



# Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

*Sunday 19th November 2017  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

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## NO PAIN NO GAIN

The third servant in today's parable was trying to bury a responsibility that he wished to avoid. The treasure he had been given was an opportunity for him to invest and please his master, but instead of putting himself out, he buried the treasure where he could forget about it and go about his own affairs.



Buried deep, the treasure was no longer an uncomfortable reminder of his master's expectations. Meanwhile, the other two servants, realising that there is no gain without pain, risked everything on their master's account. They invested and multiplied their gifts, and their master was pleased by their efforts.

Like the three servants in this story we too have been given talents and gifts, and with those talents comes a responsibility to use those talents as an opportunity to make the world a better place. Our talents are varied, some great some small but we are all gifted in some way. Some have high profile and very obvious talents ... there are those who are great musicians, surgeons, sports people and scientists.

The rest of us might have less obvious talents. We might have a talent for caring, listening, speaking, growing things or solving practical problems. Whatever our particular gift we are urged to step out with it ... stick our neck on the line and invest our gifts in God's cause. God will not be so impressed if we are too afraid, embarrassed or lazy to use our talents. Ever heard the expression 'Use it or lose it.' If we ignore our gifts long enough, there will come a time when we can no longer rely upon them. This is what happened to the third servant.

One of the excuses that the third servant made for not investing his gift was that he was fearful of losing it. But the message today is not to be fearful. God never asks us to do something we are not capable of doing, and he is not judging us by our levels of productivity. The master in the story did not judge the third servant for producing nothing from his gift, but rather for being lazy and for his bitter indifference to his master's generosity.

The master would not have judged him harshly, if he had tried his best but failed. Today we are invited to look again at what gifts we have been given and how we are using them for the benefit of all. We are asked to examine what gifts we might be ignoring because we are too embarrassed or afraid, and we are asked to live a little dangerously and invest more of ourselves in God's cause.

**Bereavement Mass:-** Our annual Mass to Remember all parishioners who died during the past year and all family members who have died during the past year will be celebrated this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in St. Clare's Church. During this Mass we will be inviting family members of people who have died during the past year to come forward to light a candle as the name of their loved one is called out. All other families who have suffered bereavements will also be invited to light a candle. Candles will be available at the church doors and a donation of €1 per candle will go towards the Carlow Hospice. Refreshments available afterwards in the parish centre.

## Eucharistic Ministers Training

Course for young people continues this Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Post Junior Cert Secondary students and young adults are welcome to attend.

## Parish Evergreens/Senior Citizens

**Annual Christmas Dinner:-** All senior citizens from the parish are invited to our annual Christmas Dinner which will take place in the Talbot Hotel on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 1pm. Admission is free but those who attend must collect their tickets from the Swimming Pool office on Wed/Thurs or Friday between 10am & 1pm.

**Friends of Fiacc's House Annual Draw** will take place on Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Cards available from Fiacc's House or ph 086 3981213. New promoters welcome.

**Pre-Baptism meeting:-** the next meeting for parents who will be presenting their children for baptism over the coming months will be held tomorrow Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

**Volunteers** needed for Bag Packing in Dunne's on the 30<sup>th</sup> Nov and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of Dec in aid of St. Clare's food kitchen. Contact the Parish office 0599/141883.

**Portlaoise Hospital Action Group:-** Public Meeting in Killeshin Community Hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November @ 8pm. Dr Michelle Byrne will address the meeting.

**St Clare's Hospitality** is looking for any unwanted gifts to go towards our Christmas coffee morning. Thank You

**Weekly Collection**  
Red Bag: €1,035.00  
Blue Bag: €1,573.00  
We thank you for your support

**Anniversaries**

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm (Months Mind)** Tom Foley, Braganza, Athy Rd  
**(Months Mind)** Frank Gillen, 67 Heatherhill Close  
 (Kevin Kearns, Sleaty Rd)-(Tom Haughney, 98 Street)  
 Rita Dowling, Whitney Place also her husband Larry  
 Bertie Hayes, Gurteen, Ballickmoyler his wife Kitty, great-granddaughter  
 Elsie & all deceased family members



Winifred & Michael Moore, Maryboro Street & Brooklyn New York  
 Ollie Brennan, Sleaty  
 Michael O'Shea, 99 Maher Rd, also Jane Tobin 99 Maher Rd  
 Jason O'Shea Noctor, 56 Fr Byrne Park  
 Jimmy Daly, Clonmore, Killeshin  
 Bridget (Biddy) Wynne, Staunton Ave  
 Kathleen Finnegan, Barrack St & Laurence O'Rourke, Ballyhide

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 10.15am (First Anniversary)** Paul Lacey, Killeshin  
**(First Anniversary)** Ger Burke, late of England  
 Lucy Lowry, 16 Oakpark Drive  
 Henry O'Neill, Portlaoise Rd **(Birthday Rem)**  
 Mark Attride, Lower Rossmore, Killeshin  
 Mary Fitzpatrick, Cappalug, also her parents John & Margaret Fleming, Bennekerry  
 (Edward (Eddie) Moran, Clonaloo)-(Eileen Dillon, Killeshin)

