

Lá Fhéile Bríde – St Brigid's Day



4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Parish Newsletter 1ST February 2026



Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee
Grupa Paroisti: Chaisleán an Chomair, Maigh Coillí agus An Chloch

+BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD+

ANNIVERSARIES SATURDAY 31ST JAN/SUNDAY 1ST FEB

Sat 7pm -	Joseph Brennan, Reigh, Knocknadogue Gearoid (Gerry) Moran, Marymount Sean McSweeney, Maryville Mary Dargan, Ballycomey
Sun 11am:	Ned Healy, Firoda Betty Bolland, Barrack St
Tues: 9am	Eddie Fenlon, London/Mill Lane
Weds: 9am	Abraham J Dowling, Ardra
Fri: 9am	Eileen Ryan, Chatsworth
Sat: 10am	Pete Salter, Ballyhemmon Pat Byrne, Barrack Hill Thomas (Tom) Swift, Kilkenny Rd

ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen (Nellie) Kelly (Nee Ryan), Ballyragget/Aughamucky;
Catherine Buckley, Marymount/Loon; Bridget Kenny, 3 Barrack St
Anniversaries Next Weekend, 7 TH /8 TH February
Sat 7pm: Edward (Eddie) Holohan, Kilkenny St Anna Pouch, Dungarvan & Leicester Charlie & Baby Breda Brennan, Coolbaun Kathleen Knox, Donaguile & Kilkenny
Sun 11am: Nellie Brennan, Smithstown (Months Mind)

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Sunday's Collection: €2,305.00
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 7TH 7pm: Martin Walsh
Sun 8TH 8am: Margaret McGrath
Sun 8TH 11am: George Mealy

Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat: Angela Byrne
Sat 7pm: John Holohan
Sun 8am: Noreen Curry
Sun 11am: Jeanette Harding

PARISH & DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING

Diocesan Liaison Person:

Ailish Higgins

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Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP COLL

Dear Friends,

My appointment as Bishop of Raphoe, my home diocese, means that my time as Bishop of Ossory has been all too brief.

My heart is filled with gratitude to God for the gift of these past three years here. When I first arrived in Ossory I came as a stranger. I leave as one who has been enriched by your friendship, your faith and your witness.

As we look to the future both in Ossory and Raphoe please always remember, as my Episcopal Motto asserts, that he is truly 'Christ Jesus our hope'. With every blessing.
+ Niall Coll

BISHOP GER NASH

Bishop Nash, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory, met with the College of Consultors during the week. In accordance with Church Law (Canon Law) Bishop Coll had appointed seven priests of the diocese to the College of Consultor in 2024. The group has a defined role in Canon Law. Bishop Nash has proposed that this group would continue as an advisory group during the interregnum meeting with him on a regular basis.

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.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FEBRUARY 2026

Meeting for Parents and the boys and girls receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish Church on Thursday night, 7.15pm – 8.00pm.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL DRAW

Congrats to January winners and thanks to all who support this diocesan project. This draw is an important source of funding to continue the restoration work in St Mary's Cathedral, the mother church of our diocese.

ANNUAL CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB 7 FEB 2026

Best of luck to all taking part in the Croagh Patrick Climb next week. Safe climbing and well done to one and all. You can support the climbers: Sponsorship cards please contact one of the following numbers: 0860514071 or 0871810011 or 0876390202

ERINS OWN GAA LOTTO

This week's jackpot is €15,200. The draw will take place Tuesday night. Tickets are on sale around the town, or you can play online. BE IN TO WIN

MONDAY MORNING MASS – 10AM

FEAST OF ST BRIGID – FEBRUARY 1ST

St Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her life to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation from St Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died on February 1ST and is buried in Downpatrick, with the other patrons of Ireland, Patrick and Columba.

*A Naomh Bríd, a Mhuire na nGael,
scar orainn do bhrat,*

*O Saint Brigid, O Lady of the Gaels,
spread your banner over us,*

*A Naomh Bríd, a chroí na féile,
stiúir sinn ar an mbóthar ceart,*

*O Saint Brigid, O heart of the festival,
lead us on the right path,*

*A Naomh Bríd gheanúil ghrástúil,
ar ár namhaid cosain sinn,*

*O kind and gracious Saint Brigid,
protect us from our enemies,*

*A Naomh Bríd, a bhean rialta álann,
ar uair ár mbáis glaoigh orainn*

*O Saint Brigid, O beautiful nun,
at the hour of our death call us.*

ST BRIGID'S DAY CROSSES

Thanks to the volunteers who have prepared St Brigid's crosses for this weekend. A beautiful gift or a cross for your own home and a wonderful tradition in our parish celebrating one of our national patron saints.

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 Osrai R95 AT85 on the following dates: Thursday 5TH, 12TH and 19TH of March 6-8:30pm. Booking and further information available from Maria Ní Thuama tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com or 0876673302.

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