



# Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

*Sunday 19th March 2017  
3rd Sunday of Lent (A)*



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**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

**Special Masses of Pledge & Giving** for the young people preparing for Confirmation will take place this week in our Parish. Killeshin Mass on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7.30pm in Holy Cross & Graiguecullen Mass takes place on Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7.30pm in St Clare's. The 'Pledge' is extremely important as the issue of the use and abuse of alcohol and the abuse of drugs is very serious for all of us in our community particularly the young. Each class has also chosen a charity to which they will give a percentage of their Confirmation money. We ask God's Blessing on all the young people preparing for Confirmation.

**World Meeting of Families:-** Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

**A leaflet explaining the World Meeting of Families is available at the church doors. Please take one.**

**First Penance:-** Two brief meetings will take place on this Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Graiguecullen Parish Centre to outline the preparation and arrangements for this special Sacrament. Parents of children from **Graiguecullen NS** will meet **@ 7 p.m.** and parents of children from **Killeshin NS @ 8pm.**

**Graiguecullen Bingo**  
**This Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
**@ 8.30pm**  
Jackpot €1,480 in 46 Nos  
Double No. €810  
Great Prizes to be won  
**Bring a friend**

## THINGS TO DO FOR LENT:

**Join us for a time of Peace, Quiet, Music and Reflection**  
**Every Monday@ 8pm in St Clare's Church**  
**This week's theme:- " ~The teachings of Jesus"**

**Adoration:** Every Wednesday in St Fiacc's House 10.30am-2.30pm.

**Stations of the Cross:-** Every Friday in St. Clare's after 10am Mass

**St Clare's Hospitality:-** food appeal continues – food can be placed in the barrels at Church doors or in the Parish Centre

**Trocaire Boxes:-** are available at Church doors. Please take one.

**GARMENT OF PAIN:-** If you are experiencing a particular pain or suffering at this time we invite you to place a piece of cloth (6" x 6") in the basket provided in the sacred spaces in our churches.

During Lent we will remember the intention of all at our Masses and during the next few weeks the pieces of cloth will be sewn together to form a garment of pain which we will use during our Holy Week Ceremonies.

**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 are also available for anyone who would like to go but doesn't have a designated table.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** training course for new Eucharistic Ministers takes place on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> & Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Apr 10.30am-12.30am. If you are interested in joining this special ministry with no obligations to join the rota please contact the parish office 9141833.

**New Eucharistic Ministers Rota:-** is now available. We would gratefully appreciate if all Eucharistic Ministers could please collect your rota after Mass or in the Parish Centre. If you are not available on your day please contact a replacement.

### Anniversaries

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm (First Anniversary)** Ian Clarke, Ballinasloe  
Paddy Nolan, St. Fiacc's Tce. **(Birthday Rem)**  
 James Nolan, Henry St. also his wife Ellen & sons Ted, Paddy & Maurice  
(Joe Fitzpatrick, Sleaty St Birthday Rem)-(Charlie Haughney, 5 St. Fiacc's Tce)  
Margaret Lacey, 32 St Fiacc's Tce  
Laurence Dowling, Whitney Place also his wife Rita  
Margaret (Peg) Duffett, Oakley Grove also her husband Michael  
Sarah Usher, St Fiacc's Tce & USA also her husband Ken

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 10.15am** Michael & Agnes Mullins, Coolnariska  
(John & Bridget Connolly, Coolane)-(James Connolly, Clonee. Meath)  
Mary Connolly, Broomville, Dublin Rd, Portlaoise  
**11.30am** Breda Grant, 34 St. Fiacc's Tce and deceased family members.

