



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Parish Newsletter 17th 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: Paddy Joe Ryan, Athy & Male Voice Choir; Baby Conor Crotty, Kilkenny

Month's Mind: Mary Ryan, Ardra

Anniversaries WEEK BEGINNING 12TH APRIL:

Sun 11am: Jack O'Neill, Maryville.

Tues 9am: Nellie McNulty

Sat 10am: John and Mary O'Brien, Skehana; John F O'Brien, Skehana; Breda O'Brien, Drumgoole

Anniversaries:

Tom & Bridget Cody, Skehana; Bill & Kathleen Fitzgerald, Ballycomey; Mary Byrne, Kiltown;

Catherine Harkin (Nee Byrne) London/Kiltown; Nan Moran, Aughamucky;

Br Nicholas Healy, C.Ss.R, Kilmacar, Conahy; Sr Mary Healy, Kilmacar, Conahy

Anniversary Next Weekend: Sat 7pm: Kieran Brennan, Drumgoole; Dora Dempsey, Marymount

ANNIVERSARIES Next Week 18th/19th April

PARISH CONTACTS:

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Office: 085 827 8729

Parish Email: castlecomer@ossory.ie

Webpage: www.castlecomerparish.ie

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Sunday Collection: €1,785.00. *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

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for the newsletter before 11am on Friday morning; priority is given to Parish Notices, Diocesan Notices, Local News, Wider Community items. Generally, the newsletter is not a forum for commercial notices.

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of The Word:

Sat 7pm: Martin Walsh

Sun 8am: Maria Reyes

Sun 11am: First Holy Communion

Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat: Sheila Loughlin

Sat 7pm: John Holohan

Sun 8am: Margaret O'Neill

Sun 11am: Jeannette Harding

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.

SCOIL ÍOSAGÁIN

Part time cleaner wanted in Scoil Íosagáin. Please apply with letter of application, short CV with relevant experience and two referees by 5pm Fri 24th to applications@sniosagain.ie

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Next Sunday we will celebrate First Holy Communion in the Parish at the 11am mass. We congratulate all families for their preparation and on this important celebration in the parish and in their families. Pray for our young people at this time.

OSSORY PILGRIMAGE LOURDES 2026

Church Door collection this weekend for the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Your generosity is appreciated to support our diocesan pilgrimage.

TRÓCAIRE

The Trócaire Box: It's not just a box, it's a lifeline.

To date we have returned €2,910 to Trocaire.

Don't forget to bring your box back to the Church.

VIBRANT HEALTH

All are welcome to join Core College staff members Donna Weir, Master Medical Herbalist and Sarah Douglas, Living Food Instructor for a Demonstration and Taster Session on Wed April 22nd in the Community Hall, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Adm €25. Booking 087-1934896.

COIS NORE

Cois Nore visits Castlecomer every **Wednesday in the Community Hall from 11am to 1pm, starts on Wednesday the 15th of April.** The service is for people diagnosed with cancer, support for their families, or to find out more information about Cois Nore's Cancer Support services in Kilkenny. please drop in on a Wednesday, or ring Aileen on 087 4833941 for an appointment. All callers welcome.

OSSORY TIMES

Ossory Times – a record of life in our diocese - is now available in the church. Donation €2 in the Shrine Box.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, National Chair of the Council for Vocations, will celebrate Mass in St. Canice's Catholic Church on Vocations Sunday, at 11.00 am. The Mass will be broadcast live on RTÉ One and streamed online. Bishop Nash welcomes the celebration: "It is a great privilege as Apostolic Administrator to welcome the Mass for Vocations Sunday here to St Canice's Church in the historic heart of Kilkenny City."

NATIONAL EPILEPSY WEEK 2026

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May.

KILKENNY STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group meet next Friday April 24th, 2.30-4pm, at Tuiscint Day Services meeting rooms, St Canice's Hospital Complex, Old Dublin Road, Kilkenny. Meetings are open to stroke survivors and carers, are social & informative. For further information text/call Lynda 087-7814697.

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.

You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.

You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid,

I go before you always.

Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

Blessed are your poor,

for the kingdom shall be theirs

Blest are you that weep and mourn

for one day you shall laugh.

And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me.

Blessed, Blessed are you.

As I kneel before you

as I bow my head in prayer,

take this day,

make it yours and fill me with your love

Chorus: Ave, Maria, gratia plena,

Dominus tecum,

Benedicta tu.

All I have I give you,

ev'ry dream and wish are yours,

Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,

present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you

and I see your smiling face,

ev'ry thought, ev'ry word

is lost in your embrace.

Bless the Lord my soul

And bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord my soul

He leads me into life.