**11.30am** Jack Kelly, Lower Rossmore  
 Patrick Fitzpatrick & his parents, Ballyhide  
 Pat, Margaret & John Purcell, Quinnagh,  
 Michael & Winifred Smith, 8 The Numbers  
 Martin & David Mullins, Nurney, Carlow



**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> 10am** Sean O'Leary, 21 Montgomery Street  
**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am** Martin & Annie Curran, Clonmore, Killeshin

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am** Jack Brennan, Pacelli Ave  
**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm** Charlie & Marie O'Brien, 88 Pearse Rd & deceased family members

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm (Months Mind)** Kitty Courtney, Oakley Pk  
 Katie Kelly, St Clare's Rd  
 Tommy Slattery, St Fiacc's Tee & his niece Gwen Doyle  
 (Annie & William Nolan, 8 Sleatty St also their parents Mary & Jack Hickey &  
 Annie & Michael Nolan & their daughter in-law Columba Nolan)

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 10.15am** Timothy Dunne, Ballyharmon  
 (Rebecca, John & Joanna Ryan, Ballyhide)-(Anne Fitzpatrick, Glenside)  
**11.30am** Timothy Dunne, Ballyharmon  
 (Nora Smyth, Mount Clare Court)-(Miley Doran Jr, Fruithill)

**R.I.P.** Ann Lonergan (née Fennell) Granby Row & John St, Carlow **R.I.P.**  
 Helena (Lena) McDonald (née O'Reilly), Fenniscourt, Bagenalstown  
 Betty Whelan (née Brennan) Mountbrook, Barrowhouse, Athy

**READERS – ST CLARE'S**

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.**  
**6.30pm:** Jessica Brady, Jack King,  
 Sarah Hegarty  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.**  
**9.00am:** Mary McSweeney,  
 Theresa Kennedy  
**11.30am:** Niamh O'Reilly,  
 Ciara Pender, Mollie Hickey

**READERS – HOLY CROSS**

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**10.15am:** Aoife Cawley,  
 David & Rachel McDonald  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**ST. CLARE'S**

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**6.30pm:** Dean Malone,  
 Breda McDonald (C), Conor Archbold  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**9.00am:** Gerard Hosey,  
 Theresa Kennedy, Martin Lynch

**11.30am:** Aisling Hurley,  
 Catriona Kirwan, Brian Lawler,  
 Cathy Lawlor (C), Josh McGuill,  
 Orla McHugh  
**HOLY CROSS**  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**10.15am:** Mary Hennessy,  
 June Farrell, Hannah Keogh

**GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO**

this Tues 21st Nov @ 8.30pm  
**Jackpot €2,000** in 50 No's  
 Check on Double No on White  
 Sheet & win **€460.00**  
 Great Prizes to be won  
**Come along & bring a friend**

"Family Carers Ireland is  
 holding their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Winter  
 Market on Sunday  
 26<sup>th</sup> November from 10am –  
 5pm in The Youth Centre,  
 Green Lane, Carlow. A fun  
 family day out, All Welcome."

**New Ministry:-** If you would  
 like to be trained to run the  
 power-point slides for our  
 Masses please contact the parish  
 centre 91 41833. You don't  
 need to be a computer expert!

**The Vincent de Paul** shop on  
 Tullow Street Carlow will have a  
 large range of good quality toys  
 for sale next Tuesday morning  
 November 21st. If you are  
 looking for toys at a bargain price  
 just drop into the shop. Put the  
 date in your diary and pick up  
 some fabulous toys at really great  
 prices. See you there on Tuesday  
 November 21st at 10am.

**Killeshin NS urgently require**  
 baskets for hampers. These can be  
 left into the school.

**Toys wanted:-** Carlow/Kilkenny Children's  
 Respite Service are seeking toys for the use of  
 the children using their respite service.  
 Please phone Anita on 085/ 8000838.

**Killeshin Pipe Band** Annual Church Gate  
 Collection takes place the 25th and 26th  
 November, your continued support is greatly  
 appreciated.

**Carlow Flower Club:-**Christmas Gala  
 Demonstration at Carlow Flower Club will be  
 held on Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 8.00 pm in the  
 Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Tickets €10  
 available on the door and entry fee includes  
 mulled wine and canapés reception. Proceeds  
 to Cancer Research Ireland.

**Oliver!:-**Carlow Musical Society will hold  
 auditions for their April 2018 production of  
 Oliver! on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November in Carlow  
 Rugby Club from 4pm-6pm. New members  
 always welcome.

**Beautiful Christmas Cards** are now on  
 sale in Bethany House Alzheimer Day  
 Care Barrack St Carlow Variety Pack of  
 12 beautifully designed cards for €10.00  
 Call in or ring 0599134736.

**Also reminder of our Support Group**  
**meeting the 1st Tuesday of each**  
**month @ 11am in Bethany House.**

**Exhibition "St. Willibrord, Patron**  
**Saint of Luxembourg and his County**  
**Carlow Connection":-** Carlow County  
 Museum presents a special exhibition on  
 St. Willibrord who was trained and  
 ordained in county Carlow in the 7<sup>th</sup>  
 century at Rath Melsigi, located in the  
 present day parish of Tinryland. He is  
 one of Europe's most important saints.  
 Carlow County Museum, College Street,  
 Carlow Town, has free admission,  
 opened Monday - Saturday 10.00am -  
 4.30pm (last admission half hour before  
 closing).