

Graiguercullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 15th September 2019
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Round Table.

It's hard to admit to, but most of us live on a bit of a moral high ground and it's not a good place to be. Moral high grounds are littered with treacherous pitfalls. The worst pitfall of all is to assume superiority. It's a human failing. We assume superiority over all sorts of other people. We decide we are superior to those with less money or lesser jobs. We decide we are superior to those who are less intellectual, whose tastes differ, whose accents are alien or whose values don't match ours. We decide we are better than those who have fallen foul of the law or who have succumbed to an addiction. Why is superiority a pitfall? It's a pitfall because once we imagine ourselves superior, we start to dismiss people. We start to rule out huge numbers of our neighbours as unworthy of our attention.

Today we see Jesus at a wedding banquet where the guests are jostling for places of honour at the dinner table. It's a simple occasion that raises a big question. Why are we all so anxious to be seated at the top of life's table? Jesus gives the guests a piece of life changing advice. "A person who exalts himself will be humbled, but a person who humbles himself will be exalted."

Humility doesn't sit easily in our fame driven society, that's because we associate being humble with being "walked all over". Jesus' brand of humility however, is very different.

Humility does not mean trading feelings of superiority for feelings of inferiority. Being humble doesn't mean being timid or falsely modest. Humility means that understanding that everything you have is a gift from God, and that everything you have is for the service of others.

In the tales of King Arthur and his knights, Arthur ordered a round table so that no one could assume a greater or lesser position. As Christians we are asked to adopt a 'round table' approach to life.

Mass for the New School Year:- the opening of the year Mass for Killeshin NS takes place on this Friday 20th Sept. @ 11.30am in Holy Cross Church. All families and members of the parish community are welcome to join in praying for God's Blessings on our schools for the year ahead.



Parish Calendar of Events 2019/2020:-

now available at church doors.
Please take one per family.

PRE-BAPTISM MEETING: The next meeting for parents who are presenting their children for baptism will take place on Mon 4th November at 7pm in the Parish Centre

Safeguarding Sunday:-

Bishop Nulty, together with the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee are happy to announce the first Safeguarding Sunday event in the **Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin.** Safeguarding Sunday will take place on Sunday 29th September in all parishes across the Diocese, this day aims to communicate our safeguarding message in a creative and innovative way.

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

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

Graiguercullen Bingo

Tuesday 17th September @ 8.30pm
in St Fiacc's Hall

Jackpot €830 in 41 No's



In-house Mini Lotto €700

Great Prizes to be won. **Bring a friend!**

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock on 29th Sep. Bus from Barrack Street. Carlow 8am. Via the Thatch, Graiguercullen at 8.15am. Contact Josie: 0878324656, Chrissie: 0851226205, Kathleen: 0861577190

Weekly Collection



Red Bag: €913.00

Blue Bag: €1,452.00



We thank you for your support.

Thanks to all who supported our Coffee morning this week in aid of Motor Nueron. A total of €650 was raised.

Parish Choirs:

Men's Choir:- choir practice every Thursday at 7pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

Ladies Choir:- practice every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

St Clare's Children's Choir:- practice resumes on Monday 9th Sept. from 5 - 6pm in the Parish Centre. The choir is open to all primary school children and first year secondary school students.

New members more than welcome.

Parish Youth Choir:- choir resumes on Saturday 14th Sept. from 12.45pm to 2pm in the Parish Centre.

The choir is open to all secondary school students and young adults. Musicians also very welcome.

Killeshin Adult Choir:- New members welcome

Killeshin Children's Choir:- Practice in the school and sing at our monthly family Mass.

The streets of Carlow Run/Walk in aid of **St. Clare's Hospitality Kitchen** this **Sunday September 15th @ 10am** from **St. Lawrence O Toole Athletic club.**
5km/10km option. Commemorative Bespoke medal for all finishers. Refreshments served after. Live KCLR broadcast on the day.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 14th 6.30pm Harry Forbes, 102 Church St.
 Patrick Foley, St. Fiacc's Tce also his grandson Pat, New York
 (John & Kathleen Hayes, Maher Rd)-(Lyla & Mike Mc Caul)-(Marie & Ernie Brealey)-
 (Kathleen & Aidan Power)-(Bertie & Kitty Hayes)-
 (Peg & Charles Reithmeir)-(Ned & Maria Hayes)
 Peter & Mary Mannion, Connemara & Sean Bricken
 Patrick & Bridget Dormer, Son Richard & daughter Bridget, Sleaty
 Martin & Anne Delaney, son Michael & daughter Noeleen, Portlaoise
 Kathleen Kenna (nee Moore) St. Clare's Rd. also her husband Oliver
 Oliver Brennan, Streatham, London & Leighlin Street
 Sarah Farrell, 17 Chapel Street & her husband John
 Jack Walsh, Kilkenny & his wife Mona

Sun 15th 9am James (Gussy) Grant, 122 St. Clare's Road & his wife Alice

10.15am Davey Lyons, Clonmore also his son David

11.30am Baby Lydia Clare Scully, 5 St. Lazerian's Graiguecullen.
 Claire Moore (nee O'Donoghue) Naas & Knocknagee, Carlow
 Kathleen Timmons, 12 Bestfield

Mon 16th 10am Baby Lydia Clare Scully, 5 St. Lazerians, Graiguecullen

Wed 18th 10am Claire Moore (nee O'Donoghue) Naas & Knocknagee, Carlow
 John & Julia O'Donoghue, Knocknagee, Carlow

Sat 21st 6.30pm Tom & Helena Whitmore, son Brendan, daughter Geraldine, Church St
 Patrick & Elizabeth Slater, Granby Row & deceased family members
 (Sheila Kelly, Creeslough, Donegal)-(Minnie & Pat Regan, Church St)

Sun 22nd 10.15am John Keogh, Keelogue, also his father Pat Keogh, Killeshin

11.30am (Months Mind) Elizabeth McGowan (nee Lawler) Ballymurphy &
 22 St. Fiacc's Tce)-(James (Gussy) Grant, 122 St Clare's Rd & his wife Alice)
 (Patrick Walsh, Heatherhill)-(Annie Alcock, Pearse Rd)
 (Jack Butler, Chapel St, & Fenagh, Carlow)-(Mr. William Hogan, 13 The Numbers)
 (Alan Roberts, Chingford, UK)-(Margaret (Bid) Roberts, Chingord & St. Fiacc's Tce
 (Mary (Moll) Mulhall, 194 Whitney Place)-(Kitty Grant, 33 St. Fiacc's Tce)
 (Joe Grant, Radharc Oisín)-(Teresa Murphy, Stevenage, UK)

READERS – ST CLARE'S
Sat 21st Sept.
6.30pm: Chloe Nolan,
 Jade McCartney, Sophie Broderick
Sun 22nd Sept.
9am: Conor Archbold,
 Amy Watchorn, Chelsie Nolan
11.30am: Guilia Hutton,
 Sean & Danielle O'Driscoll
READERS – HOLY CROSS
Sun 22nd Sept.
10.15am: Aideen Dollard,
 Leah Dowling
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
ST. CLARE'S
Sat 21st Sept.
6.30pm: Martina O'Gorman (C),
 Zoe Hayden, Katie O'Sullivan,
 Anne Marie Byrne, Paula Byrne
Sun 22nd Sept.
9am: Jade Nolan, June Farrell
11.30am: Ciara Murphy (C),
 Hazel McWey, Nicola Byrne,
 Muireann Beattie, Bridgette Scully,
 Jodie Dooley Salter
HOLY CROSS
Sun 22nd Sept.
10.15am: David McDonald,
 Orla McHugh, Alicia Gordon

Mary Brennan (nee Norris) Cooperhill House, Ballickmoyler, Carlow
R.I.P. Paul McKeivitt, Crossneen, Carlow & Dundalk, Louth *R.I.P.*
 Chris Whelan (nee Cosgrove), Green Road, Carlow
 Renie (Mary Kate) Hamilton (née Loughlin) Glen, Gurteen, Moneenroe, Castlecomer

The parish depends on contributions from the parish community to maintain church buildings, grounds and services. Some people contribute through their collection envelopes but if you would like an alternative method contributions can be made directly from your bank by direct debits/standing orders. The parish account details are: Graiguecullen Church BIC: BOFIE2D IBAN: IE12 BOFI 9065 3123 3222 21. Please put your name and address in the reference box. This is a really easy way to contribute to your parish!

EVERGREENS HOLIDAY 2020
 to the 4 star Connemara Coast Hotel, set on the Wild Atlantic Way and the shores of Galway Bay. €399 per person sharing (€20 single supplement per night) for 4 nights, 5 days. Leaving Mon 1st June and returning Fri 5th June 2020. Please give names with €100 DEPOSIT per person to the Swimming Pool office. Limited places available.

Graiguecullen Monster Bingo. In St. Fiacc's Hall, Graiguecullen. Sun 22nd Sep @ 3pm Great Prizes to be won. Chocolates left and right of the winner.

Graiguecullen Swimming Pool
 Come and join Annmarie in the Pool every Monday @ 9pm for **WATER AEROBICS**- except Bank Hols. €6 per session

Al-Anon Support Group:- Are you affected by someone else's drinking? Do you worry about how much they drink? Al-Anon can offer understanding and support for families and friends of problem drinkers whether they are still drinking or not. Al-Anon Family Groups have weekly meetings where all are welcome. Carlow: St. Catherine's CSC St. Joseph's Road - Mon @ 8pm Askea Parish Centre - Thursday @ 8pm or Tel: 01-8732699 for further info.

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

PRAYER INTERCESSORS: This group is available to pray regularly but individually for the life of the parish as well as specific intentions that arise from time to time. If you have a family member who is seriously ill or is undergoing a major operation or any other special request please ring the parish office (9141833) & we will send out a group text to request prayers. In order to maintain confidentiality we do not use names in the texts. If you are interested in joining this ministry please give your name and mobile number to the parish office.

Care4calais Clothing Drive for refugees: Urgently looking for men's tracksuits, t-shirts, trousers and winter jackets. Must be in good condition. Please leave at Seerys Cakes, Barrowside Industrial Pk, Graiguecullen

Clothing collection on Sat 21st Sept in Killeshin hall car park 12-4 pm in aid of Killeshin FC, clothes, shoes, handbags no bed linen or uniforms. For more details contact Anita on 0868680828 or Mick on 0879541477 thank you for your continued support

"Vincent's End of season MEGASALE continues for the next few days as long as stocks last. All ladies, gents and childrens clothes, shoes, and handbags €2 each. FURNITURE 20% off all stock and selected items up to 70 % off. Supporting the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Carlow."