

THIRDT SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Parish of Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter 25th January 2026

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:

Louis O'Dowd, London & Ballyhemmon

Anniversaries 24th/25th

Sat 7pm: Eleanor Ivory (MM), Maryville
Tony Murphy, Oak Hill

Richard & Kate Brennan, Smithstown

Sun 11am: Patrick (Paddy) Coogan, Smithstown Road.
Daniel (Donal) Coughlan (MM). Croughtenclogh
Justin Ring, Barrack St.

Tues: 9am Paul Scanlon, Southampton.

Anniversaries

Mary O'Shea Bradley, Dublin/Drumgoole

Mathew Phelan, Mayhora

Anniversaries Next Weekend, 31st/1st

Sat 31st 7pm - Joseph Brennan, Reigh, Knocknadogue
Gearoid (Gerry) Moran, Marymount

Sean McSweeney, Maryville

Mary Dargan, Ballycomey

Sun 1st, 11am: Ned Healy, Firoda
Betty Bollard, Barrack St

Bishop Niall Coll Bishop of Raphoe

The Parish of Castlecomer wishes Bishop Niall Coll every blessing on his translation to the Diocese of Raphoe. We are grateful for his visits to the parish over the past three years – to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024, to celebrate the Sainthood of St Carlo Acutis in September and to bless our new school, Scoil Íosagáin, in December 2025. As we bid him adieu we remember him in our prayers.

MASS CARDS

Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office.

PARISH CONTACTS:

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Office: 085 827 8729
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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Sunday's Collection: €1,950.00
Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish funds and to the clergy fund. *Mile Buíochas.*

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Contact can be made with the Parish Office by leaving a message on the parish phone, drop a written message into the post box in the Church Porch or email to castlecomer@ossory.ie

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of The Word:

Sat 24th 7pm: Maureen Holohan
Sun 25th 8am: Dick Mullins
Sun 25th 11am Teresa Hetherington

Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat: Eileen Mealy
Sat 7pm: Ingrid Brennan
Sun 8am: Margaret O'Neill
Sun 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

Contact: Parish Email or 085 827 8729

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Each year, the Church sets aside a special Sunday to celebrate the Word of God. Known as Sunday of the Word of God, it invites us to reflect more deeply on Sacred Scripture and to renew our love for God's Word. It takes place this Sunday (25 January).

Pope Francis in 2019 chose the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time so that, each year, the whole Church could focus together on the Bible and its central place in our faith.

The Sunday reminds us that in Scripture God is speaking to us today. When the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass, Christ himself is present and addresses his people. This Sunday reminds us that listening to God's Word is essential to knowing Jesus and living as his disciples.

OSSORY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Ossory pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from May 25 to May 30, 2026. All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours by telephone 01-2410800, or by post to JWT 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02WY88. Online booking also available.

SPECIAL ASSISTED/SICK SECTION

Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to Anna Colleton at a.colleton@cbskillkenney.ie This special assisted/sick section is accommodated at the Accueil. Acceptance for travel with the special section for the sick is subject to the approval of the Pilgrimage Medical Board. Early booking is advisable as space is limited to one plane load.

ERINS OWN GAA LOTTO

This week's jackpot is €15,000. The draw will take place Tuesday night. Tickets are on sale around the town, or you can play online. BE IN TO WIN

ANNUAL CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB 7 FEB 2026

This year's climb is in aid of The Prince Grounds (Lighting and Pitch Redevelopment) AND the purchase of Defibrillator for Castlecomer and surrounding areas First Responders. For sponsorship cards please contact one of the following numbers:
0860514071 or 0871810011 or 0876390202

THE DIOCESE OF OSSORY – WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, will now begin the process to appoint a Bishop of Ossory. In a recent visit to Kilkenny to meet the College of Consultors of the Diocese the Archbishop informed us that he was mandated by Pope Francis, on his appointment to Ireland, to continue a rationalisation of the Church in Ireland, particularly the number of dioceses in Ireland. Since the Council of Ráth Breasail in 1111 there were 26 dioceses in Ireland. This process has already taken place in the west of Ireland: Elpin and Achonry, Tuam and Killala, Galway and Clonfert are not administered by the same bishop. Each diocese remains a distinct entity, each with its own history, territory and identity - they are united under the pastoral leadership of a single bishop in *in persona episcopi*.

FASSADININ HISTORY SOCIETY

Tom Teehan (Retired Judge) will give a talk on "The Irish Legal system before and since Independence" on Tuesday night, 27th January 2026 at 8.15pm in the Meeting Room in Castlecomer Hall. Adm €5.00. All are welcome.

COON PLAY

Kilquan Drama Group presents A Three Act Comedy, **Who has Been Sleeping in My Bed?** by Benny Mills in Coon Hall on January 29, 30 and February 1,2,6,7, & 8. Door opens at 7 p.m.

LEAVING CERT IRISH ORAL EXAM WORKSHOP 2026

A three-part Leaving Cert Irish Oral Workshop which will cover all elements of the Leaving Cert Irish Oral exam will take place in Gaelscoil Osraí R95 AT85 on the following dates: Thursday 5th, 12th and 19th of March 6-8:30pm. These workshops will provide an opportunity for students to learn, prepare and practice for their upcoming Leaving Cert Irish Oral Exam. To book or for further information contact tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com or 0876673302 (Maria Ní Thuama).

SHAPING UP – SLIMMING WORLD

Slimming World group is starting up on January 29th at 7 p.m. in Castlecomer Community Hall. Details: Maretta McNulty-Jones - 089 2123577

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