



Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 28th July 2019

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Does Prayer Work?

Have you ever prayed really really hard for something and not had that prayer granted? Have you ever looked back in life at a prayer you once made and thought thank goodness God didn't grant it? This week's gospel reading is a lesson in prayer, but more importantly, it's a lesson in having faith that God is a parent who will not let us down.



Let's face it, we pray hardest to God when we want something. We pray hardest when something seems beyond our human means and we need some kind of miracle, this often leads us to make inappropriate prayers. How many of us pray that the love of our life will notice us in the launderette? How many of us pray to win the lottery and make secret deals with God that we will donate half the winning to charity in return? How many of us pray to God for our football team to score a winning goal in the closing minutes of a match? Worse... we lose faith when such prayers aren't answered! We find it difficult to believe that unanswered prayers might mean that God knows better, or has a different purpose for us.

Perhaps Jesus' disciples shared some of our frustration when they say, "Lord teach us to pray." In response Jesus gives us a model by which to pray. It's important to recognise it as a model and not a prayer as such. Reciting a prayer is not the same as praying. The model prayer Jesus gives us, 'The Lord's prayer', invites us to pray to God as our Father, acknowledging his holiness and praying with the shared commitment to have his will done on earth. We are invited to pray for our 'daily bread', in other words, for the things we genuinely need. Pray for forgiveness, and promise to forgive others. Pray with persistence. Prayer is about building a relationship with God, speaking to him often throughout the day. Lastly, and most importantly we should approach God with the faith we approach a loving parent. "What father," reasons Jesus, "would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?" or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg?" Even parents with very average parenting skills know how to give children what they need. "How much more," says Jesus, "will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Our annual Pilgrimage returned safely last Monday from Lourdes and we all had a wonderful spiritual experience. We prayed for all the many intentions we brought with us.

A big thank you to Ursula Hayden and all her team who ensured everything went according to plan and looked after everyone so well. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated people in our parish.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:- we also remember all the young people from our parish who are travelling on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes next weekend. They will receive a special blessing at the 11.30am Mass in St Clare's this Sunday. We wish them a safe and fulfilling pilgrimage.

38 young adults travelled to Dunmore East this week for the annual Youth Retreat. They took time out from everyday life to recharge and refocus on what's really important to them through Faith, friendship, food & fun. Special thanks to our Youth Minister Cathriona Kelly for organising everything and to her team of leaders for all their work.

First Friday:- this Friday 2nd August. There will be the usual penitential service during the 10am Mass in St. Clare's.

Communion to the sick:- Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound during the coming week.

Pre-Baptism meeting:- for parents who will be presenting their children for baptism over the coming months will be held on Monday 2nd Sept @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

EVERGREENS DAY TRIP

Travelling to Bunratty on Wednesday 14th Aug 2019. Stopping at Barack Obama Plaza on route. Tea & scones on arrival followed by a tour of the castle. Dinner @ 4pm in *Durty Nellies* followed by dancing. €35 must be paid to the Pool office. Only a few spaces left.

Run for the Kitchen – The streets of Carlow 5k/10k run in aid of St Clare's Hospitality Food Kitchen. Entry Fee 5k €20/10k €25, Entire entry fee goes to the Kitchen. Sun 15th Sept 2019. Race starts @ 10am. Register online @PopUp Races. Organised by Sherry Fitzgerald McDermott

Graiguecullen Community Childcare (on the grounds of St Fiacc's Primary School) are now taking enrolments for Junior Preschool, ECCE Preschool, Full Day Preschool, Afterschool and Breakfast Club for September 2019. For more information, please call in anytime or phone 059 9137105. Limited spaces available.

We hope that all Eist clients and their families are enjoying the summer. The Eist Cancer Support Centre will be closed for summer holidays from 1pm on Fri 2nd Aug until 10am on Mon 19th Aug

St. Clare's Hospitality:- are in urgent need of donations particularly biscuits & cereal of any kind for our food parcels. We are very grateful for all donations.

St. Fiacc's Hall
Available for Parties and
Indoor Sports.
Phone 059 9140330
for details.

Office Space to Rent
@ Graiguecullen
Swimming Pool
Phone 059 9140330
for details.

Weekly Collection

Red Bag: € 690.00

Blue Bag: €1,125.00

We thank you for your support.

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

All Welcome.

Anniversaries

Sat 27th 6.30pm Molly & Johnnie Keegan, Castlehill.

