



# EASTER SUNDAY (A)

Parish Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> April 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:

Collette Hayden, Timberoe; Eddie Neary, Urlingford

### Anniversaries WEEK BEGINNING 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:

Sun 8am: Deceased Priests & Parishioners of the Parish

Sun 11am: Tom, Alice & Michael Walsh, Donaguile

Fiona O'Carroll, Swords Dublin

Margaret (Peggy) Shortall, Marymount

Robert Shore, Kiltown

Mon 10am: Michael Shortall, Yellow Rd

Tues 10am: Kathleen Dwyer, Massford

Wed 10am: Shared Mass

Thurs:10am Shared Mass

Fri:10am John Joe Fitzpatrick, Maryville

### Anniversaries:

Tim & Julia McSweeney, Maryville; John Daly, Maryville;

William & Elizabeth Shore, Kiltown;; William Ryan, Maryville;

Seamus Geoghegan, Barrack St & Clogh; Ned & Alice O'Reilly,

Newtown; Nora Kenny, James Kenny & Catherine Kenny;

Kathleen O'Reilly, Post Office; Michael Mullins, Killeshin;

James Mullins, Toronto.

*Mass this week each morning at 10am.*

### ANNIVERSARIES Next Week 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April

#### Sat, 7pm:

Daniel, Margaret & Patrick Dunne, Skehana Bridge

#### Sun, 8am:

Bridget Kenny, Rathkyle

#### Sun 11am

Catherine Dunne (nee Hughes) Barrack St

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### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Sunday's Collection: €2,040. *Mile Buiochas.*

## EASTER GREETINGS

Fr Scriven and Doyle wish all our parishioners every blessing of the Risen Christ in these Easter Days

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is closed this week. Please leave anniversaries and items for the newsletter in the Box in the Church Porch, send an email to the parish office or leave a message on the Parish Phone.

### MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

#### Ministers of The Word:

Sat 7pm: Maureen Holohan

Sun 11am: Margaret McGrath

Sun 11am: Helena Dowd

#### Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat: Mary Farrell

Sat 7pm: Catherine Greer

Sun 8am: Margaret O'Neill

Sun 11am: Teresa Hetherington

### PARISH & DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING

Diocesan Liaison Person:

**Ailish Higgins**

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Documents & Policies on Diocesan Website.

### REGINA CAELIA

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia  
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia  
Has risen as he said, alleluia  
Pray for us to God, alleluia

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday 3pm – 5pm;

Tuesday 7pm-9pm;

Wednesday after morning Mass.

### EASTER TO ASCENSION – A TIME OF REMEMBERING

In that first year the period between Christ's Resurrection – Easter Sunday - and his Ascension into Heaven – Ascension Thursday - was a time of remembrance. The apostles spent it turning over in their minds all that the Lord had said and done during his three years public ministry: from the Wedding Feast of Cana to the Entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

The Church asks us to do the same over the next few weeks each time we gather around the altar. We will read a lot from the Gospel of St John: the account of Jesus' Priestly Prayer, re-reading in Eastertide the words Jesus spoke on the eve of his Passion.

But this time we, like the apostles, are invited to hear these words in a new way. We are to hear them in light of the Resurrection. Jesus is Risen. His words now from before take on a new significance. We hear them again but this time after we have spent time in the Upper Room for the Last Supper, stood at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday and came to the tomb on Holy Saturday night to find it empty. We hear the words inviting us to 'Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee. Eastertide is a time of remembering – remembering in light of the Resurrection.

### St Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul monthly collection will be taken up next week at all masses.

### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

Pope Leo asks us in April to entrust all priests into the Father's hands, especially those going through moments of crisis, "when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope."

*"Good Father, teach us as a community to care for our priests: to listen without judging, to give thanks without demanding perfection, to share with them the baptismal mission of proclaiming the Kingdom in word and deed, and to accompany them with closeness and sincere prayer,"*

### POPE LEO ON THE WAR IN IRAN

*"I'm told that President Trump recently stated that he would like to end the war...Hopefully he's looking for an off-ramp. Hopefully, he's looking for a way to decrease the amount of violence, of bombing, which would be a significant contribution to removing the hatred that's being created and that's increasing constantly in the Middle East and elsewhere."*

The Pope was responding to Christopher Lamb, of CNN, who had asked him if he had a message for President Trump and the leaders of the US and Israel, "with the war escalating in the Middle East". Leo replied: *"Come back to the table, to dialogue. Let's look for solutions to problems, let's look for ways to reduce the amount of violence, that peace – especially at Easter – might reign in our hearts."* Two days earlier, Palm Sunday, Leo had invoked the prophet Isaiah to warn that God *"does not listen to the prayers of those who wage war but rejects them"*.

### TROCAIRE

You are invited to return your Trocaire Box at this time. Envelopes available at the back of the church if you wish to contribute. There is also a box, marked Trocaire, in the Church Porch through which you can give ongoing support this Irish Church agency who care for those in great need in our world. **The Trocaire Box: It's not just a box, it's a lifeline.**

### FASSADININ HISTORY SOCIETY

Margaret O'Neill will give a talk on 'Castlecomer in the Papers 1925' on Tuesday night 7th April at 8.00 pm in Meeting Room in Castlecomer Hall. Adm €5.00 All are welcome.

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