

FEAST OF PENTECOST (A)

Parish Newsletter 24th 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+

RECENTLY DECEASED: Phelim O'Connell, The Square, Castlecomer, Clara

ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sat, 7pm: Bill Lyons, Love Lane
John Quinn, Barrack St.
John & Julia Brennan, Knocknadogue
James & May Kenny, Firoda
Sun 11am: Peadar & Violet Madden, Kilkenny Rd
Kathleen Kenny, Barrack St.
Michael Healy, Kilmacar

Sat: 10am Kathleen & Michael O'Kelly Barrack St and Pete Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES

Elesbeth Phelan, Mayhora, Carmel Joyce, Aughamucky.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Sat 7pm: Sean Dowd, Upper Yellow Rd
Patsy Egan, Donaguile
William Conroy, Maryville
John Brennan, Smithstown
Sun 11am: Josie Healy, Firoda

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Last Sunday Collection: € 1960

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

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of The Word:

Sat 7pm: Mrs Brigid Coady
Sun 8am: Mr Tom Teehan
Sun 11am: Mr Fonsie Mealy

Ministers of The Eucharist:

Mon- Fri: 9am Sheila Loughlin
Sat: 10am: Sheila Loughlin
Sat 7pm: Eoin Stowe
Sun 8am: Lalaine Brennan
Sun 11am: Angela Molloy

PARISH & DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING

Diocesan Liaison Person:

Ailish Higgins

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Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

Ailish Dunne & Ger Comerford

Contact: Parish Email or 085 827 8729
Documents & Policies on Diocesan Website.

KILGOREY, CRETTYARD CEMETERY MASS

Mass is cancelled for the 24th May. Rosary will be recited in Kilgorey at 3pm instead.

PENTECOST

The name "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth." Like Easter, it is tied to a Jewish feast. 49 days (7 weeks, or "a week of weeks") after the second day of Passover, the Jews celebrated the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot). Passover celebrates the freeing of the Jews from slavery; Shavuot celebrates their becoming God's holy people by the gift and acceptance of the Law; and the counting of the days to Shavuot symbolises their yearning for the Law. From a strictly practical point of view, Shavuot was a very good time for the Holy Spirit to come down and inspire the Apostles to preach to all nations because, being a pilgrimage festival, it was an occasion when Jerusalem was filled with pilgrims from many countries. Symbolically, the parallel with the Jews is exact. We are freed from the slavery of death and sin by Easter; with the Apostles, we spend some time as toddlers under the tutelage of the risen Jesus; and when he has left, the Spirit comes down on us and we become a Church.

This weekend, (Saturday 7pm Mass) we welcome the young people that received the Sacrament of Confirmation earlier this year. Pentecost Sunday is a special feast for them and their families this year.

We also welcome the students preparing for examinations at our local senior school. After the 11am Mass they shall receive a special blessing and prayer card.

EXAMINATIONS 2026

Our gratitude to the 'regular' morning Mass community for supporting our students during examination period. The time of the morning Mass from (Wednesday 3rd June - Friday 19th June) will be 8:30am, to enable students, families, and staff to start each day with a sacred moment for reflection, stillness, and closeness to the Lord. NB Wednesday 3rd June morning Mass at 8:15 to facilitate students' registration at school. The parish will be praying for you all.

CATHEDRAL DRAW

This month's draw will take place next Wednesday the 27th of May in St Mary's Chapter House at 8pm. All welcome. The draw enables the diocese to continue to care for our wonderful Cathedral.

WHERE VOICES MEET ROOTS 2026

Join the Castlecomer Male Voice Choir in Castlecomer Discovery park from 4pm, May 31st – Free entry, for a day of music, creativity and community. Bring a picnic and a camping chair.

HYMNS FOR PENTECOST IN THE MONTH OF MAY:

Words provided for everyone to join in with the singing.

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

God's Spirit Is In My Heart

God's Spirit Is In My Heart
He Has Called Me And Set Me Apart.
This Is What I Have To Do,
What I Have To Do

Refrain

He Sent Me To Give The Good News To The Poor
Tell Prisoners That They Are Prisoners No More
Tell Blind People That They Can See
And Set The Down Trodden Free
And Go Tell Everyone The News That The
Kingdom Of God Has Come
And Go Tell Everyone
The News That God's Kingdom Has Come.

Just As The Father Sent Me So
I'm Sending You Out To Be,
My Witnesses Throughout The World,
The Whole Of The World (*Refrain*)