



# Graiguencullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

*Sunday 19th January 2020*  
*2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)*

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## Cast In Stone

Our identity is shaped by the people we live and work with. Our identity is shaped by how we deal with family and workplace relationships over a space of many years. As a child, loved and cherished, we become strong confident and assertive. As a child who is not loved, we become insecure, secretive and even delinquent. As a spouse or parent, we can become caring, supportive and strong, or we can become embittered, devious, angry or fearful. As an employer or an employee we can become cooperative or competitive, kind or ruthless, sharing or greedy. Before we know it our identity is cast in stone, and others routinely refer to us as a nag, a bully, bossy, henpecked, stubborn or spineless. If we are very lucky people might label us as 'the salt of the earth' or 'a rock'.

Today Jesus looks at Peter and says, "You will be called Cephas". Jesus sees him as a 'rock'.

How his friends must have rolled round laughing. Peter? A rock?

Peter was impetuous, naive and not always the most trusting of Jesus' disciples. If Peter was a rock he was a very crumbly one! Interestingly, slowly but surely, Peter grows into the rock Jesus believes him to be.



We are being taught something very important. Peter's identity is very much rooted in his relationship with Jesus.

We might look at our own identity and not like what we have become. We might wish we could be different but feel trapped by circumstance, or expectation. The good news is that by working on our relationship with God, we can become the people we always knew we could be.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity-18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Crossing Barriers

There are many different expressions of Christianity. In parts of the world where immigration has been high, we will have seen even more expressions of our joint faith. This year more than ever we are asked to remember that there is more that joins us than divides us. This week of prayer is an invitation to start looking not just at the work of the Catholic Church and not just of our own parish, but of Christians everywhere. Together we can be the politicians of peace that Pope Francis asks us to be. We could start by taking a look at Christian websites other than our own, forging links, sharing ideas, and joining forces.

**Walking Towards Unity:** You are Warmly Invited to this Walk which will start at Carlow Methodist Church, then to St. Mary's Church of Ireland and finally to the Cathedral of the Assumption. Starts at 2.30 pm in Carlow Methodist Church, Athy Rd, Carlow on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020.

On behalf of the **Friends of Fiaccs House** I would like to thank all the promoters and everyone who supported our Annual Draw. It was a great success again this year and we made €11,300. A special word of thanks to Leinster Marts, Killeshin Road and Paddy in An Post who allow us to sell on their premises

**K & L Diocesan Adoration Committee** invite you to a Day of Prayer, Mass, Adoration, sharing and music, held in Carlow College, St Patricks on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 to begin at 10am. Refreshments served. All welcome.

**Parish Confirmation Programme** this Monday 6pm-8pm in the Parish Centre.

**A Finance meeting will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm in The Parish Centre**

**Catholic Schools Week:-** Sunday, 26 January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2020. During this week we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider church. This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation'.

**St Clare's Hospitality Food Kitchen** continues to serve people in need a hot meal 5 days per week and we deliver over 60 food parcel every week. This is done through the tremendous support of all our volunteers and all those who support us with donations of money and food every week. We would not be able to continue to run this service without the kindness of all our benefactors. **A Mass of Thanksgiving for everyone for their kindness will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in St Clare's Church. Everyone welcome.**

**Daily Mass Times:-** to facilitate requests from families for funerals to take place at 11am please note that the daily 10am Mass will be cancelled with the exception of the First Friday's of every month. All anniversaries for the day will be prayed for at the funeral Mass at 11am.

**St Valentine's Day:-** we invite all couples to a special Mass in St Clare's Church on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm to receive a special blessing. Any couple who is celebrating a special milestone anniversary this year and would like it celebrated at the Mass are asked to contact the parish office

**PRE-BAPTISM MEETING:** The next meeting for parents who are presenting their children for baptism will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

## Graiguencullen Bingo in St Fiacc's Hall

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January @ 8.30pm**

**Jackpot 50 numbers €2,000**

**Double Number €1,790**

**In-house Mini Lotto €1,650**

**Great Prizes to be won.**

**Bring a friend**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm (Month's Mind)** Jacinta Haughney, Heatherfield Court  
**(First Anniversary)** Tommy Brennan, Springhill, Killeshin  
 (Clare Haughney, Governey Sq)  
 Kieran Lawler 152 Duggan Ave **(Birthday Rem)**  
 Kathleen Lawler, 152 Duggan Ave **(Anniversary & Birthday Rem)**  
 (Tommy Clarke, St. Clare's Rd)-(Alice Mallon, St. Fiacc's Tce)  
 Alice & Phil Kehoe, 39 Avondale Drive, Hanover  
 (Dot Hutton, The Poplars)-(Jane O'Rourke, Killeshin)  
 Mary, James & Dan Pender, Killerig  
 (Peter & Sara Jordan, Myshall)-(Tom & Maura Murphy, Tullow)

