



**Castlecomer Parish
Newsletter 28th June 2026**

**Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time. Year A (II)**

Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee

Grúpa Paróistí: Chaisleán an Chomair, Maigh Coillí agus An Chloch

THE PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office: 085 827 8729

Parish Email: castlecomer@ossory.ie

Webpage: www.castlecomerparish.ie

Fr. Scriven: 087 242 0033. rscriven2009@gmail.com

Fr. Doyle 087 966 9223

**+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +
ANNIVERSARIES AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sat 7pm: James O'Neill, Hillside View
Martin Hurlcy, Hillside View
Sun 8am: For the People of the Parish
Sun 11am: James, Tim, & Marie Comerford,
Coolbaun. Thomas & Margaret Coogan,
Firoda

Mon 9:00am: Vocations to the Priesthood
Tues 9:00am: Priest's Intention
Wed 9:00am: For the Young people of the Parish
Thur: 9:00am: Shared Mass
Fri: 7pm: Parish Cemetery Mass
Sat: 10am: Martin & Ann O'Grady, Kilkenny Rd.

Anniversaries occurring at this time: Canon McNamara
PP. Castlecomer; Joan Pender, Byrnesgrove; Julia Carroll,
Donaguile; Kitty Dowd, Hillside View; Jack & Mary Ann
Kavanagh & all the Kavanagh family; Nora Lyon's &
family, Love Lane. Requiescant in pace.

MASS INTENTIONS for weekend 4th/5th July:

Sat 7pm: Mary Brophy, Mayhora. Month's Mind
Sun: 11am: Peggy & Kevin Egan, Drakclands.
Michael Sexton, Love Lane. Joe Shalloo,
Kiltown

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 4th July 7pm: Maureen Holohan
Sun 5th July 8am: Margaret McGrath
Sun 5th July 11am: John Kelly

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat 4th July 7pm: Ingrid Brennan
Sun 5th July 8am: Noreen Curry
Sun 5th July 11am: Jeanette Harding
Mon - Sat: (Daily Mass): Mary Farrell

A WEEK OF MARTYRS:

In the Catholic Church, martyrdom is the act of dying for one's
faith in Jesus Christ, it is seen as the ultimate witness to the faith.
The word 'martyr' derives from the Greek word for "witness"
μάρτυς (mártys). Martyrdom involves:

Witness to Faith: Martyrs die explicitly for their
Christian faith, bearing witness to their belief in Christ.

Voluntary Sacrifice: It involves a willing acceptance of
suffering and death rather than renouncing faith.

Union with Christ: Martyrs are united with Christ's
sacrifice, participating in His redemptive mission.

The martyrs have importance in the Church. They are described
as the **Crown of the Church;** martyrdom is considered the
highest form of witness, exemplifying heroic virtue. They give
Inspiration; martyrs inspire others to deepen their faith and
commitment to God. **Canonisation;** many are recognised as
saints, with feast days celebrating their witness. Examples include
early saints like Stephen, and Cecelia, and modern figures like
Maximilian Kolbe and Oscar Romero. Martyrdom represents
ultimate fidelity to God, embodying love that transcends even
death. The Martyrs of Libya (2015): Twenty-one Coptic Christians
were executed by ISIS militants for refusing to renounce their faith.
Their steadfastness is a powerful testament to contemporary
martyrdom.

This week we commemorate the lives of martyrs from the
Apostolic age; the early church; and in our own culture from the
17th Century:

June 29th: Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
June 30th: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
July 1st: St. Oliver Plunkett
July 3rd: St. Thomas, Apostle

*Heavenly Father, we thank You for the courageous witness of the
martyrs, who remained faithful to the end. Through their lives,
they bore powerful testimony to the Gospel and to Your abundant
love. All glorious martyrs, pray for us. Amen.*

PARISH & DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
Contact: dlp@ossory.ie or 085 802 1633

Parish Representatives: Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
Contact: Parish Email or 085 827 8729

HSE: 061 461 165
Tusla: 059 912 9502 (Carlow/Kilkenny)
An Garda 0564440650 (Castlecomer)
All Documents & Policies on Diocesan Website. (www.ossory.ie)

NOTES & NEWS

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND. Fr. Ian will bring
Communion and visit the housebound on Wednesday 1st July (Fr.
Richard's list) and Thursday 2nd July (Fr. Ian's list). A change of days
this month to accommodate a parish wedding. If these days are
inconvenient for you please inform him beforehand.

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 to this ministry, can do so on
collection of certificates.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Tuesday, 7-9pm; Wed &
Sat after morning Mass. 1st Sunday of each month at 3pm. Rosary/
Chaplet recited in church Monday-Saturday 12 noon and Sundays
3pm. All are welcome.

CEMETERY MASS: Parish Cemetery: 7pm, 3rd July. Smithstown
Cemetery; 7pm, 10th July. **There will not be morning Mass at
9am on these days.**

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: Thursday 16th July. Coach leaving: Muckalee
Church 7:30am; Coon Church 7:45am; Castlecomer Square 8am. For
further information: Teresa Haughney 086 3925628; Maureen Kelly
087 7707846; Margaret Murphy 087 7559006. Please book your seat
no later than Sunday 12th July.

STATUE OF OUR LADY, BALLINALACKEN: The annual rosary will be
held on Sunday 6th July at 8pm. All are welcome.

MARY KELLY (HARPIST), Mary regularly plays and sings at the 11am
Mass each Sunday. She will be absent for a few weeks. She is
performing at the Irish Embassy in Beijing as part of the Irish EU
Commission Presidency, beginning next month. Well done, Mary.

DOHENY RECYCLING LTD. We have received notice from Doheny
Recycling Ltd that the green bin used for waste from the parish
cemetery is for organic items only. No household rubbish, no plastic or
other non-organic material. **ONLY** soil, plants/flowers. An extra
surcharge/fine will be added to the parish account going forward.
Please take non-organic items home for disposal.

BALLYFOYLE BAKING COMPETITION: Today, Sunday 28th June at
agricultural show. All details on 0863151937 or
www.ballyfoyleagriculturalshow.com

COLLECTIONS: Parish Collection 20th/21st June: € 1790.00. Porch
collections: Month of June, collection for the priests of the parish
Please use box at the church door, and envelopes if you have them.
Mile Buíochas.