



# Graiguercullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

*Sunday 19th May 2019*  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues this Monday night 20<sup>th</sup> May.** The rosary is recited at 7.10pm and Mass begins at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church.

This year's Theme is:

*"The importance of faith in our daily lives"*

**GUEST SPEAKER : Bishop Fintan Monahan Bishop of Killaloe**

## Love As I have Loved

We can recognise Rembrandt in his apprentices' work. We can recognise Mozart in the work of his students. We recognise the influence of early films in today's cinema and the devices of great classic literature in today's novels. So too people will recognise us as Christians if we love as Jesus loved. We might think we know how to be good people, but how closely have we studied Jesus' example? How we behave as Christians is Jesus' unique signature in the world, so it's important to get it right. In turn this will become our ultimate reason for being.



Our own human idea of love is self centred. We enjoy a long relationship with a partner, parent, or offspring, but what we're really expecting is for them to give us something in return. We're not great at unconditional love. Copying Jesus' example to the letter really would change the world.

So what made Jesus' love so special? Firstly Jesus made his love feel very specific. Jesus made every person he met feel special. His love was also universal. He was prepared to love people before he had even met them. His love was non judgmental. It doesn't seem to matter to Jesus that the people he meets are sinners or outcasts, he gives everybody the second chance they need. Nor does Jesus metre out his love from some lofty moral high ground, instead he relates to others with humility and genuine empathy.

"Love as I have loved," Jesus' recipe for a better world.

**Feature on our parish in Irish Catholic newspaper this week-**Churches are often referred to as the 'heart of a community', but in order for this living, breathing muscle to continue to beat, the parish must sustain and support it. This is no easy task; and requires more than just showing up to Mass now and again – a flourishing parish is one where people of all ages and backgrounds are welcomed into a community of faithful and are encouraged to achieve their potential, all the while recognising the place of God in their lives. (Irish Catholic on sale after all Masses and in parish centre)

**Exam Mass:-** a special Mass to pray for all who will be sitting Junior & Leaving Cert exams in June will be celebrated on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at the 6.30pm. Petitions can be placed in the special boxes in St Clare's. 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.

Kildare/Leighlin Annual Diocesan Collection for our Retired Priests takes place 25th/26th May. Please give generously to continue the support of our Retired Priests.

**A Statement by Bishop Denis Nulty on the upcoming divorce referendum is now available at church doors.**  
**Please take one.**

The Graveyard Masses are as follows:

Killeshin-Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm.

Sleaty-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm

Leaugh-Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm.

St. Mary's-Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 10am Mass in St. Clare's Church next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

**First Holy Communion:-**The children from St. Fiacc's N.S will receive their First Holy Communion next Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May at two special Masses in St. Clare's at 10.30am & 12.30. We ask God's blessings on the children and their families and we thank their teachers and all who helped them reach this stage of their faith journey.

**Holy Cross Church:-** Work will begin in Holy Cross Church this Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May to install and upgrade fire safety and prevention equipment. The work will continue for 3 weeks and Church services will not be affected. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**Dog Walk Fundraiser:-** a fun walk to raise funds for St Clare's Hospitality Food Kitchen will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June @ 10am. Dogs must be kept on a leash. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments after the walk also treats for the dogs. Meeting point outside Parish Centre. Donations on the day. Please support.

**Table Quiz** in aid of Graiguercullen/Killeshin Lourdes Invalid Fund will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May @ 9pm in the Thatch. Teams of 4 €40. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**There are only a few seats left on the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes** which takes place from 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Total cost €749 per person. Single room supplement is an extra €150.

**The final date for payment of the balance of money due for the Lourdes Pilgrimage is Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June.** All payments to parish office please.

**Weekly Collection**  
Red Bag: € 881.00  
Blue Bag: €1,252.00  
We thank you for your support

### Anniversaries

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** Thomas & Brigid Murphy, 1 St Lazerians Tce  
(Lily Carr, Crossneen)-(Pauline Fitzpatrick, Rochfort Manor)  
Danny Doogue, St Clare's Road

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 9am** Richard O'Neill, Rathellen, Bagenalstown  
**10.15am** (Molly Hearn, Clonmore)-(Frank Brennan, Cappalug)  
(Catherine Fitzgerald, Coolane)-(Stasia Doyle, Ardenteggle)

**11.30am** Michael & Chrissie Coogan, 4 Church St & deceased family  
Michael (Fay) Dowling, 11 St Clare's Rd  
Jody Byrne, 40 Heatherhill Ave

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> 10am** Special Intentions

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> 10am** Mary Quinn, Sleatty Street

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am** (Margaret Hayden, Ballickmoyler Road)-(Special Intentions)

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am** Annie O'Neill, Una Mc Cluskey & Kavanagh family 26 The Numbers

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** Stephen Delaney (Snr), Roncalli Place (**Birthday Rem**)  
Dermot Farrell, Askea Lawns  
Dave Mac Suibhne, Blacksod, Mayo

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 10.15am** Breda Maguire, Clonmore, Killeshin  
Edward (Ned) Burke, Ardenteggle  
Mary Kehoe, Springhill  
James (Jim) Connolly, 61 Broomville, Portlaoise

