



Graiguencullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

*Sunday 16th October 2016
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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Praying With X Factor

Whether you're a fan or not, few can have avoided tuning into the 'X Factor', ITV's quest to make new stars. In watching the auditions you will be struck by the candidates' persistence. In an attempt to realise the ambition closest to their hearts, candidates will do almost anything to earn a favourable judgement. Whilst not always applauding their talent we have to give the would-be stars top marks for nerve. It appears that success is more about not giving up than anything else. So what if we adopted the same attitude when it comes to matters of faith and prayer?



All too often we lack persistence when it comes to prayer, sometimes losing faith in it altogether. We give up on prayer for lots of reasons. We give up on prayer because we have stopped believing that God is really listening. We give up on prayer because we think that we are unworthy of God's attention, or that God must be busy doing other things. We give up on prayer because we have an immature expectation, and can't understand why God doesn't pander to it. Whatever reason we have for giving up on prayer we need to re-think, because at worst, giving up on prayer can mean giving up on our relationship with God.

Today Jesus urges us to persist in prayer. However disillusioned we might feel, we are urged not to give up. Just because God hasn't granted a prayer in the past doesn't mean God won't grant a future prayer. The key is to remember that God isn't a magician giving us quick fix answers whenever we're feeling at a loss. God sees the overall picture, and as long as our prayer fits that picture how much more readily will he answer us, than the unjust judge gives in to the widow in today's parable.

We are encouraged to pray with a genuine desire to build our relationship with God. We are encouraged to pray with persistence and 'x factor'.

The Financial Statement for 2015 available at the church doors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE A.G.M. Will be held on Wed 26th Oct at 8pm in the Parish Centre. Any parishioner with queries regarding parish finances is invited to attend. We sincerely thank all who contribute to our parish funds. The work of the parish is greatly helped by your regular financial support

As a community we are bombarded with tragedies and bad news. Lots of solutions are offered to give us hope but as a Christian Community the greatest hope we can get is through our faith in Jesus. You are invited to: **A Liturgy of Hope, in St Clare's Church, on Thurs 27th Oct, @ 7.30pm Led by: Bishop Denis Nulty**

Aspiro Choir present ~ Remembering the Child ~ on 13th Nov at Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 8.30pm. A night of Remembering, Reflecting and Re-imagining selected pieces in memory of the children who died in 1916. This will include an Irish and world premier of selected pieces of Liam Lawton's ~ **Requiem for a Child ~ Tickets €12/€10 from Carlow Parish Centre and Graiguencullen Parish Centre**

Confirmation Preparation Programme:- the second night of our parish preparation programme takes place tomorrow night Monday 17th October at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church.

Liturgy Group Meeting:- this Thursday 20th October at 8pm in the parish centre.

Marco Politi, Vatican observer, Author and Journalist, will talk on Monday next 17th October in Carlow College St Patrick's 7.45 pm regarding Pope Francis efforts to reform the Church and the opposition he faces. All are welcome, admission free, with a collection to defray costs.

Priests Collection:- the quarterly collection for the support of the priests can still be handed into the parish office. Envelopes available in boxes or people can use special envelopes at the Church doors. Your continued support, financial or otherwise is greatly appreciated.

Young Readers Course:- concludes this Mon 17th Oct. from 6pm-7pm in the parish centre. Any secondary school student who would like to become a reader in our churches is welcome to attend.

New Readers Rota:- is currently being prepared. Please contact the parish office 9141833 if you wish to take your name off the rota. Any adult who would like to join this very special ministry please contact us.

Graiguencullen Bingo

This Tues 18th October @ 8.30pm

Jackpot €1,220

in 45 No's Check on a Double Number win or share €320.



Great Prizes to be won



St Clare's Hospitality-Food Bins:- Just a reminder about our food bins at the church doors and in the Parish Centre. We would really appreciate any donations of tinned peas, beans cooking rice, coffee, custard powder etc. as our stocks are low.

Anniversaries

Sat 15th 6.30pm (First Anniversary) Kathleen Lawler, 150 Duggan Ave
John Lowry, Hanover
Michael Kearns, 21 Oakley Pk, Graiguecullen (**Birthday Rem**)

Sun 16th 9am
Paschal Phelan, 91 Pearse Rd
James & Jean Martin, Derrymoyle
Michael & Sheila O'Donoghue, Edenderry
Seamus Martin, Derrymoyle (**Birthday Rem**)
Sarah & James McCartney, St Fiaccs Tce & all deceased family

10.15am (Anastasia Doran, Cappalug) - (Oliver Rowan, The Strand)
Christopher Dempsey & his father Denis, Ashgrove & Coolhenry
(Julia White & her son James & granddaughter Peggy, Clonmore, Killeshin)

11.30am Eileen Dowling, 11 St Clare's Rd (**Birthday Rem**)
Peggy & JJ Byrne, Duggan Ave
Kevin Stronge, John Sweeney Park

