

# ASCENSION SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)



Parish Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

**+BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD+**

## Anniversaries Masses:

Sat 7pm: Collette Hayden (Months Mind)

Sun 11am Tom Kealy, Aughamucky; and George Mealy Snr, 46 Kilkenny St

Mon: 9am Catherine & Thomas Delaney, Mayhora

Tues: 9am Aidan Geoghegan, 5 Barrack St

Weds 9am Alice Holden, Maryville

Thurs 9am Shared Mass

Fri 9am Intention of the Priest

Sat: 10am Tom, Mary Anne & Tom Jnr Brennan, The Prince

## Anniversaries occurring at this time;

Claire Ryan, Maryville, Kevin Oates, Yellow Rd, John Coady, Skehana Bridge, Carmel & Patrick Mealey, Gorteen.

## ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 7pm:

Bill Lyons, Love Lane

John Quinn, Barrack St

John & Julia Brennan, Knocknadogue

James & May Kenny, Firoda

Sun 11am

Peader & Violet Madden, Kilkenny Rd

## 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: €1690. *Mile Buiochas.*

**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish Office is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

## MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

### Ministers of The Word:

Sat 7pm: Mrs Maureen Holohan

Sun 8am: Mrs Margaret McGrath

Sun 11am: Mrs Margaret Kavanagh

### Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon – Sat: Eileen Mealy

Sat 7pm: Ingrid Brennan

Sun 8am: Noreen Curry

Sun 11am: John Kelly

## PARISH & DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING

Diocesan Liaison Person:

**Ailish Higgins**

Contact: dlp@ossory.ie or 085 802 1633

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

**Ailish Dunne & Ger Comerford**

Contact: Parish Email or 085 827 8729

Documents & Policies on Diocesan Website.

## TOWARDS HEALING CONFIDENTIAL HELPLINE:

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – CEMETERY MASSES

June 26<sup>th</sup>: Crosshill Cemetery

July 3<sup>rd</sup>: Parish Cemetery

July 10<sup>th</sup>: Smithstown Cemetery

## BAPTISM IN CASTLECOMER PARISH

Over the coming months baptisms will be celebrated once a month on Saturday afternoons. Please contact the parish office to register details and make arrangements.

## CONFIRMATION 2026

As we will be celebrating Pentecost next weekend: those newly confirmed this year, and their families, will be specially welcomed to 7pm Mass on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

## MASS FOR STUDENTS PREPARING FOR EXAMS:

All students preparing for examinations this year are invited to Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May (Feast of Pentecost) for special prayers and blessings.

## KILGOREY, CRETTYARD CEMETERY MASS

The cemetery Mass in Kilgorey Crettyard will take place at 3pm on Sunday 24th May.

## OSSORY PILGRIMAGE LOURDES 2026

Please use the box in the church. to place any petitions, you wish to be brought to Lourdes at the time of the Ossory Pilgrimage (25<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026. If you would like to follow Grotto Mass in English, please log onto. [www.lourdes.org](http://www.lourdes.org) and join live on the webcam at 9am on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>.

## DIOCESAN NURSE

The Diocese of Ossory requires a nurse to provide an advocacy and support service to priests in the Diocese of Ossory. The post will be part-time, flexible and initially for a three-year period.

Please email your application to [admin@ossory.ie](mailto:admin@ossory.ie) or by post to **The Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Office, James's St, Kilkenny, R95 NH60.**

Closing date: **Fri, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

## FRESHFORD BRIDGE CLUB

Commences in Threecastles Hall, Tulla- Eircode R95WK45 8th June, at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension is a liturgical Solemnity celebrated by all the Christian Churches. It falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday. Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Augustine make reference to it, but it was probably Saint Gregory of Nyssa who influenced the propagation of the feast. Since it falls on Thursday, in many countries, this Solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. With his Ascension into heaven, the presence of the "historical Christ" comes to an end, and the presence of the Body of Christ, the Church, is inaugurated.

## A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC BY LIAM LAWTON

A concert to celebrate Fr Liam Lawton's music will take place in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry on Sunday, 24th May starting at 8.00pm. Tickets are priced at €30 from Edenderry parish website: [edenderryparish.ie](http://edenderryparish.ie)

## CARLOW CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Carlow Choral Society will give Mendelssohn's Elijah with the RTE Concert Orchestra on Friday 12th June at 7.30 pm in Carlow Cathedral. Tickets from Eventbrite or from CCS members.

## QUEEN OF THE MAY

Bring flowers of the rarest,

Bring blossoms the fairest,

From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;

Our full hearts are swelling,

our glad voices telling

The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

## Refrain

**O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!**

**Queen of the angels and Queen of the May.**

**O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!**

**Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.**

Their lady they name thee,

Their mistress proclaim thee,

Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true

As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers,

as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue