



**Graiguecullen/Killeshin
PARISH LINK
Sunday 28th May 2017
The Ascension of the Lord**

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Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
continues this Monday night 29th May @ 7.30pm in St Clare's Church

This year's Theme is *"A Time to Pray, A Time to Heal"*



GUEST SPEAKER

this week is: Alice Cairns

(Mother of missing schoolboy Philip Cairns)

SOLEMN NOVENA continues for nine consecutive Monday nights.

The rosary is recited at 7.10pm and Mass begins at 7.30pm.

We invite you to come and join us in prayer.



Holy Communion to the sick:-

Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound on Tuesday & Wednesday 6th/7th June (not this week).

First Friday:- this Friday 2nd June. There will be the usual Penitential Service during the 10am Mass in St Clare's.

Monthly Youth Mass:- next Sunday 4th June at 6pm in the Parish Centre. This is part of our parish programme and all children who have received Confirmation and their families are expected to attend.

Graiguecullen Bingo
This Tuesday 30th May
@ 8.30pm
Jackpot €2,880 in 50 Nos
Double No. €1,510
Great Prizes to be won

Exam Mass:- a special Mass to pray for all who will be sitting Junior & Leaving Cert exams in June will be celebrated next Sunday 4th June at the 6pm Youth Mass. We take this opportunity as a parish community to pray for our students that they will do their best and have peace during the days ahead.

Make Disciples of All Nations

Jesus arranges to meet the eleven disciples on the mountain at Galilee. The scene is set. Jesus is about to ascend into heaven, but first he gives the disciples their all-important commission; to baptise and teach the message Jesus has taught them... to make disciples of all nations. It must have been a staggering thing for eleven humble Galileans to be told.



With the early disciples long gone, it is now up to us to carry the baton. We too are entrusted with the commission to make disciples of all nations. Perhaps we don't feel the commission as acutely because we didn't receive it standing on a mountain talking to Jesus face to face... but nonetheless we have inherited the commission and we have to do something about it. With so much conflict in the world, the Christian example of forgiveness and peace has never been more relevant.

So where do we begin? How do we go about making disciples of all nations? One thing is for sure; we are not all called to drop our day jobs and rush round the world being missionaries. We are each called in different ways. Some of us are called as parents to Baptise our children and bring them up as Christians. Some of us are called to bring God's love into the lives of those who have lost direction and hope. We are all called to teach by example either in the context of our jobs or in the extra things we do. We are each challenged to work out how best we can carry out Jesus' commission.

Yes, the commission is a daunting one, but Jesus makes it clear that his ascension does not mean that he will be absent from our lives. We will always have Jesus' help. "I am with you always," he promises, "until the end of the age."

Remembrance Mass for all parents who have lost a baby before, during or after birth takes place next Sun 4th June in Holy Cross Church @ 10.15am. Anyone who would like to design a patch for our remembrance quilt is welcome to do so. The square must be 6"x6" and can be left into the parish centre before Wed 31st May.

Kildare and Leighlin Annual Diocesan Collection for our Retired Priests takes place over the next two weekends 27th/28th May & 3rd/4th June to assist in the ongoing support of our Retired priests. Priests in the diocese are paid a set salary from the Priests Collection during the year and any monies leftover goes towards helping our retired priests. Unfortunately, the monies leftover at present are insufficient to provide this assistance. Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese thank you for your on-going contributions for priest collections. Envelopes are available in parish envelope boxes or at church doors.

Weekly Collection

Red Bag € 810.00

Blue Bag €1,435.00

We thank you for your support

Graveyard Masses:-

Killeshin - Fri 2nd June @ 7.30pm
Mass will be broadcast on radio frequency 108 fm.

Sleaty- Fri 9th June @ 7.30pm

Leaugh- Wed 21st June @ 7.30pm
St Mary's-Mon 10th July @ 7.30pm

Anniversaries

Sat 27th 6.30pm (Months Mind) Geraldine Kelly, College Green
 Very Rev Fr John Fingleton former parish priest Graiguecullen/Killeshin
 Thomas & Brigid Murphy, 1 St Lazerians Tce
 Anastasia & Patrick Hogan, Church St also Laetitia, Joseph & Joe Egerton
 (Ernest Duffett St Fiacc's Tce also his brothers Michael, Frank &
 Martin and his sister Sarah)
 Nancy & Conleth Breen, 36 St Fiacc's Tce

Sun 28th 10.15am Andy & Mary Dowling, Ardenteggle
11.30am (Months Mind) Mary Grant, Ballickmoyler Rd
 Edmond McKenna, 186 Colclough Ave
 Con Moloney, Strawhall
 Mary & Vera Connolly, Tallow, Co Waterford
 David (Davy) Hutchinson, Crossneen

12.00pm Mary Kehoe, Springhill

Tues 30th 10am Joseph Lawlor, 59 St Fiacc's Tce

Wed 31st 10am V Rev Fr John Fingleton former parish priest Graiguecullen/Killeshin

Fri 2nd 7.30pm (Eddie Brennan, Coolnariska)-(Pauline Kearney, Keelogue)
 Michael Shorthall, Cappalug

