



Castlecomer Parish Newsletter

9th August 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A (II)

Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee
GRUAPA PAROISTÍ: CHÁRSLÉÁN AN CHÓMAIR, MAIGH COILLÉ AGUS AN CHLÓCH

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+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Charlie Byrne**, Clashduff. **Ian Renwick**, Callen/Cuffesgrange

ANNIVERSARY MASS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 7pm: **Maureen Callery**. Month's Mind Barrack Hill
Sun. 8am: For the People of the Parish.
Sun. 11am: **Joe & Julia Comerford**. The Old Rectory.
John Murtagh. Kilkenny Rd.
Tue. 9:00am: **Jack Barrett**. Kilkenny Rd
Wed. 9:00am: **Alfredo Pedini**. Copenhagen
Thur. 9:00am: Vocations to the Priesthood
Fri. 7pm: **John Rothwell**. Upper Firoda
Sat. 11am: **Martha & James Mealy**. Ardra.
Eileen Sherwood & family members. Maryville. **Egan & Lawlor Families**.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING AT THIS TIME:

Paddy Geoghan, Barrack St. **Julia O'Hanlon**, Maryville. **Eileen Flood**, Donaguile. **Margaret (Peg) Phelan**, Ballyhemmon. **Sarah Helen Brennan**, Woodvale Grove. **Canon Mark Kirwin**, PP

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND 15TH/16TH AUGUST

Sat 7pm **Sheila Foster**. Athy/Ballylinan
Sun. 8am: For the People of the Parish
Sun. 11am: **Billy Ryan** (Month's Mind) Aughamuckey

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM.
Mass times for the Solemnity are: Friday 14th August at 7pm. and, 11am on Saturday 15th August. Please note that there will **not** be Mass at 9am on Friday 14th nor at 10am on Saturday 15th August.

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him this August in praying for 'evangelisation in the city'. He released the monthly "Pray with the Pope" video at the beginning of August. In his prayer, Pope Leo asks the "Good Shepherd" who "walks through our streets and squares," to "enter tall buildings and humble neighbourhoods," and to "silently accompany millions" of people who "seek meaning amid noise and haste." The Pope acknowledges that while cities are meant to be places of "freedom and opportunity," they can also become "spaces of anonymity and isolation." Thus, he expressed his hope that urban environments may provide "fertile ground" for proclaiming the Gospel. The Pope also prayed that the faithful make "simple and loving gestures," and do so together as a community that "goes forth," and combats indifference and isolation with presence and fraternity. Today, almost 45% of the world's population lives in urban areas. Demographic growth has led to a high concentration of people, generating social and community challenges, including loneliness that affects the mental health of many people, especially young people.

SAFEGUARDING ISSUE
All Documents & Policies on Diocesan Website. (www.ossory.ie)

For all Safeguarding concerns contact: Ossory Diocese Rep: Ailish Higgins; dlp@ossory.ie or 085 802 1633; Parish Reps: Ger Comerford/ Eilish Dunne at Parish Office. HSE: 061 461 165. TUSLA: 059 912 9502 (Carlow/Kilkenny). An Garda Síochána: 0564440650 (Castlecomer).

Collections: Parish Offertory Collection 1st/2nd August: €1945

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MASS CARDS.
A variety of Mass cards, for different occasions, are available for purchase in the Parish Office, please check opening times on previous column.

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT
All dog walkers are asked to clean up after their dogs if they foul on the church grounds. Please bring bags to assist you, and importantly take the used bags home with you for disposal.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS
Thank you for your understanding for the lack of lighting on the sanctuary area over the past few weeks. All is in hand to have them restored. The Electricians are awaiting parts to be delivered.

CÉAD MÁILE FÁILTE! The parish of Castlecomer welcome all holidaymakers and those returning home to family during the summer break. We trust that your visit will be refreshing and joyful.

CASTLECOMER LIBRARY EVENTS
Do you have any old photographs, documents, letters or maps at home that you would like to contribute to Kilkenny Libraries Digital Archive? Our Library staff will demonstrate how digital archiving helps preserve community heritage for future generations. All are welcome! No Booking Required. Saturday 22nd August 11am - 1pm - Digital Archive Roadshow.

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK EVENT. Celebrate the 300th anniversary of Gulliver's Travels with Jonathan Swift scholar Dr Brendan Twomey on the 18th of August at 6:30pm. Discover how Swift's time in Kilkenny Influenced one of the worlds most celebrated books, and explore its enduring themes and relevance today. Booking is required. To book your place please contact Castlecomer Library at 056 444 0561

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. 15th August	7pm	Brigid Coady
Sun. 16th August	8am	Tom Teehan
Sun. 16th August	11am	Angela Molloy

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat. 15th August	7pm	John Holohan
Sun. 16h August	8am	Laline Brennan
Sun. 16th August.	11am	Angela Molly
Tues. - Sat: (Daily Mass)		Mary Farrell