



Castlecomer Parish Newsletter
14th June 2026
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A (II)

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

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+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +
 Recently Deceased: John Hayes, Cruttenclough/Mallow:
 Fr. Gerard Dowd SDB. Yellow Rd, Aughamucky

ANNIVERSARIES AND MASS INTENTIONS:
 Sat 7pm: Martin and Thomas Molloy, Hillside View.
 Sun 8am: For the People of the Parish
 Sun 11am: Paddy Brennan, Smithstown, & Katie Coogan, Uskerty
 Mon 8:30am: Maureen Townsend, Southampton; Philomena Moran, New Jersey; Fr. Jim Moran, New Jersey
 Mon 12(noon) Funeral Mass for Fr. Gerard Dowd
 Tues 8:30am: John Hayes, Cruttenclough
 Wed 8:30am: John Hetherington, Market St.
 Thur: 8:30am: Increase of vocations to the Priesthood
 Fri: 8:30am: Private Intention
 Sat: 10am: Helen & Christy Lynch, and Mary Houlihan, Kilkenny St.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING AT THIS TIME: Kathleen Salmon, Donaguile. Mary Kenny, Hillside View. Gabrielle Conroy, Maryville. **REQUIESCANT IN PACE.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND 20TH/21ST JUNE:
 Saturday. 7pm: Dan Dowd, Kiltown; Margaret O'Neill, Ballyragget Rd; Gabrielle Ryan, Bowden's Court
 Sunday. 11am: Christy Brennan (Roe), (MONTH'S MIND). 23 Glebside

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:
 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10
MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
 Sat 20th June 7pm: Liz Byrne
 Sun 21st June 8am: Fintan Barrett
 Sun 21st June 11am: Angela Molloy
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Sat 20th June 7pm: John Holohan
 Sun 21st June 8am: Lalaine Brennan
 Sun 21st June 11am: Angela Molloy
 Mon – Sat: (daily Mass): Maria Reyes

THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS: EXODUS 19:2-6 (FIRST READING)
 In theology the concept of the "priesthood of all believers" is important and central to the Church's Mission. Every baptised person participates in the priesthood of Christ. This is sometimes referred to as the "common priesthood of the faithful." Through baptism, believers are united with Christ and share in His mission to be "priest, prophet, and king." This priesthood calls for a life of holiness, offering spiritual sacrifices, and bearing witness to Christ in the world. In the common priesthood, the faithful offer spiritual sacrifices, such as prayer, thanksgiving, acts of charity, and self-denial, akin to the sacrifices encouraged in the New Testament (e.g., Romans 12:1). The Baptised are encouraged to contribute to the Church's mission and life through active participation in the liturgy, service to others, and living out their faith in daily life. They are to embody and spread the Gospel, contributing to the Church's sanctifying mission.

The Ministerial Priesthood is distinct from the common priesthood and involves those who have received the sacrament of Holy Orders (deacons, priests, and bishops). Ministerial priests serve the community by administering the sacraments, preaching the Gospel, and shepherding the faithful. While both priesthoods share in Christ's priesthood, they serve different functions. The ministerial priesthood serves the common priesthood by building it up through the sacraments and guiding the community. Both forms of priesthood are integral to the life of the Church and operate in unity, reflecting different manifestations of Christ's priesthood. The Second Vatican Council's documents, such as *Lumen Gentium*, highlight these teachings, pointing to how both priesthoods contribute to the sanctity and mission of the Church. In summary, the Catholic understanding of the priesthood of all believers emphasises the role of all the faithful in participating in Christ's priesthood through baptism, contributing to the Church's mission of sanctification, evangelisation, and service, while distinguishing this from the ordained ministry's specific sacramental role.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
 Baptisms will be celebrated on the second Saturday of each month. Please contact parish office for application forms and availability. Thank you for your cooperation.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Commission certificates, signed by Bishop Ger, are available in the sacristy for collection. Please collect either before or after Mass. Those who were unable to renew their commitment, last weekend, can do so on collection of certificates.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Tuesday, 7-9pm; Wed & Sat after morning Mass. Rosary/Chaplet recited in church Monday-Saturday 12 noon and Sundays 3pm. All are welcome to join in

FR. BRENDAN PAYNE S.P.S. A Kiltegan priest (St. Patrick's Missionary Society), will be visiting the parish weekend 20th/21st June. He will speak about the missionary work of the Kiltegan Fathers. Céad míle fáilte.

CEMETERY MASSES
 Crosshill Cemetery: 7pm, Friday 26th June: Parish Cemetery: 7pm, Friday 3rd July: Smithstown Cemetery Friday 10th July.

EXAMINATIONS
 We continue to support all students sitting examinations currently, at 8:30am Mass (Monday - Friday). Prayers and a blessing for success.

COLLECTIONS:
 Parish Collection 6/7th June: €1735; June Priests Collection: 1242. *Míle Buíochas.*
 Porch collections: 13th/14th June: Saint Vincent de Paul (local Conference): Month of June, collection for the priests of the parish.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS
 Kilkenny County Council's Franchise Team is carrying out an important update to the register ahead of the new voter.ie system, in Castlecomer Library on Tuesday June 16th from 10am - 5pm. Feel free to come along and make sure you remain eligible to vote, check or update your details.

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