



Castlecomer Parish Newsletter 3rd / 4th October 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time.
Year A (II)

Cluster of Clogh, Castlecomer and Muckalee

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+Blessed are those who have died with the Lord+

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Gerard (Gerry) Ferris**, Ardra.

Juliann Dalton (née Walsh), Kiltown

Raymond Lyng, Crutt

ANNIVERSARY & MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND & COMING WEEK:

Sat: 7pm **Tina Walsh**, Marymount / Ardra.

Sun: 8am Shared Mass Scheme for October.

11am For unwell/sick parishioners & family members.

Mon: 12pm **Funeral Mass for Gerard Ferris**.

Tues: 9am **Dan, Joe, & Kay Brennan**, Manchester / Moneenroe.

Wed: 9am Intention of Fr. Ian (Priestly Ordination Anniversary).

Thur: 9am **Mary Brigid (Biddy) Murphy**, Brookhaven NH / Shragh.

Fri: 9am **Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick**, Maryville.

Sat: 10am Intention of Castlecomer Parishioners.

ANNIVERSARY LIST: **Annie Smyth**, Golf Links. **Patsy Brophy**, Mayhora.

Anna Marie Barrett, Church Ave. **Seamus Kennedy**, Ardra. **Tom Ryan**, Aughamucky. *REQUIESCANT IN PACE.*

ANNIVERSARY & INTENTION MASSES 10TH / 11TH OCTOBER:

Sat: 7pm Retired Priests of Ossory Diocese.

Sun: 8am For the People Of The Parish.

Sun: 11am **Molly Mealy**, Kilkenny St.

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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. 10th Oct: 7pm Martin Walsh

Sun. 11th Oct: 8am Dick Mullins

Sun. 11th Oct: 11am Sheila Pedini

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat. 10th Oct: 7pm Eoin Stowe

Sun. 11th Oct: 8am Lalaine Brennan

Sun. 11th Oct: 11am John Kelly

Tue. - Sat: (Daily Mass) Sheila Loughlin

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 having been away. Thank you 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 costs 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.

FASSADININ HISTORY SOCIETY - Jim Murphy will give a talk on his ancestral home in Glenmagoo to include the Penal Times, Hedge Schools, Iron Smelting and the United Irishmen on Tuesday, 6th October, 2026 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room in Castlecomer Hall. Adm. €5.00. All are welcome.

BRIDGE LESSONS, Castlecomer Community Hall, Starting 9th Oct, @ 7PM. DETAILS 0868500865.

Thank you to John Paul II Group for supplying the 'pop-up' religious shop last Saturday. It was much appreciated.

OCTOBER 4TH: St. Francis was the son of a prosperous cloth merchant in Assisi. When his father objected to having his goods sold without his consent to pay for the restoration of a church, the bishop commanded Francis to repay the money. He did. He also renounced his father and gave back everything he had ever been given, even his garments. He began a life of perfect evangelical poverty, living by begging and even then only accepting the worst food that people had to give. He preached to all the love of God and the love of the created world; because, having renounced everything, he celebrated everything he received, or saw, or heard, as a gift. A rich man sold everything and joined him in living next to a leper colony; a canon from a neighbouring church gave up his position and joined them also. They looked into the Gospel and saw the story of the rich young man whom Jesus told to sell everything; they saw Jesus telling his disciples to take nothing with them on their journey; they saw Jesus saying that his followers must also carry his cross. And on that basis they founded an order. Francis went to Rome himself and persuaded the Pope to sanction it, though it must have seemed at once impractical and subversive to set thousands of men (however holy) wandering penniless round the towns and villages of Europe. Because Francis was wearing an old brown garment begged from a peasant, tied round the middle with string, that became the Franciscan habit. Ten years later 5,000 men were wearing it; a hundred years later Dante was buried in it because it was more glorious than cloth of gold. There is too much to say about Francis to fit here. He tried to convert the Muslims, or at least to attain martyrdom in doing so. He started the practice of setting up a crib in church to celebrate the Nativity. Francis died in 1226, having started a revolution. The Franciscans endure to this day.

PARISH OFFERTORY & COLLECTIONS:

Weekend: 26th/27th September €1880

Month of October: Collection for Priests.

Go raibh maith agaibh.