



Graiguercullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

*Sunday 17th November 2019
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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Weeding Life's Garden:-

St. Francis of Assisi was asked one day as he was weeding in the garden, "What would you do if you knew the world was about to end?" St. Francis replied, "Continue weeding my garden of course." The implication was that Francis didn't have to rush around like a headless chicken putting his house in order. Francis was already living his life in a state of readiness, and he had no need to worry himself about the end of the world.



Today we are told what it might be like at the end of time. There might be wars, earthquakes famines plagues and Christian persecution. In fact it doesn't sound too dissimilar to the state of affairs on our daily news programmes. Should we be concerned?

Jesus points to the end of history and declares that the future holds a time of reckoning. Like the disciples in today's reading, we are tempted to ask when that time might be, only to be told that it's something that shouldn't concern us. We mustn't listen to those who claim, "The end is nigh..." instead we must always focus on what there is left to do. The basic premise is that we should keep on doing right, regardless of the circumstances.

Like the people in today's gospel who were so pleased with their temple, we are often pleased with what we build up here on earth. Jesus takes the opportunity to point out that everything man made will come to an end. We would be much better off focusing not on a material agenda but in developing a faith that will endure great adversity.

If we are ready for God's final judgment then we shouldn't be afraid of anything that is ahead of us. Global disaster, wars and earthquakes should hold no terror if we trust completely in God. Our lives are like a garden filled with good things we must nurture, and bad things we must weed out. When the end of time comes, we must face our mortality as Francis suggests, weeding life's garden and living in readiness.

Income Tax Rebate :- the parish received almost €13,758 from revenue under the refunds to charitable organisations scheme in 2018.

Examples of how the Income Tax Rebate works for Graiguercullen/Killeshin Parish

YOUR ANNUAL DONATION	REVENUE REBATE TO PARISH	TOTAL VALUE OF YOUR DONATION
€250.00	€112.32	€362.32
€500.00	€224.64	€724.64

For the Parish to benefit from this scheme, the parishioner must return a completed CHY3 to the Parish, and must have paid the equivalent amount or more of the rebate in Income Tax in that calendar year.

If you make contributions of €250 to the parish collections in a full year (less than €5 per week) **and** you pay income tax through PAYE or otherwise to the Revenue Commissioners, we the parish can claim a refund from revenue for a charitable donation. **This is one area we could easily increase the income for our parish. All you need to do is complete a CHY 3 form and return it to the Parish Office (CHY 3 forms are available at all the church doors or from the Parish Office. If you have any questions or want to discuss this scheme please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.**

Eucharistic Ministers Training Course for young people:- continues this Wed 20th Nov @ 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Parish Centre. We ask God's blessing on all the young people who take part in this very sacred ministry.

John Paul II Awards:- Congratulations to the 61 young people from our parish who will receive their John Paul II Awards this Monday night in Carlow Cathedral.

A Liturgy Meeting will take place on Monday 25th @ 8pm in the Parish Centre.

EVERGREENS CHRISTMAS DINNER in The Talbot Hotel on Sun 8th Dec @ 1pm sharp. Tickets available from the Pool Office from Monday 18th – Friday 22nd November.

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 on **Friday 29th 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 Saplings School in Killeshin.** Refreshments available afterwards in the parish centre.

St Clare's Hospitality:- are holding a bag pack in Dunnes Stores on 28th/29th/30th Nov and urgently need volunteers. If you have an hour or two to spare please contact the Parish Office and leave your name and number. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our charity and we would be grateful for any help.

PRE-BAPTISM MEETING: The next meeting for parents who are presenting their children for baptism will take place on Monday 13th January 2020 at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Weekly Collection

Red Bag: €1,178.00

Blue Bag: €1,385.00

We thank you for your support.

Graiguercullen Bingo
Tuesday 19th November @ 8.30pm

Jackpot €830 in 41 No's

Check on Double & win €1,160

In-house Mini Lotto €1,200
in St Fiacc's Hall

Great Prizes to be won. Bring a friend

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 16th 6.30pm (First Anniversary) John Barcoe, Killeshin Rd
 (Katie Kelly, St Clare's Rd also her son Berto)-(Jimmy Daly, Clonmore)
 (Michael O'Shea, 99 Maher Rd)-(Jane Tobin, 99 Maher Rd)
 (Jason O'Shea Noctor, 56 Fr Byrne Park)-(Michael Byrne, Leagh)
 Rita Dowling, Whitney Place also her husband Larry
 (Nancy Dooley, 71 Pearse Rd **(Birthday Rem)**-(Intention Mass)
 (May Fennell, Springhill Hse)-(Gerald O'Reilly Brennan, Old Derrig Hse)
 (Elizabeth & James Brennan, Clonpierce, also their sons J.J. & Paddy,
 & their daughter Betty Whelan, Barrowhouse)
 (James O'Reilly, Springhill Hse also his daughter Breeth Nolan and son in
 law Gerard Nolan, Crossneen)-(Martin Fennell, Springhill).
 Deceased members of the O'Reilly and Brennan families
 (Eileen & Jimmy Dalton, Springhill)-(Betty & John Hughes, Schull)
 Frank Duff, founder of the Legion of Mary and all deceased members
 Jack & Joan Nevin, Croppy Place also their daughter Ann Mackey

