



## Castlecomer Parish Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time.**

Year A (II)

## Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee

*Grupa Paroistí: Cháisleán an Chomair, Maigh Coillí agus An Chloch*

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## +Blessed are those who have died with the Lord+

*Recently Deceased:* **James (Jim) Byrne**, Lisnafunchion

### ANNIVERSARY & MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND & COMING WEEK

|       |      |                                                                                         |
|-------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat:  | 7pm  | <b>Charlie Byrne</b> , Clashduff. (Month's Mind)                                        |
| Sun:  | 8am  | <b>Patrick O'Shea</b> , and <b>James &amp; Bridget O'Shea</b> . Hillcrest               |
| Sun:  | 11am | <b>John Dillon</b> , The Corner House                                                   |
| Tues: | 9am  | <b>Maria Reyes - Cardona</b> , UK, & <b>Juan Reyes-Cano</b> , Spain                     |
| Wed:  | 9am  | <b>Thomas &amp; Julia Brennan</b> , and <b>Patrick &amp; Brigid Brennan</b> , Moneenroe |
| Thur: | 9am  | <b>Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hetherington</b> , Barrack St.                                    |
| Fri:  | 9am  | <b>Sheila O'Neill</b> , Kilkenny St.                                                    |
| Sat:  | 10am | <b>Joseph O'Shea</b> , Dysart                                                           |

### ANNIVERSARY LIST:

**Terry Moran**, Kilkenny St. **Kathleen Simms**, Chatsworth St. **Annie Buggy**, Kiltown. **Francis Shortall**, Hillside View. **Kathleen & Charlie Byrne**, Clashduff.  
REQUIESCANT IN PACE

### ANNIVERSARY & INTENTION MASSES 12<sup>TH</sup>/13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

|      |      |                                                    |
|------|------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Sat: | 7pm  | <b>Peg, John &amp; Gerard McDonald</b> , Maryville |
| Sun: | 8am  | For the People of the Parish                       |
| Sun: | 11am | <b>Mary Coady</b> , Skehana. (Month's Mind)        |

## 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. 12 <sup>th</sup> September: 7pm   | Mary Buggy        |
| Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> September : 8am  | Dick Mullins      |
| Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> September : 11am | Margaret Kavanagh |

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

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| Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup> September 7pm    | Ingrid Brennan   |
| Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> September : 8am  | Margaret O'Neill |
| Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> September : 11am | John Kelly       |
| Tue. - Sat: (Daily Mass)               | Eileen Mealy     |

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.

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP NASH AS BISHOP OF OSSORY. The parish have received 10 invitation cards for the Installation Mass, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny City, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm, followed by Reception afterwards at New Park Hotel, Kilkenny. Entry to both events is by card only. Please give your name to Parish Office and arrange collection of cards. First come first served.

LEGION OF MARY - Annual Trip to Knock Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Bus leaving Butt's Green 7:00am. Please contact 086 8469011 to book a seat.

SVP PORCH COLLECTION: 12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September

POLISH COMMUNITY MASS. W czwartek, 17 września o godz. 19:00, w St. Mary's Cathedral w Kilkenny odbędzie się uroczysta Polska Msza Święta. Naszym gościem będzie wyjątkowy i bogobojny rekolekcjonista, ks. Prusakiewicz, który w niezwykle sposób przybliży nam postać św. Michała Archanioła. To prawdopodobnie jedyna i niepowtarzalna okazja, aby spotkać się z tak wspaniałym kapłanem, a także wziąć udział w uroczystym nadaniu szkaplerza św. Michała Archanioła.

PARISH OFFERTORY: Weekend: 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> August  
€2150. *Go rabid math aguish*

St. Ciarán of Clonmacnoise (September 9<sup>th</sup>). Not to be confused with St. Ciarán of Saigir. Ciarán founded the monastery of Clonmacnoise, and is considered one of the twelve apostle of Ireland. As Abbot of Clonmacnoise he was a teacher to St. Carthage. There are many legends of St Ciarán. It is said that it was his cow that would, after death, provide the parchment to be used for the manuscript Lobar na h'Eider (Book of the Dun Cow) one of the oldest and most important Irish literary collections, and today is held in the library of the Royal Irish Academy.

Ciarán came from humble origins. He worked as a cattle herder in his youth. He studied at Clonard under St. Finian and later under St Enda of Aran, at Inishmore. Unlike other monasteries at that time, the Abbot of Clonmacnoise was not hereditary, which reflected the humble origins of Ciarán its founder. From childhood Ciarán showed an unusual love for prayer, study, and charity. Hagiographical accounts describe him as gentle, obedient, and deeply contemplative. One famous story from his youth tells how he gave away his possessions to the poor, including even items entrusted to him for safekeeping. Though rebuked by others, this generosity became a hallmark of his sanctity.

Clonmacnoise was to become one of the most important centres of learning and religious life in Ireland. St Columba said of Ciarán " He was a lamp, blazing with the light of wisdom". The monastery of Clonmacnoise was destroyed at the Dissolution of the Monasteries (1552), having survived the plundering of the Vikings and the Anglo-Norman wars.

*O God, who didst raise up blessed Ciarán to plant the light of monastic life in Ireland, grant that through his intercession we may seek Thee with purity of heart and persevere in prayer and charity. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

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