# Castlecomer Parish Newsletter
26th/27th September 2026

## Twenty-Sixth 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 have died with the Lord+**

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Mary Brigid (Biddy) Murphy**, Cuan Bhríde/Shragh, Rathdowney

ANNIVERSARY & MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND & COMING WEEK:

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| Sat: | 7pm | **Michael Brooke**, Coolbaun. **Joey Collins,** Marymount |
| Sun: | 8am | For the People of the Parish |
| | 11am | **William Shea**, Kilkenny Rd.<br>**Gerry Mahon**, Mayo<br>**Jim & Annie O'Neill**, The Spike, Donaguile |
| Tues: | 9am | Increase in Vocations to Priesthood |
| Wed: | **9:30am** | **Intention of Students and Staff CCS** |
| Sat: | 10am | **TD & Padraig Purcell**, Firoda |

*ANNIVERSARY LIST:* **Annie Boran,** Donaguile . **Joseph Phelan,** Mayhora**, Philip Stowe,** Kildare. ***REQUIESCANT IN PACE***

ANNIVERSARY & INTENTION MASSES 3RD/4TH OCTOBER:

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| Sat: | 7pm | **Tina Walsh**, Marymount/Ardra |
| Sun: | 8am | Shared Mass |
| Sun: | 11am | For sick Parishioners & Family members |

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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:

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| Sat. 3rd Oct: 7pm | Eithna McKenna |
| Sun. 4th Oct: 8am | Maria Reyes |
| Sun. 4th Oct: 11am | Angela Molloy |

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

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| Sat. 3rd Oct: 7pm | Ingrid Brennan |
| Sun. 4th Oct: 8am | Margaret O'Neill |
| Sun. 4th Oct: 11am | Angela Molloy |
| Tue. - Sat: (Daily Mass) | Angela Byrne |

**Please Note: there will be no Mass on 1st & 2nd October. Fr. Ian away for wedding in Derry.**

Castlecomer Community School First Year Mass at **9:30am 30th September.** All welcome.

Communion to Housebound. Fr Richard's list Thursday 8th Oct, Fr Ian's list Fri 9th Oct. A week after the first Friday, due to Fr. Ian away. Thanks for your understanding.

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.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Date May 14th - May 19th 2027 All bookings, apart from assisted pilgrims, at JWT. Tel 01 24108800 (call for cost Dec 2026)

Bi Centenary of St Patrick 's Church, Clogh....Bishop Ger will celebrate Mass on Friday 9th October at 7pm to mark this important occasion.

Bridge lessons, community hall, 9th Oct, @ 7PM. DETAILS 0868500865

PARISH OFFERTORY AND COLLECTIONS:
Weekend: 19th/20th September €2000. Go raibh maith agaibh

**29th Sept: Michael, Gabriel & Raphael. Archangels**
**2nd Oct: Feast of The Guardian Angels**

Angels! We see them everywhere, from Christmas tree toppers to baby shower decorations. For Catholics, angels are so much more than just pretty imagery. They're a vibrant, essential part of our faith, woven throughout salvation history and active in our lives today.

Firstly, let's clear up a common misconception: angels aren't deceased humans who grew wings. The Church teaches that angels are entirely separate creations of God. They are pure spirit – no bodies, no physical form as we understand it – incredibly intelligent, and possess free will. God created them before humanity, and they exist outside of our concept of time and space.

Their purpose? To glorify God, serve Him, and act as His messengers. In fact, the word "angel" comes from the Greek: ἀγγέλου "aggelos," which means "messenger." Think of Gabriel announcing Christ's birth to Mary, or the angels who appeared to the shepherds. They are constantly worshipping God in heaven, but they also play a vital role in carrying out His will on Earth. The Church even teaches there are different "choirs" or ranks of angels, each with unique roles in God's divine plan.

Beyond the big, dramatic appearances, angels are also deeply personal. Perhaps the most comforting idea for many of us is that of our very own Guardian Angel. The Church believes that God assigns each one of us an angel to protect us, guide us, and pray for us. It's not just a children's prayer; it's a profound teaching that speaks to God's immense love and care for every single person. So, the next time you think of angels, remember they're not just storybook characters. They are real, powerful, spiritual beings created by God, constantly serving Him, and actively involved in our lives. They're a beautiful reminder of the unseen spiritual world that surrounds us and a testament to God's boundless creativity and unwavering love. *Angel of God, guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, rule and guide. Amen*