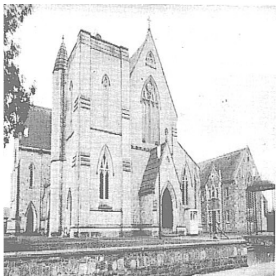

Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 19th February 2017
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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The Politics of Peace

In his fiftieth message for World Peace Day last month, Pope Francis said, "… I would like to reflect on nonviolence as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promotors of nonviolent peace-making. "

Pope Francis takes his lead from Jesus' teachings. "If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also." "If anyone forces you to go one mile go also the second mile…." "If anyone sues you for your outer garment, give them your undergarment too." Jesus tells us not to resist evil. Does he mean us to roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us?

It's very easy for us to love our friends. Only loving those who are easy to love doesn't provide very much of a challenge, and consequently doesn't earn us much of a reward. The challenge Jesus poses today is to meet our enemies with love. Jesus' advice is to meet violence with non-violence and to meet force with acquiescence. If we only love those who love us back we are not doing anything more than anyone else, but if we love our enemies, we show ourselves to be true disciples of Christ.

In our conflict-ridden world, today's gospel has never been more relevant. Never has there been a better time for Christians to get more involved in campaigning for non-violent strategies. The world has never been more ready.

Eucharistic Ministers: would you like to join this very special ministry in our church. We are organising a training course for new Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in joining this course with no obligations to join the rota please contact the parish office 9141833.

Graiguecullen St Patrick's Day Parade:- over the past few years we have had very successful parades and we look forward to this year's parade on 17th March. Last year's committee would like to invite all groups, clubs and organisations, who would like to take part in this year's parade to a meeting this Wednesday 22nd February at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

YOUTH MINISTRY

6th Class Movie Night
Wednesday 22nd Feb
5.30pm-7.30pm
in Parish Centre
All 6th Class pupils welcome

Mid-Term Break
Youth Retreat
Fri 24th February
10.30pm-3.30pm
based in Parish Centre,
concludes with
Mass in Capuchin Friary
followed by a trip to Supermacs!
This day is **FREE** of charge and open to all Post-primary students.
Places are limited so please give your name to Cathríona in Parish Centre or text 085 1450321

Envelope Collection:- we have received a number of envelopes with no names so to enable us to update our records we ask people to please write your name and address on your next envelope. You only need to do this once in the year.

Lourdes Invalid Fund Annual Draw:- Cards available from The Thatch & The Parish Centre. New promoters very welcome. Draw will be held on 18th March 2017. All money goes towards bringing sick people on our parish pilgrimage to Lourdes.

PRAYER INTERCESSORS: This group is available to pray regularly but individually for the life of the parish as well as specific intentions that arise from time to time. If you have a family member who is seriously ill or is undergoing a major operation or any other special request please ring the parish office (9141833) and we will send out a group text to request prayers. In order to maintain confidentiality we do not use names in the texts. If you are interested joining this ministry please give your name and mobile number to the parish office.

Are you a reader in the parish or would like to become one? "Entrusted with the Word" is a three-night training course for parish readers offered by K&L Faith Development Services. Open to new and existing parish readers, the next course will take place in the Cairdeas Centre, Tullow (beside Grotto in church car park), Tues Feb 28, March 7 & from 8:00-9:30 p.m. All who attend will receive the Diocesan Guide for Readers, as well as a certificate of participation. Booking is essential contact parish office 9141833

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Carlow fashion show will take place on Thursday 23rd February at 8pm in the Seven Oaks Hotel. Tickets @ €10 are now available in the Vincent's shop Tullow Street Carlow . A great night in store for all so your support would be much appreciated.

Graiguecullen Bingo
This Tues 21st Feb
@ 8.30pm
Jackpot €960 in 42 Nos
Double No. €530
Great Prizes to be won
Bring a friend

Anniversaries

Sat 18th 6:30pm **(Months Mind)** Baby Lily Rose Dwyer Parr, 87 Rochfort Manor
(Frank Duffett, St. Fiacc's Tce, also his brothers Michael, Sean & Martin & his sister Sarah)
Liam Behan, Clogrennan
(Paddy (Pat) Looney, 106 Church St also his father James and his grand nephew Patrick Brian Murphy, Newtown)
John Byrne, Lr Rossmore also his parents Martin & Bridget Byrne
(Rita Doogue, 84 St Clare's Rd)-(Peg McGrath, Kilworth, Cork)
Tomás & Bríd Doran, also their grandson David Leonard

Sun 19th 9am (Paddy & Bridie O'Rourke, 116 St. Clare's Rd also their son Seamus & their daughter May Carpenter)
May Nash, Maher Road

