



# Graiguecullen/Killeslin PARISH LINK

*Sunday 16th April 2017*  
*Easter Sunday*



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## Life Without End

Belief in the resurrection is essential to our faith, yet the account of Jesus' resurrection, or rather the lack of it, leaves us as confused as the original disciples. We've been left with a puzzle with pieces missing, a story with an important part untold. As Christians we are reminded that religion is ultimately a faith not a science.



Our human search for certainty urges us to try and work out who moved the stone, but at this point all we can do is put the resurrection into the context of the rest of Jesus' life and teachings. We have to trust that everything Jesus has told us is true, and that the resurrection is not just an invention to give a tragic story a happy ending, but the realisation of the promises Jesus made all along. Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as truth.

The empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ.

**Dawn Mass:-** on Easter Sunday @ 6.00am at Oisín Park, Rossmore. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year for our parish to hold this special Mass. This is a very spiritual opportunity to celebrate Mass while watching the dawn break over the countryside. People travelling to the Mass are asked to arrive no later than 5.45am. Please bring warm clothing, a folding chair or stool and where possible share transport in order to assist with parking.

**Solemn Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help:-** Our 12<sup>th</sup> Solemn Novena begins on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and will run for nine consecutive Monday nights. We invite people during Lent to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St Clare's. During our Novena, through the prayers of our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady we will ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry. The theme for this year's Novena is 'A time to pray, a time to heal'. This year's speakers are:-

24 <sup>th</sup> April	Br Philip Mulryne, Former Irish International & Manchester United Footballer soon to be ordained a Dominican Priest.
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Fr Paddy Byrne, Curate of Portlaoise Parish
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Fr David Collins, Franciscan Friary, Killarney
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Richard Moore, Founder of Children in Crossfire
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Sean Mullan Third Space, a social enterprise in Dublin City
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Alice Kearns, Mother of Missing schoolboy Philip Kearns
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Bishop Brendan Comiskey, Retired Bishop of Ferns
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Maria Steen, Iona Institute
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Marty Morrissey, RTE Sports Commentator

**Variety Night & Supper Dance:** 'Hurry to the Curry' dancing till late with Helter Skelter & The Horohan Bros with special guest appearances by Fr Liam Lawton & The Dargan School of Dance. Following the great success of our past five supper dances, we are holding it again this year on Fri 28th Apr in St Fiacc's Hall. This year the night is in aid of our Parish Evergreens. Hot food will be supplied. Hostesses will only need to supply delph and dessert. Tickets are now available in the parish centre, single tickets €12 are also available for anyone who would like to go but doesn't have a designated table. **Those willing to host a table are asked to please give their name to the Parish Centre 9141833 Table of 10 €120.**

## HAPPY EASTER



We wish all our parishioners  
**A VERY HAPPY EASTER**

**Priests Easter Collection:-** the quarterly collection for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up at all Masses over the Easter weekend. Special envelopes are in the envelope boxes or alternatively you can use the special envelopes available at church doors. All your support, financial or otherwise is greatly appreciated.

**Pre-Baptism Meeting:** the next meeting for parents who are presenting babies for Baptism will be held on Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm in the Parish Centre. Parents presenting children for Baptism during June & July are asked to attend this short meeting.

**Parish Centre:-** Please note the parish centre will re-open on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Apr @ 9am.

**Trocaire Boxes:** Please don't forget to return your Trocaire Boxes. Thank You.

Table Quiz in aid of Friends of Fiacc's House on Friday 21st April, 2017 @ 8.30 p.m. sharp in Graiguecullen GAA Club. Adults €10 Students €5. Great Raffle Prizes on the night.

**Graiguecullen Bingo**  
**This Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**  
**@ 8.30pm**  
**Jackpot €2,000 in 50 Nos**  
**Double No. €890**  
**Great Prizes to be won**  
**Bring a friend**

## Anniversaries

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm (Months Mind)** Annie Comerford, 160 Duggan Ave  
**(Months Mind)** Eileen Maher (née Gaule), 1 Oakley Pk  
**(Months Mind)** Eileen Maher, Fiaccs Hse & Tullow  
 Kathleen Byrne, Ballickmoyler & Graiguecullen  
 Bridget & Tom Slattery, 14 St Fiaccs Tce  
 Bill Abbey, Garryhunden, Milford  
 Mary Joe Barcoe, Hanover, Carlow  
 Deceased members of the Collins Family, 4 Bestfield  
 (John Gleeson, Goresbridge)-(Martin Darcy, Bagenalstown)  
 Liam & Margaret Byrne, Bagenalstown & Ardattin  
 Matthew Gorman, 11 Rochfort Manor

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 6.00am** Jimmy & Josie Brennan, Staunton Ave  
**10:15am** Denis Dempsey, Killeshin also his daughter Christine Corcoran  
 Dinny & Teresa Doran, Kellogue  
 Lil & Jim Fitzpatrick, Clonmore, Killeshin  
**11:30am** (John Alcock, Pearse Rd)-(John Kearns, Knockbeg Rd)  
 Paddy & Kathleen Moore, 202 Maher Rd  
 Matt Byrne, Ballyharmon