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> 10am** Michael Carolan, Levistown, Maganey  
Martin, Margaret & Patrick Scully, St. Mary's Park

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am** **RIP** Dorothy Baker formerly 49 St Fiacc's Tce  
Ellen Davis, Ballylinan & deceased family 

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am** Tom Kelly, Anneville

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> 10am** (John Harte, Sleaty St)-(Elizabeth Maher, Cullagh)

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 11am** **RIP** Donal Purcell, 20 Cathedral Hill, Raphoe, Donegal

**6.30pm (First Anniversary)** Mary Clare Fennell, Governey Square  
**(100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rem)** Ellen Nolan, 1 Henry St  
Jim Moran, 196 Whitney Place and his son Denis  
Joe Foley, 22 Oakley Pk  
Thomas & Margaret Anderson, 60 St Fiacc's Tce  
Claire McGrath & Michael Taylor, Maher Rd  
Joseph (Sonny) Byrne, Killeshin Road  
Kathleen & Patrick Bolton, Ballickmoyler 

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 9am** Esther Hand, 119 St. Clare's Rd her husband Nicholas & son Brendan  
**10.15am** Packie Doyle, Ardenteggle also his wife Stasia  
(John Pheasant, Killeshin)-(Joseph (Sonny) Byrne, Killeshin Rd)  
Joe Whelan also his father Patrick, Ardenteggle  
Margaret & Denis Tuohy, Killeshin  
Anastasia Bolton (née Mullins), Rossmore

**11.30am (First Anniversary)** John Byrne, late 93 Pearse Rd  
(Martin & Annie Fitzpatrick, Coolenaugh & daughter in law June  
Fitzpatrick, Wexford)-(Joseph (Sonny) Byrne, Killeshin Rd)  
Una Norris, The Arches, Crossneen **(Birthday Rem)**

**R.I.P.** Eileen Looney, 106 Church Street  
Eileen Maher, Pairc Mhuire, Tullow & St Fiacc's Hse  
Annie Comerford (née Walsh), 160 Duggan Avenue **R.I.P.**

**RIP** Mass of the late Donal Purcell, Raphoe, Donegal will take place at 11am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March in Holy Cross Church with burial of ashes in adjoining cemetery

**RIP** Mass of the late Dorothy Baker, formerly 49 St Fiacc's Tce will take place on Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 10am in St Clare's Church with burial of ashes afterwards in St Mary's cemetery.

**Killeshin Pipe Band** are holding an open day Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 12:00pm – 2:00pm. All welcome (Tuition is free).

### READERS – ST CLARE'S

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**6.30pm:** Jordan Ukawoko, Lauren Morrissey, Roisin Malone

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**9am:** Aidan Power, Lillian Fogarty, Ned Comerford

**11.30am:** Aoife Whelan, Hannah Keogh

### READERS – HOLY CROSS

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.15am:** Adam & Shauna Brennan

### EUCCHARISTIC

### MINISTERS

### ST. CLARE'S

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**6.30pm:** Laura Horohan (C), Anne, John & Luke Hovendon

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**9am:** Mary J Hennessy, Liz Hosey, Theresa Kennedy

**11.30am:** Aisling Hurley, Gwen & Jenny Hutton, Cathriona Kelly, Hannah Keogh, Brian Lawler (C)

### HOLY CROSS

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.15am:** Breda McDonald, Shaina Hoy, Maedbh Farrell

### Weekly Collection

**Red Bag € 967.00**

**Blue Bag €1,793.00**

**We thank you for your support**

**Macra Reunion:-** The Carlow Town Branch of Macra na Feirme which was founded in 1972 is holding a reunion in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Rd on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. The club drew members from Carlow and surrounding counties and the committee are hoping that anyone connected with the club over the years will come together to make it an enjoyable night. Further details & tickets @ €10 are available from Pat Scully @ 087 2220092.

### CARLOW LIONS CLUB -

Book Sale beside Paul White's Chemist on Tullow Street, for 6 weeks from Mon -Sat. Donation of Books very welcome. Contact Des 086 - 2372218 / Tony 087 - 2673748.

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

### Graiguecullen Swimming Pool 9140330

We are taking bookings for childrens lessons.

Tues Lessons Starting, 25<sup>th</sup> Apr for 7 weeks 6pm – 6.45pm €49 per child

Sat 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> Apr 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.

### St Clare's Hospitality:-

are seeking volunteers for a Bag Pack in Dunnes Stores on the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April. If you are available to help for an hour or two on any of these dates please give your name to the Parish Centre 9141833.

Would you like to save towards the cost of Christmas 2017, First Communion, Family Events, Etc Contact **ST CATHERINES COMMUNITY SAVINGS CLUB**, - Open each Thurs 5 -6pm and Fri 12.30 – 1.30pm. Available to Adults and children for individual savings of any amount up to €50 max per week.