Sun 17th 10.15am (Mark Attride, Lower Rossmore)-(Paddy O'Regan, Keelogue)
 Mary Fitzpatrick, Cappalug also her parents John & Margaret Fleming, Bennekerry
 Phil & Leo Slattery, Navan and Nancy Scully, The Strand
 (Mary Catherine Dunne, Monure, Killeshin Rd)-(Betty Scott, Ballybit)
11.30am Jack Kelly, Lower Rossmore
 Bertie Hayes, Gurteen Ballickmoyler also his wife Kitty & deceased family
 John McAssey, Dolmen Heights
 (William O'Neill & James Whelan, Shrulle and deceased members of the
 O'Neill & Kelly families)-(Patsy O'Rourke, Lower Rossmore)

Tues 19th 10am Brenda Kinsella, Crossneen **(Birthday Rem)**

Thurs 21st 10am Annie & Martin Curran, Clonmore, Killeshin
 Jack Brennan, Pacelli Ave

Sat 23rd 10am (First Anniversary) Seamus Walsh, 23 Church St
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 (Kevin Kearns, Sleaty Road)-(Tommy Slattery, St Fiacc's Tee)
 (Tom Haughney, 8 '98 Street)-(Katie Kelly, 118 St. Clare's Rd)

Sun 24th 9am Timothy Dunne, Ballyharmon
10.15am (First Anniversary) Oliver Brennan, Herondale
 (Rebecca, John & Johanna Ryan, Ballyhide)-(Lucy Lowry, Oak Park Drive)
 (Henry O'Neill, Portlaoise Rd **(Birthday Rem)**-(Edward (Eddie) Moran, Clonaloo)
 John Purcell, Quinnagh also his parents Pat & Margaret
 (Paul Lacey, Killeshin)-(Ger Burke, London)
11.30am Timothy Dunne, Ballyharmon

R.I.P.

Pamela Brennan, Manchester & late 5 Fr Byrne Park
 Joan Culleton, 56 St Fiacc's Terrace
 Patrick (Pat) Dooley, Innisfallen, Hanover
 Peggy (Margaret) Begley (née Donohue), 139 Sleaty Street

R.I.P.

The Vincent's shop Tullow Street is organising a special coat and bag sale next Tues Nov 19th to raise extra funds for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. Please support.

Candlelight Walk of Hope in aid of Eist on Fri 23rd Nov starting from the Bank of Ireland, Shamrock place at 4.30 pm to Potato Market for the turning on of the Christmas lights. Join us@ the Bank of Ireland from 3.30pm for tea and chat before the walk.

Rambling night in Oisín House on Tues 19th Nov at 8pm. Tea/Coffee Cakes and Scones. Good music, story and songs. All welcome. Bring a friend

Multi-Band Event in aid of Eist Cancer Support Upstairs at Scraggs on Sat 30th Nov. Doors open 8pm. Entry Fee €10.

Carlow Castle Bridge Club welcomes new members every Wednesday 10am - 1pm In Seven Oaks hotel. Contact Maire 0879626706 or Madeleine 086 408028.

Carlow Careers Seminar:- Tues 19th Nov. From 9am-1pm. In the Dolmen Hotel Carlow Representatives from all Universities/Institutes of Technology/ Smaller Colleges/ Private Colleges/ Guards/Army/Apprenticeships/Post Leaving Certificate Colleges/Agriculture Colleges/Qualifax/Susi Grants/Steps and more. Tickets from Guidance Counsellor at School. This event is organised for all the Schools in the County by all the Guidance Counsellors in the county for all the Senior Cycle students in all the Secondary schools.

The '67 Bridge Club'- In the Seven Oaks hotel every Tues @ 7.2pm. New members welcome. Contact Anna 087 8531800.

Lourdes Fund: Table Quiz Fri 22nd Nov @ 9pm in the Thatch. Table of 4 €40. Great night guaranteed.

READERS – ST CLARE'S

Sat 23rd Nov.

6.30pm: Hazel McWey, Jennifer M. O'Connor, Ciara Murphy

Sun 24th Nov.

9am: Mary McSweeney, Michael & Brid Curran
11.30am: Emma Dwyer, Theresa Kennedy, Francesca M. Hutton

READERS – HOLY CROSS

Sun 24th Nov.

10.15am: Aoife Whelan, Hannah Keogh, Jenna Dempsey

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ST. CLARE'S

Sat 23rd Nov.

6.30pm: Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (C), John Hovendon, Chloe Whelan,

Cillian Morrissey, Phil Brady

Sun 24th Nov.

9am: Ina McCarthy, Julie Doran, Lena Nelson

11.30am: Jade Nolan (C), Mary Hennessy, Elaine Doogue, Bernie Byrne,

Damian Korus, Mary Brennan

HOLY CROSS

Sun 24th Nov.

10.15am: Alicia Gordon, Sean Dollard, Ciara McDonald

Killeshin Auction:- will be held on Sun 24th Nov@ 2pm. Large amount of items for sale. Donations accepted. Collection can be organized if needed. Tel 087 2496115/ 087 9563831.

Appreciation: Betty Dowling would like to thank everyone for their cards, get well wishes and flowers during her recent illness. As a token of appreciation a Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Friends of Fiacc's House Annual Draw will be held in Dec and the cards are available now in Fiacc's House. Lines €10 each - full card €100. New promoters are always welcome to support our annual fundraiser.

Eist Cancer Support Centre, in conjunction with Brain Tumour Ireland, are hosting a Brain Tumour Support Group on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 7.00 pm. in their Centre at The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow. This Support Group is for those diagnosed with a Brain Tumour and their families. For further details please call Eist on 059 9139684.