



Castlecomer Parish Newsletter

5th July 2026

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

Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee

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

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

Mary Creaney, Monaghan

ANNIVERSARIES AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 7pm: Mary Brophy, Mayhora. **Month's Mind**
Sun. 8am: For the People of the Parish
Sun. 11am: Peggy & Kevin Egan, Drakelands. Michael Sexton,
Love Lane. Joe Shalloe, Kiltown
Mon. 9:00am: For Eucharistic Ministers & Readers of the parish
Tue. 9:00am: For the Diocese of Ossory
Wed. 9:00am: Vocations to the Priesthood
Thur. 9:00am: Shared Mass
Fri. 4pm: Fr Gerard Dowd, Yellow Rd. **Month's Mind**
7pm: Smithstown Cemetery Mass
Sat. 10am: Bishop Elect Stephen Wang (A&B)
Anniversaries occurring at this time: George Stone, Skahana.
Margaret (Peg) McDonald, Maryville. Robert McGuinness, Kiltown.
Gerard Heffernan, Aughamucky. Jake Brennan, Linton Grove.
Requiescant in pace.

MASS INTENTIONS for weekend 11th / 12th July

Sat 7pm: John Hetherington, Market St. **Month's Mind**
Sun: 11am: Catherine (Kathy) Holohan, Donaguile

PARISH & DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING

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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 11th July 7pm: Brigid Coady
Sun 12th July 8am: Tom Teehan
Sun 12th July 11am: George Mealy

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat 11th July 7pm: Louise Walsh
Sun 12th July 8am: Lalaine Brennan
Sun 12th July 11am: Angela Molly
Mon – Sat: (Daily Mass): Sheila Loughlin

Notes & News

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.

ST. BENEDICT. July 11th is the Feast Day of St Benedict, Patron of Europe. *"Look with compassion on Europe in our time: on its peoples, its leaders, its families, its young and its elderly. Obtain for us a renewed faith in Christ, respect for human dignity, a love for truth, and a spirit of solidarity and peace. Amen."*

CEMETERY MASS: Smithstown Cemetery; 7pm, 10th July. **There will not be morning Mass at 9am on this day.**

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 AT BALLINALACKEN: The annual rosary will be held today, Sunday 5th July at 8pm. All are welcome.

SVP church porch collection at all Masses weekend 11th & 12th July. Thank you for your continued generosity for those in need.

COLLECTIONS: Parish Collection 27th & 28th June: €1855.00. *Míle Buíochas.*

♪ BUT THE ANGELUS BELL O'ER THE LIFFEY'S SWELLS RANG OUT IN THE FOGGY DEW! ♪ The Angelus is a traditional Catholic prayer that features particularly in Irish culture; song, paintings, Radio/TV, local church bells, and family homes. It commemorates the Incarnation—the moment when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would bear Jesus Christ. The Angelus developed in the Middle Ages from the custom of praying three Hail Marys at the sound of church bells. In the Catholic Church today The Pope often leads the Angelus publicly on Sundays and certain feast days from the Apostolic Palace overlooking Saint Peter's Square. During the Easter season, the Angelus is replaced by the Regina Caeli, a prayer celebrating Christ's Resurrection. The Angelus is both a prayer and a reminder to pause during the day and reflect on God's presence in ordinary life. The practice of reciting the Angelus predates our modern *mindfulness* call to 'take-time out'. It's recited at 6am, 12(noon) and 6pm, and in this way, offers us an opportunity to place ourselves into the presence of the Incarnate God. In 2015 RTÉ commissioned a report seeking public opinion on continuing the practice of the 'Angelus' on radio and tv; the overwhelming response was to retain the practice.

THE ANGELUS PRAYER

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with Thee;

Blessed art thou among women,

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to thy word.

Hail Mary. . .

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.