pm4

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of The Word:

7pm: Maureen Holohan
8am: Donal Dunne
11am: Angela Molloy

Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat Maria Reyes
7pm: Ingrid Brennan
8am: Lalaine Brennan
11am: John Kelly

PARISH & DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING

Diocesan Liaison Person:

Ailish Higgins

Contact: dlp@ossory.ie or 085 802 1633

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford

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Please consult the Diocesan website

www.ossory.ie

for all relevant documents & policies.

FEAST OF ST CANICE 11TH OCTOBER

Saint Canice or Cainnech of Aghaboe was an Irish
abbot, monastic founder, priest and missionary during
the early medieval period. Considered one of the
Twelve Apostles of Ireland Cainnech was born in Co
Derry around 527 and died in 603. Though his people
were poor he studied at Clonard under St Finnian and
at Glasnevin under St Mobhi. A deep friendship
developed between Canice and St Columba (a fellow
native of Co Derry) and he worked for a time with
Columba in Scotland. In Ireland his principal
foundation was in Aghaboe (The Field of the Ox) and
subsequently became associated with the church of
Canice in Kilkenny City. St Canice's Cathedral dates
from a later time than St Canice – the seat of the
Bishop of Ossory transferred from Aghaboe to
Kilkenny in the 13th century. Felix O'Dullany,
Bishop of Ossory and formerly Abbot of Jerpoint laid
the foundation stone of the cathedral in 1180.
Kilkenny, which takes its name from Canice, is
described by the English Historian Cambden in his
work Britannia (1586): "The Nore floweth beside
Kilkenny, which is as much to say, the cell or church
of Canice, which for the sanctimony of his solitary life
in this country, was highly renowned. A proper, fair
and wealthy borough town, and far excelling all other
midlands boroughs in this island: divided into the Irish
town and the English town. The Irish town hath in it
the said Canice's Church, which gave name unto it, but
the English town is nothing so ancient".
Canice is the patron of Aghaboe and together with
Ciarán of Saigir, is one of the patrons of Kilkenny and
the historic kingdom of Osraige. Cainnech is also the
patron saint of the shipwrecked.

Dates for your Diary

Eucharist Ministers

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

Annual Memorial Mass Remembering our Dead

The annual memorial Mass in which we remember
those who have died in the past twelve months will
take place on Saturday 15th November.

Communion and Confirmation 2025:

Bishop Coll will celebrate the Sacrament of
Confirmation in the parish on Sunday 8th March 2026.
First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the parish
on April Sunday 26th 2026.

ST LUKE'S ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny Annual
Remembrance Mass, Tuesday 21st October at 7:30pm
in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny R95 V440

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

New National President of SVP

Limerick based volunteer, Teresa Ryan, has been
elected National President of the Society of St
Vincent de Paul. Teresa, a native of Belfast and raised
in Ballybay, County Monaghan, she trained in hotel
catering before qualifying as a nurse and has worked
for the Brothers of Charity Services in Limerick for
many years. She has a lifetime of experience with
SVP serving as a local and area President in the Mid-
West and as a member of the National Management
Council and as a Trustee. In wishing her well we
acknowledge the great work done by the SVP in
general and the wonderful commitment locally.

Ossory Youth Pilgrimage to Taizé

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory
Youth will take place from Sunday 28th June to
Sunday 5th July 2026. A programme of preparation,
which runs from November 2025 to July 2026 is open
to Transition year and 5th year students. Closing date
for applications is Friday 24th Oct. information,
include ing cost and application forms, from Patrick
Bookle, Ossory Youth at pbookle@ossoryyouth.com
and (056) 776 1200 or (087) 212 9006.

PILGRIMAGE ITALY MARCH 20TH -26TH 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 and 057 93 55050

WELLIE RACE 2026

If you are interested in joining the Wellie Race
Committee (New Year's Day 2026) you are invited
to be part of the Organising Committee. Meetings are
held 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.

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 or 086 067 4485.

CASTLECOMER FIRST RESPONDERS

A fundraiser will take place for Castlecomer
Community First Responders in Castlecomer Golf
Club on Saturday 11th, 8pm. Music at 9pm. Raffle
on the night –Entry free - Donations on the night.