

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish of Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter 7th December 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+

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Eugene Brennan, Mill Lane;

MONTH'S MIND:

Sat 7pm Jimmy Hurley, Kilkenny Rd, (Month's Mind).

ANNIVERSARIES DEC 6TH/7TH

Sat 7pm: Mary Dowd, Kiltown

Sun, 11am Tom, Mary & Martin Morrissey, Hillside View,
Kathleen & James Ring, Clashduff;
Raymond Keane, Dublin.

Mon, 11am: Joe McNulty, Kilkenny Street;

Tue, 9am: Geraldine Hetherington Bourke, Kilkenny Rd

Wed, 9am: Paddy & Kitty Curry, Maryville
Mark (Marks) Kennedy, Mayhora

Fri, 9am: Thomas Owens, Ryefield

Walter and Kathleen Kelly, Kilkenny St.

Sat, 11am: Michael Cody, Skehana

ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth Mealey, Gorteen; John Crennan, Knocknadogue;

Jack Crennan, Templeogue & Knocknadogue;

Sheila Jenkins (nee Geoghegan), Barrack St & Chepstow;

George Lacy, Lower Firoda

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Week's Sunday Collection: €1,875.00

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

PARISH ENVELOPES 2026

Distributors, the Yearly Boxes of Contribution Envelopes for 2026 will be available at the end of this week. We depend on you, our loyal distributors, and those who contribute to help raise essential income for the parish and the priests.

MASS SCHEDULE

Week 8th Dec – 13th Dec

Monday 8th: 11am

(Mass in Clogh at 7.30pm)

Tuesday 9th: 9am

Wednesday 10th: 12noon

(Funeral Mass)

Thursday 11th: **NO MASS**

Friday 12th: 9am

Saturday 13th: 11am.

Saturday 13th, 7pm:

Michael O'Neill, (MM)

Kay Conway, Mayhora

Matt O'Connor, Drumgoole

PARISH OFFICE THIS WEEK

Thursday 9.30am – 12.30pm

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of The Word:

Sat 6th 7pm: First Holy Communion

Sun 7th, 8am: Oliver McGrath

Sun 7th, 11am John Kelly

Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat Sheila Loughlin

Sat 7pm Ingrid Brennan

Sun 8am Lalaine Brennan

Sun 11am Jeanette 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

Documents & Policies on Diocesan Website.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is the patronal feast of the parish and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 11am in the Parish Church (Mass in Clogh at 7.30pm on Monday evening).

We will welcome Bishop Coll to celebrate the Mass. Scoil Íosagáin will participate in the Mass and afterwards will welcome Bishop Coll to the school for a ceremony of blessing.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND MASS CARDS

The parish has a selection of Christmas Mass Bouquet and Christmas Shared Mass Bouquet Cards available in the Parish Office. A Tridium of Masses will be celebrated over the Christmas period for the intentions of those who wish to include family and friends through these parish cards.

Mass Cards, signed by Fr Scriven and Fr Doyle, are also available in the Parish Office. These cards carry the name of Castlecomer Parish.

PARISH OFFICE

Please notice that the parish office is open this week on Thursday. Please contact Fr Scriven directly or send an email to the parish email address.

MINISTRY OF CATECHIST IN OSSORY

The Ministry of Catechist in the Diocese of Ossory began during the past week. Fr Kieran O'Shea gave an evening of information to those who have expressed an interest in this ministry in our diocese. Bishop Coll attended and thanked those who had put themselves forward. Over the next few months Fr Kieran and the team will guide the participants in a period of discernment and reflection. Remember this important work in your prayers.

TWEET FOR EACH DAY

Thoughts, reflections, prayer and ideas - why not take a few moments each day during Advent to pause in prayer. Follow us on Twitter @ossorydiocese

A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Castlecomer Male Voice Choir & Athy Choral Fusion present an evening of song on Fri 12th Dec in The Church of the Immaculate Conception. A wonderful night promised of song and familiar hymns of the Christmas Season. Don't miss it!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 7th from 3pm – 5pm. Why not use this time in your preparation during Advent for Christmas. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday and Saturday after morning mass.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly St Vincent de Paul collection will be taken up next weekend.

FORÓIGE CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

The local Foróige Club are holding a Christmas raffle in aid of their club and local activities; tickets available locally and in Eurospar Dec 12 & Sat 13.

DEENSIDE MAGAZINE – CHRISTMAS 2025

Bumper edition of the Deenside Magazine 2025 will be available this weekend at all masses. Great Read. Great Buy. Don't miss it!

SAFEGUARDING COUNSELLING SERVICE

Towards Healing Confidential Helpline: 1 800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

SURVEY ON PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOICE

Parents of young children – from sixth class age and under, are invited to participate in the YOU'RE YOUR SAY survey from the Department of Education. Seeking the opinions on education in our area the survey is specific to each school and will influence decisions in the future as to the type of schools that will serve us locally. **It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children would have their voice heard also.**

For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey is available on www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey **Whatever your opinion or wish please make sure you HAVE YOUR SAY.**

ORGAN RECITAL - JOHN SWELL CHURCH

An organ recital in Johnswell Church will be given by Simon Harden, Organist at Christ Church Cathedral Waterford, on Sat December 20th at 7.30pm. Soloist will be local soprano, Aoife McKiernan. Tickets (€20) from Brennan's Johnswell or James on 087 296 2039. All tickets entered into raffle on the night. Funds in aid of the organ restoration project.