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 10am** Patrick & Kathleen Butler

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm (Months Mind)** Dorothy Baker (née Byrne) 49 St Fiacc's Tce  
 William Culleton, St Fiacc's Tce also his sons Liam & Michael  
 (Kate & Ernest Duffett, Maher Rd)-(Martin & Gerald Timmons, Henry St)  
 Maureen Dunne, Ballyharmon

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:15am** Maureen & Paddy O'Rourke, Hillview, Killeshin  
 William & Annie Brennan, Coolnariska  
 Martin & Katie Rice, Ardenteggle  
**11:30am** Margaret & John McEvoy, Hollymount  
 Catherine (Kitty) Lowry, Hanover  
 Jim & Julia Fitzpatrick, '98 Street

*R.I.P.*

Laurence (Larry) O'Toole, The Borough, Hacketstown,

*R.I.P.*

**The Eist Cancer Support Centre will be closed from Friday 14th April until  
Monday 24th April for the Easter Break.**

**Cycle Against Suicide** is coming to Carlow on Friday the 5th of May and we are looking for people to host a cyclist or a number of cyclists for the night. It's simply a matter of collecting a cyclist from St Mary's Academy at 18:30 on the evening of Friday 5th of May and host them for the evening. The following morning they will need to be dropped back for about 09:30 to the school. There will then be an event in the school on the morning with music, mental health talk and meeting local Mental Health Groups. The cyclists will then leave Carlow at 10:30 and finish the 14 day cycle that evening in Dublin Castle. If anyone is interested they can contact us by email: [homestaycarlow@gmail.com](mailto:homestaycarlow@gmail.com) phone: 085 2461163

### Graiguecullen Swimming Pool 059 9140330

We are taking bookings for childrens lessons.  
Tuesday Lessons Starting, 25<sup>th</sup> April For 7 weeks 6pm – 6.45pm €49 per child  
Saturday Lessons Starting, 22<sup>nd</sup> April For 10 weeks 9-10am, 10-11am or 1-2pm €70 per child  
Easter Swim Camps €35 per child per Camp  
 Camp 1: Mon 10<sup>th</sup>-Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April 10am-10.45am  
 Camp 2: Mon 17<sup>th</sup>-Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April 6pm-6.45pm  
 Children must be at least 4 years of age.  
 Fill in a booking form with €20 deposit to secure a place. Limited places on each session.

**Invitation.** Are you considering your future path in life? If so, and if you would like to learn more about religious life, you are welcome to meet with Loreto Sisters in a relaxed environment at Loreto House, Beaufort, Rathfarnham, on Sat April 22nd from 11-3pm. Enq: [eglinehan@gmail.com](mailto:eglinehan@gmail.com) or 086 3194597.

Come along to set Dancing classes in Behan's, Tolerton every Thurs 8:30pm - 10:30pm. A great way to get fit. No partner needed.

**COPD** first public meeting in Carlow takes place in The Talbot Hotel on Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm. Come along for a cup of tea and find out more about COPD.

**Legion of Mary Meetings:-**  
**Graiguecullen:** St Fiacc's House Mondays @ 7pm-**Cathedral** Parish Centre: Tuesdays @ 7.30pm-**Tinryland:** Parochial House @ 2pm-**Tullow:** Brigidine Convent, Wednesdays @ 10am and **Paulstown:** Parish Centre, Fridays @ 6.45pm.

## READERS – ST CLARE'S

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**6.30pm:** Carla & Ciara Hennessy

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**9.00am:** Denis Ryan, Jim Carthy

**11.30am:** Stephen & Ann Berry

## READERS – HOLY CROSS

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**10.15am:** Josh Farrell, Sean

O'Driscoll, Oisín Byrne

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**ST. CLARE'S**

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**6.30pm:** Nicola Byrne (C), Fergal

Doyle, Emma Dwyer, Aoife

Graham

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**9.00am:** Mary Brennan, Veronica

Byrne, Leo Connolly

**11.30am:** Conor Archbold, Sarah

Barrett (C), Ian Bradley, Pádraig

Brett, Kathleen Byrne, Hannah

Keogh

## HOLY CROSS

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**10.15am:** Geraldine Brennan,

Elaine Doogue, Chanel

Cunningham

Catholic Grandparents Association are holding their First Annual Retreat/Conference on Wednesday & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April in the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village. Theme "Helping our Children & Grandchildren to know, love and serve God in these highly secularized times". If you have any interest in attending this event please contact Parish Office.

### Weekly Collection

**Red Bag € 875.00**

**Blue Bag €1,523.00**

**We thank you for your support**

As part of National Spring Clean, Governey Park Residents Association will hold a cleanup morning on Saturday April 22nd. Meeting at the green at Staunton Ave at 10.30am. Please come along and help keep our estate looking clean and tidy.

**Killeshin Whist** in aid of Killeshin FC every Wed night @ 8.30pm. Refreshments served. Beginners @ 7.30pm in the Den beside Killeshin Hall.

**Thursday Morning Club:-**  
**There will be no Coffee morning on 20<sup>th</sup> Apr. Back again 27<sup>th</sup> Apr.**