Sat 3rd 6.30pm Dakota Fanning, Newtownallen (**Birthday Rem**)
 (Kieran Lawler, Duggan Ave)-(Sean & Mary Dillon, Pearse Rd)
 William, Margaret & Ronald Nolan, 31 Pacelli Ave
 Laurence Dowling, St Fiacc's Tce

Sun 4th 10.15am (First Anniversary) Dora (Dolly) Scully, Tolerton
 Katie & Martin Rice, Ardenteggle
11.30am Shay Lawler, Duggan Ave & Tommy Murphy Park
 James & Annie Nolan also The Tracey Family, Granby Row
 Patrick Brennan, Ballickmoyler Rd
 Joseph & Alice Bolger, 11 Church St also their sons Tony, Pat & Michael

Supper Dance: The Organising Committee would like to thank all those who supported & contributed to making the night a great success. A special thanks to all the hosts who did such an outstanding job also to Ann Flynn & the staff from St. Fiacc's House who prepared and served the food. Thanks to the Horohan Brothers and Helter Skelter and The Dargan School of Dancing for the great entertainment. Thanks to all the Parish Staff who prepared St. Fiacc's Hall & had it looking so well on the night. Thanks to all at The Thatch Bar for the Bar Service. Thanks to all Raffle Sponsors. This years event was in aid our Parish Evergreens and €2,274 was handed over after the event.

Carlow Regatta takes place on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday 3rd/4th June. All are welcome to come down and watch the racing and support the crews. There will be a shop selling teas, sandwiches, rolls etc.
 Please support.

Found:- Small ladies pendant has been found on steps to Holy Cross Church, Killeshin. Contact Pauline 0857696903.

Eist Family Walk on Tuesday 27th June at 7.00 pm - Send off by Killeshin Pipe Band - starting from Killeshin Community Centre to Oisín Park Rossmore - refreshments served at the top of the hill! all donations received on the night go directly to Eist Cancer Support Centre.

Volunteer Shop Assistants required for Barnardos Charity Shop, Carlow Monday to Saturday, approx. 4 to 8 hours per week, morning and afternoon shifts available. If interested please call Suzanne in Barnardos Volunteer Service, tel: 01 7080431 / 086 8570112 or email: volunteers@barnardos.ie When you work in a Barnardos shop you are helping to make an important contribution to the work Barnardos do with vulnerable children across the country, as the money raised in our shops helps fund their work with vulnerable children.

Adoration takes place every Wednesday in St Fiacc's House from 10.30am to 2.30pm. All Welcome

Bethany House Alzheimer Day Care are looking to collect bags of old clothes, bed clothes shoes handbags curtains soft toys etc(no duvets pillows or cushions) please drop your unwanted bags into Bethany house Day Care Centre Barrack Street Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm before the 2nd of June or for collection phone Carloine 0879126555 or Hilda 0599134736. **Our next Support Group meeting will be held in Bethany House on Tuesday 6th June @ 11am**

St Clare's & Holy Cross Altar Societies:- are seeking volunteers to help clean our beautiful churches. Contact parish office at 059 9141833 if you can help.

READERS – ST CLARE'S

Sat 3rd June
6.30pm: Aine Harte, Jennifer M O'Connor
Sun 4th June
9.00am: Amelia Chodorska, Katie O'Sullivan, Lauren Walsh
11.30am: Mary McSweeney, Theresa Kennedy

READERS – HOLY CROSS

Sun 4th June
10.15am: Mass to remember babies that have died.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
ST. CLARE'S
Sat 3rd June
6.30pm: Conor Archbold (C), Eoghan Cowan, Ann Dormer, Geraldine Fennell
Sun 4th June
9.00am: Liz Donnelly, Julie Doran, Owen Gorman
11.30am: Ian Bradley, Mary Brennan, Kathleen Byrne, Nicola Byrne, Celine Dempsey, Gary Dowling (C)
HOLY CROSS
Sun 4th June
10.15am: Maedbh Farrell, June Farrell, Gerard Hosey

Graiguecullen Baby & Toddler

Group Every Friday morning 9:45-11:45am in St Fiacc's Hall
 €4 per family, tea, coffee, snacks provided. All welcome

Carlow Camp 2017-Carlow Regional Youth Services are holding their annual Carlow Camp this year from Mon 10th – Fri 14th July. Camp caters for 5-12 year old children from all over the county. We are still recruiting for volunteers and registration for the camps is ongoing. We can be contacted at reception1@carlowys.ie or 059 9130476

Would you take 24 hours out of your time to help raise much needed funds for The Irish Cancer Society. Giving hope, care and respite to those who need it. Test your endurance against other local clubs in a 24 hour team event. 17th & 18th June, Ducketts Grove, Carlow. Register now by email: info@relayforlifecarlow.ie or phone 085-7796359

Clonfert Bus Sat 3rd June:-Bus leaves Tullow Church Car Park @8:00am and arriving at Barrack Street Bus Stop @ 8:20am. Please bring a packed lunch. Please contact Lily Whelan 059 9151245 / 087 2245193.