

**Castleisland Parish
Sunday 18th October 2026**

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Parish Office and Shop

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for emergencies only

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Weekday Mass Time Change

in Castleisland parish church.

The weekday Mass is now celebrated

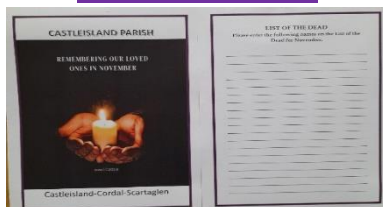
at the earlier time of 10.00am

Funerals will take place at 11am.

When there is a Funeral Mass, the
10am Mass will be cancelled.

Many thanks for your understanding.

**November -
Month of our Dead**



**November leaflets are now available
at the back of all Churches.**

**Please place your November List in
the Box provided at the Altar or
hand into the Parish Office.**

Recently Deceased:

- Noreen Naughton (nee O'Driscoll), Michigan, USA.
- Christina (Crissie) Enright (née Healy), Shanafona, Knocknagoshel, Abbeyfeale, and formerly of Athea.
- Eileen Mangan (née Fitzgerald), Ballinahown, Knocknagoshel and formerly of Dublin.



CASTLEISLAND CHURCH:

Monday 19th October 10.00am:

- Ellen O'Connor, Fahaduff and Knockmoyle, Tralee and her husband Timmy.

Monday 19th October 7.00pm:

- Intention Mass for all those who had cards signed at the Parish Office during the week.

Tuesday 20th October 10.00am:

Helen Reidy, Glountane (Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday 21st October 10.00am:

Mass for the people of the parish.

Thursday 22nd October 10.00am

Available for booking.

Friday 23rd October 10.00am:

Available for booking.

Saturday 24th October 6.15pm:

- Kathleen Griffin, Tullig.
- Tommy McCarthy, 17 Desmonds Avenue.
- John and Lill O'Connell, Kilcusan and deceased family members.
- Peggy and William O'Loughlin, Lurigo, Farranfore and their granddaughter Janet Sheehan, Dublin.
- Pat, Willie and John McGuire, Kilsarcon, Currow.
- Marie and Pat McMahon, Church Street and deceased members of the O'Leary and McMahon families.
- Hayley Broderick, Clonough.
- Dan Walsh, 'The Kingdom House', Main Street **(First Anniversary)**

Sunday 25th October 11.30am:

- Richard and Julia Neligan, Meanus.
- Adrian Geoffrey Fleming, Tonbwee and late of Dicksgrrove, Currow.
- Marie Nolan and Joseph Nolan, St Stephens Park and deceased members of the Nolan, O'Connor and Pembroke families.
- Sean and Noreen O'Dell, College Road.
- Thomas Doody, Moanmore and John Doody, Australia.
- Kathleen Sugrue (nee Roche), Ballinahalla and late of Glenlarhan **(Months Mind)**

CORDAL CHURCH:

Sunday 25th October 9.00am:

- Jerry Wrenn, Cordal.
- Dermot Flynn, Kilquane and his parents Bridie and Mick Flynn.

SCARTAGLEN CHURCH:

Sunday 25th October 10.15am:

- Connie and Mary Duggan, Knockrour East and their son Johnny and daughter Mary Hobbins.
- Con and Nell Horan, Mullin and their daughter Joan.
- Johnny O'Connell, Knockeenahone.
- Sean Healy, Coolnageragh.

***Spiritans Father Collection:**

Many thanks to all who returned donation envelopes in support of the Spiritans' Mission Appeal. The amount collected from Castleisland-Cordal-Scartaglen was €3,904.50.

***Free HSE Information Evening:**

Learn about Fair Deal, Enduring Power of Attorney, Sage Advocacy, Age Friendly Homes and more from 7.30pm, talks begin at 8pm Thursday Oct 22nd: Meadowlands Hotel, Oakpark, Tralee, V92 DC83

As I Kneel Before You

As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours,
And fill me with your love.

Ave Maria gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.

Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail Queen of heaven the ocean star,
Guide of the wanderer here below;
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.



**365 Graveyard Candles available
from the Parish Office. Only €10
limited stock.**

*** Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for The 100th World Mission Day 2026 is available on page 2 of Castleisland Parish Newsletter online.**

***The Irish Catholic Newspaper** is now on sale in the Parish Shop, Castleisland €3.80

Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for The 100th World Mission Day 2026

18 October 2026. 3. Mission to love – Proclaiming, living and sharing God’s faithful love. If unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence. The Good News that we are sent to proclaim to the world is not an abstract ideal; it is the Gospel of God’s faithful love, which became flesh in the face and life of Jesus Christ.

The mission of the disciples and the Church as a whole is to continue the mission of Christ in the Holy Spirit: a mission born of love, lived in love, and leading to love. In fact, the Lord himself, in his great prayer to the Father before his Passion, after invoking unity among his disciples, concludes: “so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them” (Jn 17:26). Impelled by the love of Christ, the Apostles then went out to evangelize for Christ (cf. 2 Cor 5:14). In the same way, throughout the centuries, multitudes of Christians — martyrs, confessors and missionaries — have given their lives to make this divine love known to the world. Thus, guided by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of love, the Church’s evangelizing mission will continue until the end of time.

I would like to express my special gratitude to today’s ad gentes missionaries. Like Saint Francis Xavier, they have left their homeland, their families and all sense of security in order to proclaim the Gospel and bring Christ and his love to places that are often challenging, poor, conflict-ridden or culturally distant. Despite adversity and human limitations, they continue to give themselves joyfully, because they know that Christ himself, and his Gospel, are the greatest treasures we can offer. Through their perseverance, they demonstrate that God’s love transcends all barriers. The world still needs these courageous

witnesses of Christ, and ecclesial communities still need new missionary vocations. We must always keep them close to our hearts and continually pray to the Father for them. May he grant us the gift of young people and adults who are willing to leave everything behind to follow Christ on the path of evangelization even to the ends of the earth!

Filled with admiration for men and women missionaries, I make a special appeal to the whole Church to join them in the mission of evangelization through the witness of our lives in Christ, through prayer and through our contributions to the missions. As Saint Francis of Assisi said, “Love is not loved,” and we look to him in a special way on the eight hundredth anniversary of his passing to heaven. Let us find inspiration in his desire to live in the love of the Lord and to transmit it to those both near and far, because, as he said, “this love Who hath loved us much is much to be loved” (Saint Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, The Life of Saint Francis, chap. IX, 1; Fonti Francescane, 1161). Let us also draw inspiration from the zeal of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, who declared that she would continue her mission even after death: “I shall desire in heaven the same thing as I do now on earth: to love Jesus and to make him loved” (Letter 220 to l’Abbé Bellière, 24 February 1897).

Inspired by these testimonies, let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization — which is always a work of love — according to our own vocation and the gifts we have received. Your prayers and practical support, particularly on World Mission Day, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God’s love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion. I renew my heartfelt gratitude

“for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world” (Video Message for World Mission Day 2025, 19 October 2025). To foster spiritual communion, I give you my blessing with this simple prayer:

Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful love for all creatures. Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope!

Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelization in every corner of the earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognize in Christ the light that saves. Amen.

***St Mary’s Annual Christmas Blitz**

will be held from December 26th to 30th 2026 inclusive. To enter a team or for any queries please email stmarysxmasblitz@hotmail.com or contact any member of the committee. Closing date for entries is October 19th.

Gluten Free Hosts are available at Mass in Castleisland Parish Church. Those wishing to receive a gluten free Host, please come to the Celebrant for Holy Communion.