Wed 19th 10am Joe Daly, Bagenalstown

Fri 21st 10am (**First Anniversary**) John Connors, Cluan na Sagart, Paulstown

Sat 22nd 10am (**First Anniversary**) Michael Whelan, 59 Beechwood Drive
6.30pm (Patrick Duggan, 17 Pacelli Ave. his daughter Angela and grandson Cian)- (John & Lizzie Corcoran, Whitney Place)

Sun 23rd 10.15am (**Months Mind**) John Keogh Keelogue, Killeshin
Dolly Scully, Tolerton (**Birthday Rem**)
Eddie Malone, Coolhenry

Patrick (Pat) O'Tierney, Springhill, Killeshin
Eddie Cleary, 55 Green Road
Katriona Deevy (née Doyle), Brotherton

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READERS – ST CLARE'S

Sat 22nd October

6.30pm: Amelia Chodorska, Kate O'Sullivan, Lauren Walshe

Sun 23rd October

9am: Damien Korus, Brian Power, Gary Dowling
11.30am: Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, Jade Nolan, Muireann Beattie

READERS – HOLY CROSS

Sun 23rd October

10.15am: Mary Platt, Eddie Whelan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. CLARE'S

Sat 22nd October

6.30pm: Jennie O'Shea (C), Kathleen O'Neill, Paul Mulready, Mary Tierney

Sun 23rd October

9am: Mary Scully, Paul McKeivitt, Teresa Wynne
11.30am: J Murnane O'Connor (C), Breda McDonald, Rachel McDonald, Cathy Lawlor, Cathriona Kelly, Katie Webb

HOLY CROSS

Sun 23rd October

10.15am: June Farrell, Shaina Hoy, Orla McHugh

Eist Prostate Cancer Programme – Starting on 20th November this is a 6 week programme for prostate cancer survivors the aims of the programme will be to promote physical wellbeing, develop new coping skills, information & shared experiences – Tel 059 9139684.

EIST Cancer Support Centre provides emotional and practical support to people affected by cancer including those who care for them, from the time of diagnosis, through treatment and afterwards. The Eist Centre opens at 10.00 am to 4 pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 1.00 pm of Fridays.

Cake & unwanted gifts Sale in aid of Shan Tynan will be held in Parish Centre, on this Sunday October 16th after 11.30am Mass. Contact 0860551025 or 0872211089 for information.

Art Exhibition: -The Barrow Valley Art Group in conjunction with Eist Cancer Support Centre, are holding their annual Art Exhibition in the Seven Oaks Hotel on Fri 21st to Sun 23rd Oct. Official opening and Wine Reception in aid of Eist on Thurs 20th Oct @ 8pm. Tickets €10 available from members and at the door on the night. Adm free from Fri-Sun. All paintings will be for sale.

Killeshin GAA will hold their **Annual Auction on Sun Oct 30th**. If anybody has anything to donate or sell please contact any committee member. Collection service available. **Further info- 087 2496115 or 087 9563831.**

Weekly Collection

Red Bag € 904.00

Blue Bag €1,358.00

We thank you for your support

As part of the Laois Health awareness Week a 6.5k Walk will take place in Rossmore Forest on this Sun. Oct 16th. Meet in Oisín Park at 12.30. Contact Pat at 059 9147868.

Carlow Older Person's Network is holding their Final Halloween Dance on **Wed Oct 26th in the Seven Oaks Hotel. The event will run from 2.00 to 4.30pm and the tickets are €5** – which are being sold on a first come first served basis as only have room for 200 safely. Music is by "The Ramblers". There will be dancing, spot prizes, raffle in aid of Bethany House, afternoon tea and lots of fun! Info & **TICKETS** contact Fiona Dunne on 059 9179376 **as this is a ticket only event.**

Thursday Morning Club after 10am Mass in Parish Centre. All welcome.

Cystic Fibrosis Ireland & Co. Carlow Hospice: 'Rummage' is back at Potato Market, (formerly Elaine Curtis). This chic 'pop-up' shop will open for 10 days only from Oct 19th-29th selling new & barely worn designer, luxury high street & vintage ladies fashion and accessories at affordable prices. All ages from teens to much older are catered for. This time, all the proceeds will be shared equally between Cystic Fibrosis Ireland and Co Carlow Hospice.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul shop, Tullow Street is looking for extra volunteers. If you have a few hours free during the week why not contact Alex Stenson at 9173679 for info.

ST FIACC'S HALL

GRAIGUECULLEN:

Hours available for Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball and Parties etc. Opened from 10am – 10pm Daily. For booking please phone Swimming Pool 059 / 9140330

From July 1st 1916 & for the following 141 days the flower of Ireland's manhood was squandered & lost in the misery and the carnage of the Somme. Paul Maguire, of Carlow Military Museum, will present a lecture on "The Battle of the Somme" in Leighlinbridge Parish Centre, @ 8pm on Wed 19th Oct. Adm free.