



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Parish Newsletter 1st 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+

Anniversaries 28TH Feb/1st Mar

Sat 7pm Alan Kenny Oak Hill; David Boland, Crettyard
Sheila Comerford, Kilkenny Rd;
Katie Hurley, Hillside View

11am Michael Holden, Love Lane

Mon: 9am Michael & Helen Loughlin, Ardra

Tues: 9am Thomas Kennedy, Mayhora

Weds: 9am Anthony (Tony) Barrett, Kilkenny Rd

Sat: 10am Mary Nolan, 13 Kilkenny Rd
James Moran, Crettenclough

ANNIVERSARIES

John F Burns, Chatsworth St; Charles Solan, Tallaght;
Jim Agar, Coon; John O'Shea, Deerpark;
Lizzy, Richard & Tommy O'Dowd, Upper Coolbaun;
Tom Brennan, Eileen Brennan, Upper Coolbaun

ANNIVERSARIES 7TH /8TH MAR

Sat 7pm: Lucy Meally, Clogh Rd; Ned & Mollie Brennan,
Knocknadogue; Kathleen Knox, Donaguile/Kilkenny

PARISH CONTACTS:

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Sunday's Collection: €2,230.00
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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday 3pm- 5pm
Tuesday 7pm – 9pm
Wednesday & Saturday
after Morning Mass

MASS CARDS

A variety of Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office. See Church Notice Board.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE LOURDES 2026

There are two places available for assisted pilgrims travelling to Lourdes. If you wish to be considered for a place, please forward your name and number by letter to the parish office for consideration.

Trócaire 2026

Don't forget the TROCAIRE BOX – Bring one home.

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of The Word:

Sat 14th 7pm: Liz Byrne
Sun 15th 8am: Fintan Barrett
Sun 15th 11am: Margaret Kavanagh

Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat: Sheila Loughlin
Sat 7pm: John Holohan
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

First Friday of March

Friday 6th March is the first Friday of March. Fr Scriven and Fr Doyle will visit the housebound at the usual times.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 6TH MARCH 2026

The World Day of Prayer is an international, women-led, ecumenical movement that shares the hopes, concerns and prayers of women from around the globe. The theme this year – *I will give you rest* - speaks to us of our need for peace and solace in a world that is filled with struggle and anxieties. The day begins in Samoa and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer, finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa – a truly worldwide day of prayer! The local service will be held on Fri 6th March 7pm in St. Mary's Church, Castlecomer. All are welcome.

ERINS OWN GAA LOTTO

This week's jackpot is €16,000. The draw will take place Tuesday night. Tickets are on sale around the town, or you can play online. BE IN TO WIN.

ST KIERAN

St Kieran's Day is March 5th. Patron of our diocese St Kieran founded a monastery in Seir Kieran in Co Offaly. Associated with our diocese he is the patron of our diocese, diocesan college and our cathedral.

CASTLECOMER MALE VOICE CHOIR

Annual Table Quiz hosted by the Castlecomer Male Voice Choir will take place in The Golf Club on Fri 6th Marc at 9pm. €40 per table. Great prizes to be won. Detail on church notice board.

MEDJUGORJE GROUP MASS

The monthly Medjugorje Group Mass will be celebrated in the Capuchin Friary, Kilkenny on Monday March 9 at 7.30pm. The Mass is being offered for the repose of the soul of Sr Margaret Mary. Rosary after Mass. All are welcome.

POOR CLARES GALWAY

Monastic Experience Day for women 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, the 7th of March. More information: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days

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This Sunday, March 1st, 3pm – 5pm.

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2026 ANNUAL TRÓCAIRE LECTURE

St. Patrick's College Maynooth "Care for Creation Amidst the Cries of War ~ Working for Peace in the Earth Community" in Renchan Hall at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tues, 3rd March., 7.00pm. Registration for this free event is required: maria.murphy@trocaire.org

FASSADININ HISTORY SOCIETY

Pat Kelly will give a talk on "The Activities of the White Feet in the North Kilkenny area in the early 1800's" on Tuesday night 3rd March at 8.00pm in Castlecomer Hall, Adm. €5.00. All welcome

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly SVP collection will be taken next weekend at all masses.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Some of the thoughts of those receiving Confirmation next weekend.

I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide me in my decisions ...I hope to grow in faith, make choices rooted in love and truth and use my gifts to help build a more compassionate and just world....

One chap picked a saint's name who is 'a strong example of a life lived in the service of Christ...'

As part of my preparation, I have been discussing and deciding my confirmation name at home – I chose my name after a saint who has kind...

I picked a name after a saint who was a man of God and had a good heart...

In school we have been following the Grow in Love book, we have discussed the power of the Holy Spirit...

My confirmation name is Catherine...she is the patron of Europe, fire prevention and nurses....

As part of my preparation at home I talked about my sponsor and what confirmation name I will choose...My godparent will guide me on my religious journey, offering guidance and support to me when I need it...I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide me in my decisions and give me courage...My confirmation name is John after John the Evangelist who was an apostle. He was trusted with caring for Jesus' mother...We have prepared artwork by creating stained glass window...

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CONFIRMATION NEXT SUNDAY 11AM MASS