Christopher (Berto) Kelly, 158 Duggan ave
Jimmy Brennan, Staunton Ave (**Birthday Rem**)
TJ McCormack, 1 Oakley Close
Thomas Hurley, 19 Rossmore View
Tim Moore, Naas & St. Fiacc's Tce

Sun 28th 9.00am Patrick Callinan, Rossmore View

10.15am (First Anniversary) Columba Thompson (née Dunne), 17 Lealand Walk, Clondalkin)

Michael Dempsey, Lower Rossmore
Michael Bolton, Springhill

11.30am (First Anniversary) Mick Lowry, "Rose Cottage" Clogrennane Maria Fitzpatrick, Ballyhide, (**Anniversary & Birthday Rem**)

Mon 29th 10am Maria Barcoe, 25 Rossmore View, (**Anniversary & Birthday Rem**)

Wed 31st 10am Tim Moore, Naas & St. Fiacc's Tce

Sat 3rd 6.30pm Jack Whelan, Crossneen and deceased members of the Whelan Family (Patrick Curran, Ballymanus Tce also his wife Margaret & daughter Loretto Curran)

Sun 4th 9am

10.15am Brigid Ryan & Mary Landy, Cappalug
Josie Dempsey, Killeshin (**Birthday Rem**)

11.30am (First Anniversary) Kevin Feeny, 36 Tommy Murphy Park.
Noeleen Callinan, St. Fiacc's Tce
Ann Hogan & Teda Hayden, The Numbers

Childrens Swimming Lessons

Monday Starting 2nd Sept 2019, for 14 Weeks @ €112 Per Child. 6pm - 6.45pm
Tuesday Starting 3rd Sept 2019 for 15 Weeks. 5pm- 5.45pm €120. 6pm- 6.45pm €120
Saturday Starting 7th Sept 2019 For 15 Weeks, 9am-9.45am, 10am- 10.45am- 1pm- 1.45pm €120. 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.

Parish BBQ in aid of Arles Parish.
Sunday 4th August from 3pm in Coolnaowle Country House & Organic Farm. Live Music & Dancing, Organic Food, Teddy Bear Picnic, Face Painting, Tea, Coffee & Cakes, Sports & Much More.
Admission €20, Kids free.

For August "Fun Friday" is changed to the 2nd Fri of the month, Fri, 9th Aug. (**NB change of date**) If you would like to meet new people and you enjoy playing board games please join us at the Community House (opposite the Town Hall) in The Haymarket in Carlow Town Centre, from 8pm to 10pm. This is a free event and is open to all adults. For more info contact Sinead on (087) 2264202.

St. Patrick's Boys A.F.C. : Family Funday & Mini World Cup on Sunday 11th of August at 1pm in The Meadows, Sleaty Street, €2 Entry (Kids Free). Bouncy Slide, Eliminator, BBQ, Mini World Cup for U8's U9's U10's U11's U12's U13's. Penalty Shootouts & Fun Activities.

Graiguecullen Bingo
Tuesday 30th July @ 8.30pm
in St Fiacc's Hall
Jackpot €1,480 in 46 No's.
Check on Double No
& win €1,930

In-house Mini Lotto €600
Great Prizes to be won. **Bring a friend**

SAPLINGS SPECIAL SCHOOL SPLIT THE POT DRAW-PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FORTNIGHTLY SPLIT THE POT DRAW ENTRY BOXES IN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES: Killeshin Stores, Glenside Pub, Topline Doyle's, XL Store Athy Road, Brian Hennessy's (Gala) Portlaoise Road

Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated? GROW is here to help you. GROW Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Just come along. Weekly Meeting Time is: **Tues @ 7.45pm. Venue: St Catherine's Social Services Centre Joseph's Road. Contact: Mary 087 2843424**

Coastal Rosary for Life, Faith and Love-Join in with thousands of people all around Ireland, as we gather on our coasts, near rivers, in our churches, at grottos etc. to pray the Rosary for Life, Faith and Love on Sunday October 13th at 2.30pm. We will join in with many countries around the world. To register a location please visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text/call 087 278 6552

READERS – ST CLARE'S

Sat 3rd August

6.30pm: Laura Whelan, Justyna Czubak, Damian Korus

Sun 4th August

9am: J M O'Connor,

Hazel O'Connor, Ciara Regan

11.30am: Emma Dwyer, M C Hogan, Francesca M Hutton

READERS – HOLY CROSS

Sun 4th August

10.15am: Laura Kehoe, Ellen & Julia Dempsey

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. CLARE'S

Sat 3rd August

6.30pm: Becky Fahy (C), Veronica Byrne, Marguerite Mullen, Padraig Brett, Julie Doran

Sun 4th August

9am: Sean Harte, Theresa Kennedy, Teresa Sheehan

11.30am: Orla McHugh (C), Jade Nolan, Elizabeth McEvoy, Cillian Morrissey, Celina Dempsey, David McDonald

HOLY CROSS

Sun 4th August

10.15am: Mary Hennessy, Aoife Whelan, Aidan Monaghan

Day of Prayer for Healing at

Clonfert: Sat 3rd August, bus leaving Tullow Car Park @ 8am, Barrack St bus stop 8.20am. August Speaker: Fr. Pat Collins. Bring packed lunch. Ring Lily 087/2245193 or 059/9151245

Graiguecullen Swimming Pool
059 9140330

EVENING CAMPS

6 – 6.45 pm

CAMP 5: 29th July – 2nd Aug

MORNING CAMPS

10 – 10.45 am

CAMP 6: 12th – 16th Aug

MONDAY-FRIDAY

@ €40 per child

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

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ST FIACC'S HALL GRAIGUECULLEN: Hours available for Soccer, Handball, Basketball and Parties etc.

Open from 10am – 9pm Daily. For booking please phone Swimming Pool 059 / 9140330.