10:15am Doreen Dunne, Ballyharmon
Tony Fitzpatrick, Clonmore

11:30am **(Months Mind)** Una Norris, The Arches, Crosneen
(Catherine McGrath, Oakley Pk)-(Noel Nolan, Heatherhill Ave)
(Doreen Dunne, Ballyharmon)-(Katie Bolger, 12 Chapel St)
(Mary Lanigan Kane, The Lock also her aunt Evelyn Riordan, Howth & baby Sonya Hannah)-(Theresa Timmons, 12 Bestfield)
(Mary Byrne, Ballyharmon)-(Tom Byrne, Anneville)
Paddy & Betty Walsh, Sleaty also their son Michael

Mon 20th 10am Breda Woods, Tolerton & Pacelli Ave

Tues 21st 10am Sharon Kehoe, Riverside (requested by RehabCare)
Peig O'Gorman, Athy

Wed 22nd 10am Annie Nelson also her husband Thomas, 142 Sleaty St

Thurs 23rd 10am Tess & Harry Boothroyd, England
Marie & Ernie Brealey, Church St

Fri 24th 10am Christopher Brennan, 7 Sleaty St

Sat 25th 6:30pm **(**Leo Meaney, Colclough Ave)-(Seamus Branagan, 15 St Fiacc's Tce)
(Patrick & Ellen Byrne, 47 St Fiacc's Tce also their sons & daughters and deceased family)
John Byrne, Lr Rossmore also his parents Martin & Bridget
Kathleen Byrne, 8 Henry St **(Birthday Rem)** also her husband James
Maura Duggan, 60 St Clare's Rd **(Anniv & Birthday Rem)**
(Jimmy O'Neill, Mountrath)-(James Rowan, Killeshin Rd)
(Patrick & Elizabeth Slater, 8 Granby Row also Maureen, Tommy & Michael Slater)

Sun 26th 10:15am **(**Michael Scully, The Strand)-(Norah Moran, Clonaloo)
James Kehoe, Springhill

11:30am **(Months Mind)** Kay McDonald, 2Chapel St & 170 New Oak Est
(Sean Collins, Killeshin)-(Margaret McCann, Dublin)

R.I.P. Angela Hennessy, England formerly Church St
Terry Murray (née Culley), Captains Road, Crumlin
Margaret Nolan (née Moran), 44 New Oak Estate R.I.P.

Action Graiguecullen would like to publicise the HSE scheme for Waiting Lists under the European Union Cross-Border directive for people on long waiting lists for medical/surgical treatment. Links to official information are on our Face-Book Page. Contact us on 0862567020 or email actiongraiguecullen@gmail.com

Go For Life Games return on Thursday 23rd Feb @ 11am in St. Laurence O' Tooles. All newcomers welcome and refreshments provided for the sessions. Next Competition on March 9th in the Watershed. Contact Louise in the Local Sports Partnership for more details on 0870950237.

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

Barrow Anglers Club AGM takes place on Wed. 22nd February in Carpenters meeting rooms, Barrack Street at 8.30pm. All welcome especially Junior members.

To celebrate National Tree Week 2017 which takes place from 5th -12th March, Carlow County Council will have a limited number of Native Irish Saplings to distribute free to community and Voluntary groups as well as schools. You are also invited to take part in a free Mindful walk in Oak Park Woods on Sat 11th March @ 11am contact Jannette O Brien, Carlow County Council at 059-9136232 or email jobrien@carlowcoco.ie

READERS – ST CLARE'S
Sat 25th February
6.30pm: Bríd Brett, Marian Doyle, Áine Harte
Sun 26th February
9am: Zoe Hayden, Josh McGuill, Jennifer M O'Connor,
11.30am: Matt Diskin, Michael & Mary Hand

READERS – HOLY CROSS
Sun 26th February
10.15am: David & Rachel McDonald, Aoife Cawley

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
ST. CLARE'S:-Sat 25th Feb
6.30pm: Mary J Hennessy, JJ Horohan, Laura Eccles, June Farrell (C), Aideen Dollard
Sun 26th February
9am: Catriona Kirwan, Fiona Payne, Cem Crowe
11.30am: Martin Lynch, Elizabeth McEvoy, Jennifer M O'Connor, Ann Ryan, Jennie O'Shea, Fergal Doyle (C), Aoife Whelan

HOLY CROSS
Sun 26th February
10.15am: Aisling Bolton, Ciara Monaghan, Shaina Hoy

The 39th annual Cork to Carlow cycle in aid of the Co Carlow Branch of the Irish Wheelchair Association will take place on the weekend of the 10th and 11th of June 2017 further details later.

Prayer meetings held every Mon@ 8pm in Sacred Heart Hall. All welcome.

Spanish Students:- host family accommodation required Carlow/ Graiguecullen area from 6th to 27th July. Enquiries to Anne 087 9914682.

Weekly Collection
Red Bag € 930.00
Blue Bag €1,573.00
We thank you for your support

Graiguecullen Parish Childcare Centre are looking for donations of used portable overhead projectors and laptops for use in their Preschool and Afterschool Service. Donations greatly appreciated. Tel. 059 9137105.

Set of keys found in Duggan Ave contact Parish centre 9141833.