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 9 am** John Joseph Byrne, Lower Rossmore  
**10.15 am** Margaret Dunne, Monure, Killeshin Road  
**11.30am (Month's Mind)** John Dempsey, London & Killeshin  
 Michael & Winifred Smith, 8 The Numbers  
 Frank & Una Norris, The Arches, Crosneen  
 John & Annie Dempsey, Ardenteggle also their sons John & Noel  
 (Phil Dillon, Killeshin Rd)-(Baby Killian Shannon, Hollymount)  
 (Michael Carolan, Levitstown, Maganey)-(Michael & Julie Maher, 8 Church St)  
 Baby Lily Rose Dwyer Parr, 87 Rochfort Manor

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> 10am** Miley Doran, Fruithill

**Tue 21<sup>st</sup> 10am** Toddy Kelly, Anneville

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> 10am** Michael Dowling, 6 Radharc Oisín

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm (Month's Mind)** Christina Byrne, Leagh Rd  
**(Month's Mind)** Sally Collins, London & Church St  
 (Dominic Kinsella, Colclough Ave)-(Paddy Farrell, Granby Row)  
 Alice Bradley, Maryboro St also her husband Gerry  
 (Christopher Lawler, 70 Pearse Rd)-(Tommy Keating, 1 Chapel St)  
 Hanna Lanigan, Ballyhide & her granddaughter Sonia

(Alicia Moore R.I.P. Pollerton Rd & London)-(Katie & Patrick Dowling, Crosneen)

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 9am** Mary Brennan, St. Lazerians also her husband James and son Francis  
**10.15am** (Henry O'Neill, Portlaoise Rd)-(Tim Rowan, The Strand, Ballickmoyler)

**11.30am (Month's Mind)** Teresa Wynne, Mount Clare Court  
 Kathleen McDonald, 170 New Oak Estate & 2 Chapel St  
 Anne & Edward Wynne, Old Leighlin & deceased family members  
 (John English, Kilkenny Rd)-(Kitty Kelly, Lower Rossmore)

*R.I.P.*

Sarah Kate Jordan, Everton House, Old Derrig, Carlow

*R.I.P.*

**Thank You:** The family of Maria Ann Byrne, Moone, Co Kildare who died on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January wish to thank all those at the Bingo on Tuesday nights in Graiguecullen who were so kind to her when she attended.

### Home Instead Senior Care – Caring people needed –

Kildare/Laois/Carlow/Kilkenny Area's.

We are seeking compassionate, dependable and experienced Carers to assist our clients with day to day living activities including companionship, light housekeeping, meal preparation, transport and assistance with personal care needs. Flexible hours. Care Qualifications and Patient Moving and Handling Experience Desirable but not essential as full training can be provided. Fluent English. Please call 045-446593 or email:

[maryellen.keenaghan@homeinstead.ie](mailto:maryellen.keenaghan@homeinstead.ie).

**Study Theology Online** Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register Now for Spring 2020 Info:- [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) or +353 14048124



Weekly Collection

Red Bag: € 1201

Blue Bag: €1740



We thank you for your support.

**Killeshin Community Centre AGM** will take place on Wed 29th Jan @ 8pm in the Community Centre. Everyone welcome to attend.

**Askea Senior Citizens:-** Monthly nights out are back in Askea Parish Centre on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 7-10pm. Transport available. First holiday of the year is booked and deposits will be taken in January. For more info contact Marian 059 9143010. New members welcome.

**Parish Envelopes:** the 2020 boxes of envelopes are available at the church doors and we ask each family to take a box and use the envelopes to make your contribution to our Parish Development Fund and other special collections. **Please put your name on the first envelopes so we can update our records.** We need your financial support to continue to upkeep and maintain our beautiful churches and parish buildings and to develop our pastoral initiatives. The work of the parish is greatly helped by your regular Financial Support.

## READERS – ST CLARE'S

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**9am:** Ned Comerford, Stephen & Ann-Marie Berry

**11.30am:** Lauren Walsh, Martin & Aimee Watchorn

## READERS – HOLY CROSS

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.15am:** Ciara Pender, Annie & Ava Sheehan

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ST. CLARE'S

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> January**

**6.30pm:** Roisin Harte(C), Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, Mary Hennessy, Emma Rogers, Ruth Phiri

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**9am:** June Farrell, Martina O'Gorman, Holly Farrell

**11.30am:** Breda McDonald (C), Elaine Doogue, Jenna Dempsey, Catriona Kirwan, Bridgette Scully, Gary Dowling

## HOLY CROSS

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.15am:** Kate Brennan, Geraldine Brennan, Orla McHugh

**Table Quiz –** €100 for the winning team. In support of the Presentation School Bands trip to the St Willibrord Hopping Procession there will be a Table Quiz in Eire Og Clubhouse on Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8pm. €10pp, maximum of 4 per table. Your support is appreciated.

**Community Savings Club** based in St. Catherine's, Station Road runs each Friday from 12.30 to 1.30. New members are always welcome and you can save from €5 to €50 per week for the big events in your life. Please call to St. Catherine's for further information.

## Public Lectures, Carlow College St Patricks:-

20<sup>th</sup> Jan – Time for Action: Climate Change & Our Future

27<sup>th</sup> Jan – German Nazi Concentration Camps, to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day Both lectures are open to all and begin at 1.45pm in Cobden Hall, Carlow College St Patricks.