



# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Parish Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> February 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:

Sr Margaret Mary, St Luke's Hospital

### MONTH'S MIND

Sun 11am Nellie Brennan, Smithstown (Month's Mind)

### ANNIVERSARIES 7<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Sat, 7pm: Anna Pouch, Dungarvan/Leicester  
Charlie & Baby Breda Brennan, Coolbaun  
Edward (Eddie) Holohan, Kilkenny St

Sun 8am Eamon Kelly, Kilkenny St

Mon: 9am Thomas Theo Finnegan

Tues 9am: Bill & Gladys Ryan, Donaguile

Wed 9am: James Downey, Tinalinton

Thurs: 9am Edward Hetherington, Barrack St

Sally Hetherington, Barrack St

Sat: 11am Mass of Anointing of the sick  
Intention of all Sick and Homebound

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Baylon Kilkenny Rd; John and Annie Love, Cloneen; Kathleen

Dwyer, Ballyhemmon House; Josephine Hayes, Coon;

Brigid Breen, Knocknadogue; Thomas Swift, Kilkenny Rd;

Maureen & James Shanahan, Ballycotton, Cork;

Bill Carroll, Donaguile;

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### THE PARISH OFFICE:

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### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Sunday's Collection: €1,995.00

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

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm: Mary Buggy  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 8am: Tom Teehan  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 11am: Fonsie Mealy

#### Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat: Maria Reyes  
Sat 7pm: Catherine Greer  
Sun 8am: Noreen Curry  
Sun 11am: Teresa Hetherington

#### 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

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

February 11 is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Mass at 11am and all will be welcome to receive the anointing of the sick.

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2026

Pope Leo XIV's message for the 34th World Day of the Sick, which will be celebrated on Wednesday, 11 February 2026, offers a reflection on the theme "The Compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain".

In his message, the Holy Father takes up the parable of the Good Samaritan as a central image of Christian charity: to truly love means to stop, to draw near, and to care for those who suffer.

In his message, the Holy Father offers us the following prayer:

Sweet Mother, do not part from me.  
Turn not your eyes away from me.  
Walk with me at every moment  
and never leave me alone.

You who always protect me  
as a true Mother,  
obtain for me the blessing of the Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit.

### CONFIRMATION 2026

Bishop Nash, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory, has asked the local clergy in each parish to be responsible for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please remember the boys and girls of our parish who will receive the sacrament this year in your prayers.

### ANAM CARA BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Bereavement Information Evening for bereaved parents – regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. This event is online on Tues 17th Feb at 7pm. This Bereavement Information Evening is a special collaboration with colleagues in the bereavement space, featuring voices from A Little Lifetime, Féileacán, and HUGG; the guest speaker for the evening will be Brid Carroll. info@anamcara.ie or call 085 288 8888.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. Further information from Anam Cara on email info@anamcara.ie call 01 4045378.

### ANNUAL CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB 7 FEB 2026

Well done to all who braved the weather and the hill to climb *Cruach Phádraig* this weekend. A pyramid shaped peak that overlooks Clew Bay this important pilgrimage site rises 764 metres (2,507 feet) over the village of Murrisk. While Reek Sunday, the last Sunday in July, is the traditional day to climb the reek, earlier in the year has become Castlecomer Weekend for the past 14 years. While it is traditionally called the Reek the Irish name *Cruach Phádraig* means St Patrick's Stack. There is a box in the church this week which enables you to contribute to the combined funds of the GAA and local First Responders.

### NEWS FROM CROAGH PATRICK.....

*With fantastic weather and great views of Clew Bay 88 brave souls climbed the holy mountain. Majella Walsh kicked it off at 7.30 am and was first to the top. Everyone made it down safe and sound and followed it up with refreshments in Campbells at the bottom of the mountain. Thanks to everyone in our community who supported our fundraiser. It is greatly appreciated. The Club will be purchasing a defibrillator for the local First Responders group who do such great work in Castlecomer and surrounding areas. The funds raised will also be used to develop our facilities in the Prince Grounds.*

### ERINS OWN GAA LOTTO

This week's jackpot is €15,400. The draw will take place Tuesday night. Tickets are on sale around the town, or you can play online. BE IN TO WIN.

### COIS NORE OUTREACH

Cois Nore Outreach Centre service for individuals diagnosed and families affected, carers, or bereaved family members is available in the Castlecomer Community Hall every Monday morning from 11am to 1pm. All enquiries welcome.

### WORD OF ADVICE...

Fr Kevin O'Connell recently recalled advice that he received many years ago from an older priest. When worried about and somewhat overwhelmed by his pastoral duties the older priest reminded him: "Kevin, there is only one saviour of the world, and you are not it."

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