

Castletown Geoghegan Parish Community

Our parish is under the patronage of **St Michael** (Castletown Geoghegan),
St Peter (Raheenmore) & **St Stephen** (Tyrrellspass)

**Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me,
King of my heart; Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me never to part.**

Liturgy of the Word

Exodus 22:20-26

*The Lord said to Moses “You must not be harsh with the widow,
or with the orphan” [...] “I am full of pity”*

Psalm 17 **I love you Lord, my strength**

*You broke with idolatry and you became servants of God;
you are now waiting for his Son.*



Matthew 22:34-40

*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind
[...] You must love your neighbour as yourself.*

**When prayer feels small, remember that a cathedral
is built from stones that cannot fly. Yet stone upon
stone, arch upon arch, they rise until the earth itself
seems to point at heaven. Pray like that. Do not wait
for wings. Do not pretend you can fly. Bring God one
Psalm, one decade of the rosary, your honest
contrition, words of gratitude.**

**Lay each little thing upon the last. Faith is not a flight,
holiness is rarely a leap; it is like the building of a
Gothic Cathedral: it takes time. The soul reaches
heaven not by escaping the ordinary, but by patiently building the ordinary upward
toward God Himself.**



**A parish website update and emblem are being developed for launch on
All Saints' Day so that we can to pray God's blessing on our parish family
through the intercession of our patron saints.**

The parishes of Mullingar, Taghmon, Ballynacargy, Milltown, Dysart
and Castletown Geoghegan comprise the Mullingar Pastoral area.

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XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 October 2026

6:30pm (TP)	Oliver Gavin; Peter & Margaret Glennon; James Feery (1st ann.) wife Maria, daughters Esther & Ellen Laurence & Mary Ann Keegan and their daughter Mary
7:30pm (CTG)	Kyle Geoghegan (month's memory)
9am (RHM)	People of the Parish
10am (TP)	Matt Poynton (6th ann.)
11:30am (CTG)	Peter Geraghty, Derryroe and deceased family members
MON 10am	Bank Holiday Mass in St Stephen's TP
TUES 10am	Weekday Mass in St Michael's CTG
THURS 2pm	Weekly Mass with residents Bethany House
FRIDAY 10am	Weekday Mass in St Stephen's TP



Young parishioners are invited to attend Mass for the Feast of All Saints dressed as their favourite saint. Parents who are interested in helping to assist at the 10am & 11:30am Masses are invited to contact Fr Robert before Wednesday.

Celebration of All Saints' Day 2026

1 November 2026

6:30pm (TP)	Bernadette (Detta) Morgan, 10th ann).
7:30pm (CTG)	Charlie & Nancy Garvin, Woodside
9am (RHM)	People of the Parish
10am (TP)	Michael & Nancy Sheridan and son Patrick
11:30am (CTG)	Stephen Ennis, Quill Oliver Keegan, Lurrig and deceased family members
MON 10am	Mass for All Souls' Day in St Stephen's TP
6:30pm	Mass for All Souls' Day in St Peter's RHM
7:30pm	Mass for All Souls' Day in St Michael's CTG

Congratulations to Áine & Michael who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage in St Michael's Church on Friday last 23 October.

Children's Choir Practice in St Michael's Church on Friday next at 2pm, (after Hurling camp). All are welcome along with your instruments!

40 Hours Adoration: 29 October – 2 November daily from 1pm - 9pm daily in Céilí Community, Kilbeggan, N91 NY28. All welcome. Enquiries 087 253 9725

Young Adults Retreat 6-8 November (Fri. 6 November– Sun. 8 November) will take place in Dalgan Park, Navan. Prayer, Inspiring talks, friendship in the faith, Holy Mass, opportunity for personal guidance, confession, magnificent walks in beautiful grounds. Contact Sr Una at 090 6481666 or Michael 086 2453123.

Blood Donation Clinic in Mullingar Park Hotel Monday 2 - Thursday 5 November. 3:45pm to 8:00pm. Check your eligibility and book your appointment at www.giveblood.ie or call 1800 222 111.

Homilies, interviews, photos and video files from last Sunday's Concluding Session of the diocesan Tribunal for the **Cause of the Canonisation of Fr Willie Doyle SJ** can be viewed at <https://williedoyle.org/>. Prayer cards invoking his intercession are available in the churches of the parish.

Christ the King Youth Festival 2026

A joyful day for secondary school students to grow in faith, encounter Christ in prayer, and build friendships through fun and fellowship!

Join us for a vibrant and faith-filled Youth Day.

CBS Coláiste Mhuire & Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar

Sunday, 22nd November 2026

10:30am - 5:30pm

Details via the QR code above.



17 & 18 October 2026	St Michael's	St Stephen's	St Peter's	Total
Offertory Collection	€725	€805	€165	€1,695
Development Fund	€365	€250	€85	€700
Mission Sunday	€250	€175	€20	€445
<i>Thank you for your support of the daily running expenses and the maintenance of our parish buildings. Families will be offered an opportunity to request an envelope box / standing order for 2027 during the coming weeks. This will enable the parish to reclaim income tax at no extra cost to parishioners.</i>				

Boilers in all churches of our parish will be serviced during the coming week to ensure efficient and effective use of our heating systems. I am asking parishioners in St Michael's Church to use the side aisle door near Our Lady's altar only as an EXIT door during winter months. Thank you for your cooperation also with carparking arrangements.

Thanks to all who maintain the plots near their family graves. Some families no longer have any relations alive to do this work. Can I ask for some help with a little **tidy-up of our cemeteries before the month of the Holy Souls**? Please give me a call if you and a few friends can make yourselves available for an hour and a half in Castletown Geoghegan next Friday at 3pm or in Tyrrellspass next Saturday at 11:30am.

The **wall at St Michael's Cemetery** which was damaged by Storm Éowyn in January 2025 has been carefully repaired by a parishioner with attentive skill, and a great interest in our community. Thank you Martin!

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02 November – Blank sheets and envelopes for the new Altar List of the Dead are available in our churches. I invite you to share out this annual duty with all members of your family as you compile the household Altar List of the Dead. As you prepare your family List of the Dead, please give some consideration to those whose names you might have discovered in the **“Story of Us”** - the recently published 1926 Census. Their Christian faith, hope and love is a story which unites us across generations in an ever-changing landscape.

“The worst ink is better than the best memory!”

The text below by Blessed Bishop Fulton Sheen might encourage us to explore deeper into our family tree, photos, memory banks, and headstones so that we can recall as wide a list of names of Holy Souls who we would like to include on our Altar List of the Dead this year.

How many of us had grandparents who had their stack of holy cards in their prayer book? These favorite saints were their friends, their prayer warriors! How many of our ancestors knew to pray for the holy souls in purgatory, especially the souls of family and friends? The holy souls would then, in deep gratitude return many prayers for those who cared to pray for them. This is why our ancestors never faced evil alone or prayed for anything or anybody alone - they had their comrades in the heavenly realm, their Holy Alliance of saints and holy souls, with them at all times. The devil never stood a chance against this united force!

What’s stopping us from building upon the great example of our ancestors who called upon the saints to pray with them for the poor souls in purgatory? If they invoked their handful of favorite saints, what is stopping us from building an enormous personal Holy Alliance of saints by recruiting a new saint each day to pray with us during the month of the Holy Souls?”

As we enter heaven we will see them - so many of them - coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say “a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.” [Blessed Fulton Sheen]



**Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace. Amen.

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**