



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Parish Newsletter 22nd March 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

Mary Ryan, Ardra

Anniversaries 21st/22nd MAR

Sat 7pm: Michael Brennan (Roe), Maryville

Sun 11am: Irene O'Shea, Chatsworth St.

Mary Cadigan, Uskerty, Coon

Tues 9am: Jack & Glen Brooke, Yorkshire

Weds 9am: Thomas & George Murphy, Skehana.

Thurs 9am: Special Intention

Sat 10am: Michael Coogan Aughamucky

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Anniversaries

Brigid Crennan, Knocknadogue

ANNIVERSARIES Next Week 28th/29th Mar

Sat 7pm: Joe & Nancy Brennan, 7 Maryville

Danny & Kitty Dowd, 18 Hillside View

Rachel Brennan, Smithstown

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 7pm-9pm; Wed & Sat Morning after Mass

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH

Ministers of The Word:

7pm Reader

Mrs Liz Byrne

GOSPEL READERS:

Mrs Brigid Coady

Mrs Mary Buggy

8am Reader

Mr Oliver McGrath

GOSPEL READERS

Mr Tom Teehan

Ms Maria Reyes

11am Mr John Kelly

GOSPEL READERS

Mrs Sheila Pedini

Mr George Mealy

Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat: John Kelly

Sat 7pm: Caitriona Brennan

Sun 8am: Margaret O'Neill

Sun 11am: Jeannette Harding

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Sunday's Collection: €1845.00

St Patrick's Day Collection: €1,300.00

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

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

11am Mass for Palm Sunday will start with blessing of palms on the pavement-outside Scoil Íosagáin at 10:45am followed by procession with donkey to the church. All are welcome especially the children of the parish as we begin Holy Week this year.

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.

PARISH OFFICE

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EASTER CARDS

A selection of Easter Mass Bouquets Cards and other cards (Mass Cards, First Communion, Get Well Cards) available in the Parish Office. These cards are signed by Fr Doyle or Fr Scriven and are identified as from the Parish of Castlecomer. The intentions of those who send prayers and greetings using the Shared Mass Cards are remembered monthly at mass in Castlecomer.

School Secretary – Firoda National School

Holycross National School, Firoda, invites applications for the position of School Secretary for four days per week: Mon – Wed 9am -1pm. Fri 9am – 3pm. Apply by email to: info@firodaschool.ie To obtain full details of this position please go to educationposts.ie Applicants must submit: Letter of Application CV(Digital), Referees (name, role and contact number) The position is subject to the fulfilment of vetting requirements.

Erins Own GAA Lotto

This week's jackpot is €16,400. The draw will take place Tuesday night. Ticket

Pope Leo's 2026 International Visits

Pope Leo XIV has announced his schedule of visits during 2026. He will visit Monaco on March 28, the African continent from April 13 to 23, and a weeklong visit to Spain in June.

Pope Leo will begin the African visit in Algiers. A priest of the Augustinian order he has expressed his hopes to follow the footsteps of St Augustine. Annaba is home to the Basilica of St. Augustine, built near the ruins of the Basilica Pacis where the theologian died in A.D. 430. During the 10-day visit the pope will also visit Cameroon, Angola, Equatorial Guinea.

The visit to Spain in June is expected to include stops in Madrid, Barcelona and the Canary Islands. The visit to the Canary Islands will likely draw attention to the issue of migration. A highlight of the Barcelona visit will be the inauguration of the newest and tallest tower of the Sagrada Família. The visit falls during the centenary of Venerable Antoni Gaudi's death; the architect was declared venerable last year, one step away from his possible beatification.

In addition to his international travel, the Vatican has previously announced that Pope Leo will make six trips within Italy this year, including visits to the shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii and the tomb of St. Augustine in northern Italy. Most notable is his plan to visit the island of Lampedusa on July 4 – Independence Day in America! An American Pope sending a less than subtle message to the *Land of the Free and Home of the Brave* on their national holiday of independence!

HOLY WEEK 2026 SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH PALM SUNDAY

VIGIL MASS (SATURDAY) 7PM

PALM SUNDAY

8AM AND 11AM

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

MASS OF CHRISM

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, 7.30PM

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

HOLY THURSDAY

7PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

12NOON STATIONS OF THE CROSS

3PM SOLEMN VENERATION OF THE CROSS

7PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

HOLY SATURDAY

8PM EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass 8am and 11am

CONFESSIONS

PALM SUNDAY 2PM – 3.30PM

GOOD FRIDAY BEFORE AND AFTER

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mar 21: First Penance

Apr 26: First Holy Communion, 11am

June 26: Crosshill Cemetery Mass, 7pm

July 3: Parish Graveyard Mass, 7pm

TBC: Smithstown