Parish Newsletter 7th June 2026

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi.- (A)

Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee

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+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +
Recently Deceased: Christy Brennan, The Glebeside;
John Hetherington, Market Street.

ANNIVERSARIES AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 7pm:	Richard & Kate Brennan, Smithstown; James and May Kelly, Firoda
Sun 8am:	For the People of the Parish
Sun 11am:	Valarie Kelly Conway, Lower Acorns; Edward Holland, Ardra
Mon 8:30am:	Statia Maher, Rathkyle
Tues 8:30am:	Mary (Min) Kennedy, Mayhora
Wed 8:30am:	Shared Mass
Thur:8:30am:	Vocations to the Priesthood
Fri: 8:30am:	Those preparing for Marriage
Sat: 10am:	For World Peace

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING AT THIS TIME: Msgr. John Boland, New Jersey; Eilís O'Rourke, Donaguile Heights; Mary Brennan (Roe), Maryville; Alice Campion, Chatsworth, Clogh; Mary O'Shea, Chatsworth, Clogh; Margaret O'Neill, London/ Maryville. REQUIESCANT IN PACE.

Mass intentions for weekend 13th/14th June:
Saturday. 7pm: Martin and Thomas Molloy, Hillside View.

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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 13th June	7pm: Martin Walsh
Sun 14th June	8am: Maria Reyes
Sun 14th June	11am: Teresa Hetherington

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat 13th June	7pm: Catherine Greer
Sun 14th June	8am: Noreen Curry
Sun 14th June	11am: John Kelly
Mon – Sat:	(daily Mass): Eileen Mealy

Today's feast of CORPUS CHRISTI is a celebration of the new covenant of Christ with his people: where he offered himself as a perfect sign of his love for us. The Gospel narrative of the Last Supper (Mk14:12-16. 22-26) tells of the new covenant, so much more wonderful and powerful than the old. Jesus's action at the Passover table is a ritual that anticipates his brutal, yet life-giving, death. Christ's deep compassion for humankind inaugurates this new covenant, a new relationship of love between God and all God's people. The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY: To be Commissioned or renewal of commitment at all Masses this weekend on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

TUESDAY 9TH JUNE: Columba (Colm Cille) He was born in Gartan, in County Donegal, and was of royal lineage. He studied under Finnian of Moville and Finnian of Clonard. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow, and possibly Kells, before leaving Ireland as a missionary, "an exile for Christ." His greatest foundation was Iona, from where he converted much of western Scotland, and his followers took the Gospel as far as northern England. He died at Iona in 597. He was renowned as a poet and scribe as well as a spiritual guide. In Gaelic literature he appears as Ireland's most popular saint, noted for his great personal love of all creatures, both human and animal. St. Columba pray for us.

Corpus Christi Procession. Sunday, 7th June 2026 at 3.00 p.m from St Canice's Church, to the Capuchin Friary. All welcome.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament. (Today) Sunday 7th June 3 - 5 PM: Rosary/Chaplet recited in church Monday-Saturday 12 noon and Sundays 3pm. All are welcome to join in.

COLLECTIONS: Parish Collection 30th/31st May: €2635. *Míle Buíochas*.
Porch collections: 6th/7th June: (please use envelopes) for Priests of the Parish. 13th/14th June: Saint Vincent de Paul.

In the *ars celebrandi (the art of celebrating)*, liturgical song has a pre-eminent place. Saint Augustine rightly says in a famous sermon that "the new man sings a new song. Singing is an expression of joy and, if we consider the matter, an expression of love". The People of God assembled for the liturgy sings the praises of God. In the course of her two-thousand-year history, the Church has created, and still creates, music and songs which represent a rich patrimony of faith and love. This heritage must not be lost. *(Benedict XVI Sacramentum Caritatis 42)*

HYMNS FOR MASS THIS WEEKEND. LET'S BEGIN WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

1 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide;
Wash me with water flowing from his side.

2 Strength and protection may thy passion be
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
Deep in Thy wounds Lord, hide and shelter me;
So shall I never, never part from Thee.

3 Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments make me only Thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise Thee with Thy saints for ay.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS: FRIDAY JUNE 12TH
Devotion to the Sacred Heart, encouraged by mediaeval mystics and promoted by St Gertrude, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, St John Eudes and others, represents a devotion to Jesus in his human nature, in particular referring to the heart as the seat of the emotions.

SWEET HEART OF JESUS

1. Sweet Heart of Jesus,
Fount of love and mercy,
Today we came,
Thy blessing to implore;
Oh touch our hearts,
So cold and so ungrateful,
And make them, Lord;
Thine own for ever more.

2. Sweet Heart of Jesus,
Make us pure and gentle
And teach us how,
To do Thy blessed will,
To follow close,
The print of Thy dear footsteps,
And when we fall,
Sweet Heart, oh love us

Chorus:*Sweet heart of Jesus we implore,*
Oh, make us love Thee more and more.

3. Sweet Heart of Jesus,
Bless all hearts that love Thee,
And may Thine own Heart,
Ever blessed be,
Bless us, dear Lord;
And bless the friends we cherish,
And keep us true,
To Mary and to Thee.

Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest
until it finds You, who are its centre,
its love, and its happiness. Amen