

Castlecomer Parish Newsletter
24th/25th October 2026

Thirtieth 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: **Molly Kavanagh**, Bance

ANNIVERSARY & MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat: 7pm. **Kathleen Tynan**, Skahana. & **Betty Harding**, Maryville

Sun: 8am. For the people of the parish

Sun: 11am. **Candidates and Families for First Holy Communion**

Tue: 9am. **Bill & Glady's Ryan**, Donaguile

Fri: 9am. Peace in the world

Sat: 10am. **Philip, Kim, Callum, & Jayden English**, Waterford

ANNIVERSARY LIST: **Very Rev Thomas Brennan**, PP Castlecomer. **Sr. Carmel O'Hanlon**, Presentation Convent. **Maurice Ryan**, Aughamucky. **Bridget, Michael, & infant Helen Shortall**, Aughamucky**. Sheila Rochford, Mick Brennan, & deceased members of Brennan family**, Smithstown. Larry Holohan, Skehana, Michael Murphy, Chatsworth St. ***REQUIESCANT IN PACE.***

ANNIVERSARY & INTENTION MASSES 31ST OCT/ 1ST NOV:

Sat: 7pm **Juliann Dalton**, Kiltown (Month's Mind)

Sun: 8am. For the People of the Parish

Sun: 11am **John Greer**, Dineguile.

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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. 31st Oct: 7pm Maureen Holohan

Sun. 1st Nov: 8am Maria Reyes

Sun. 1st Nov: 11am George Mealy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat. 31st Oct: 7pm James Daly

Sun. 1st Nov: 8am Margaret O'Neill

Sun. 1st Nov: 11am Angela Molloy

Wed. - Sat: (Daily Mass) Mary Farrell

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES & FAMILIES. We welcome them at 11am Mass this weekend. The children and families begin preparing to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion next year. Please remember them in your prayers.

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.

FERNS & 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)

OSSORY TIMES on sale: price €2

NOTICE: MASSES FOR ALL SOULS: Monday 2nd November: 10am & 7pm. Both Masses will be offered for the deceased of the parish.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Please ensure that items for Newsletter are in Parish Office by Thursday afternoon.

PARISH HEATING: the heating is now on for Masses etc. Please keep all internal doors closed to help with oil costs.

NEWSLETTERS: take Mass sheets home with you for reflection over the following week.

PARISH OFFERTORY & COLLECTIONS: Weekend: 17th/18th October € 1910: Month of October: COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS. GO RAIBH MAITH AGAIBH.

EUROPEAN BISHOPS: At their Assembly Meeting October 12 - 16th, called on everyone to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) responsibly and to place it at the service of humanity and the common good. In their statement, the European bishops stressed that technological progress must be "guided by a renewed commitment to the dignity of every person, justice and fraternity", at a time when digitalisation is transforming society and raising "profound anthropological, ethical, social and legal questions that cannot be addressed by technological or economic considerations alone".

At the heart of the gathering was Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical Magnifica humanitas, which addresses the need to protect human dignity and promote justice in the face of technological advances. They stated," Listening to the concerns and fears expressed by many we, the bishops representing the EU Episcopates, acknowledge the efforts already made to regulate the use of AI and encourage the European Union to assume leadership in this area in accordance with its founding values and mission." They concluded that "HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN AGENCY MUST REMAIN PARAMOUNT."

CASTLECOMER & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED are seeking new members to join. The group meets at No 11 Kilkenny Street on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm and on Saturdays from 10am to 1 pm. All are most welcome to join. Further information from Dick Brennan on (087 – 0618119).

DRAMATRIX DRAMA & ACTING CAMP. Friday 30th October. 10am-2pm, age 7-12yrs. To book, email dramatrixdrama@gmail.com. Tutor - Sarah Brennan.

THE KILKENNY STROKE SUPPORT GROUP meet next Friday October 30th, 2.30-4pm, at Tuinscint meeting rooms at St Canice's Hospital complex. Meetings are open to Stroke survivors and carers, are informative