**11.30am** Aidan Power, Pacelli Ave (**Birthday Rem**)



Denis Sullivan, 96 Rochfort Manor, Graiguecullen formerly Tullow and Dungarvan  
Elizabeth (Eilish) Murphy, (née Sullivan), 2 Henry St., Graiguecullen  
Margaret Fitzpatrick, (née Lowry), Pollerton Big formerly Ballylennon, Carlow  
*R.I.P.* John J O'Brien, Rathmines Dublin, formerly Rathvilly, Carlow *R.I.P.*  
Ber Dempsey, New Oak Estate, Carlow

### READERS – ST CLARE'S

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
**6.30pm:** Muireann Beattie,  
Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, Jade Nolan  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
**9am:** Poor Clare Sisters  
**11.30am:** Laura Whelan, Justyna  
Czubak, Damian Korus

### READERS – HOLY CROSS

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10.15am:** Eddie Whelan, Vonnice  
Bolton, Mary Hennessy  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**ST. CLARE'S**  
**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
**6.30pm:** Sally Amond (C), Laura  
Whelan, Geraldine Bradley, Alicia  
Gordon, Lisa Hegarty  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
**9am:** Bridget Scully, Teresa  
Wynne, Anne Dormer  
**11.30am:** Eoin Barry (C), Karen  
Barry, Aoife Whelan, Muireann  
Beattie, Emer McDermott, Emer  
Cawley

### HOLY CROSS

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10.15am:** June Farrell, Mary  
Hennessy, David McDonald

**Eist:-** we are now organising our  
19th Dublin Mini Marathon in  
aid of the Eist Cancer Support  
Centre. Would you consider  
participating with us this year?  
We are looking for walkers,  
joggers to take part in the event  
on Sun 2nd June, next, starting  
at 2 pm. We provide the bus to  
Dublin and a t-shirt for the day.  
For more info and sponsorship  
cards contact Mary 085  
1440510, Geraldine 0871275748  
or the Eist Centre 0599139684.

### Graiguecullen Swimming

Pool-059 9140330

#### EVENING CAMPS

6 – 6.45 pm

**CAMP 1:** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July

**CAMP 2:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July

**CAMP 5:** 30<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug

#### MORNING CAMPS

10 – 10.45 am

**CAMP 3:** 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July

**CAMP 4:** 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July

**CAMP 6:** 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Aug

Monday – Friday @ €40 per child

Fill in a booking form in the Pool  
office with €20 deposit per child.

Due to the increase in demand for  
lessons bookings cannot be  
accepted without a deposit. It is  
recommended that children be at  
least 4 years of age.

### Carlow Flower Club:-

May Meeting will feature a  
demonstration by AOIFA  
Demonstrator and Teacher Beatrice  
Hartog on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at  
8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen  
Hotel. Entrance fee for visitors €7.

**Askea Senior Holiday** To Sligo is  
on May 27th. We have a few  
vacancies (due to cancellations) 2  
rooms available 1 twin and 1  
double. Non-members welcome.  
Our Monthly Social Night in Parish  
Centre is on Wed 22nd instead of  
27th (due to holiday ) Contact  
Marian 0599143010.

**Couch to 50k Cycling Group:-**Killeshin Wheelers  
Cycling Club is promoting a weekly cycling event  
"Couch to 50k". This is a fantastic way to get into  
cycling, improve fitness and meet people. The cycles  
will commence on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May from Carlow Rugby  
Club at 7pm. All you need is a bike and a helmet. Over  
18s. Contact Dick 0851473381 or Brian 0852476065

### Graiguecullen Bingo

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May @ 8.30pm  
in St Fiacc's Hall



Jackpot €1,090 in 43 No's.

Check on Double No & win €1,230

In-house Mini Lotto €550

Great Prizes to be won. Bring a friend



### Carlow Regional Youth Service

are recruiting volunteer leaders for Carlow Camp: Are  
you aged 16 +? Are you free between 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July  
10am-3pm for Training & 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> July for Summer  
Camp? Do you want to work with children and learn  
new skills? Do you want to work as part of a team and  
make a difference in your community? Carlow Camp  
provides volunteer leadership training to allow  
volunteers become a leader at our summer camps. For  
application forms or any queries please call into  
Montgomery House, call 059 9130476 or email  
[reception1@carlowys.ie](mailto:reception1@carlowys.ie). Garda vetting will apply for  
all volunteers.

Graiguecullen Community Childcare (St Fiacc's  
Primary School) are now taking enrolments for Junior  
Preschool and ECCE Preschool for Sept 2019  
For more information, please call in anytime or phone  
059 9137105. Limited spaces available

Cards for the 41st annual wheelchair cycle on the 15th &  
16th June, are available from Whites Pharmacy Tullow  
Street, IWA Centre Kilkenny Road or Jack Doyle Cycle  
Organiser, 086-8402081.

Accord Carlow:-  
Pre – Marriage Courses 2019  
September 6th & 7<sup>th</sup> Fri Night &  
Saturday. Oct 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Fri Night  
& Saturday. To reserve a place  
book on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)  
For further information please  
contact: Mary at Accord Carlow  
phone no 059 9138738 Email:  
[accordcarlow@eircom.net](mailto:accordcarlow@eircom.net)  
**Counselling Service:** Accord offers  
low cost confidential counselling  
to Couples experiencing  
challenges or difficulties In their  
relationship For further  
information contact Mary at 059  
9138738

Carlow Rainbows Group offer a  
nine session Peer Support  
Programme for children aged 7–  
12 who have experienced loss  
through the death of a close  
relative or the separation of their  
parents. Programmes are free.  
Tel Anne 087 6636 499