



# Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

*Sunday 23rd February 2020*

*7th Sunday In Ordinary Time (A)*

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**Laying Down Stones:-** God looked down from Heaven and rolled the Stone away! All of us carry burdens that cause us to walk through life with some experience of pain. We all have different times in our lives when these burdens can weigh heavy on our minds, our hearts and our souls. These burdens may come from any area of our lives; family, work, health or finances. Sometimes the weight of these burdens is too much for us to bear alone. God doesn't want us to carry our burdens alone. He asks us to lay our burdens down at the foot of the cross. He wants us to surrender our heavy load to him.

*During this season of Lent we invite you to lay down your stone, your burden, on the strength of the Lord. Please take a stone from the sacred space in the palm of your hand and lay upon it the burdens of your life.*

*Place the stone on the pathway to the cross. In this way we are laying down our weights to be carried by Jesus and rolled away like the stone which revealed the empty tomb.*

*Our Novena takes place during the Easter Season. We also invite you to write your burden, that the stone represents, on a piece of paper and place it in the petition boxes. We will then, through the prayers of our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, ask Our Lord to relieve our burdens as he himself overcame his cross.*

### Things to know about Lent:

- Lent exists for the sake of Easter!
- It is the forty-day period of preparation for the Church's celebration of Easter.
- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends before Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (this year, April 9<sup>th</sup>).
- Lent calls us to a time of self-reflection, penance, and turning back to God as we ready ourselves to renew our baptism at Easter.
- It is a time to reflect on God's word to us in our lives today, to pray, fast and reach out to others in charitable action.

### Things to do for Lent:

- **Holy Hour:-** Every Monday @ 8pm in St Clare's Church This year's theme is 'Digging Deeper, Living Lent'
- **Stations of the Cross:-** Every Friday in St. Clare's after 10am Mass
- **St Clare's Hospitality:-** food appeal continues – food can be placed in the barrels at Church doors or in the Parish Centre
- **Trocaire Boxes:-** are available at Church doors. Families are asked to take one to make their contribution to the needy of the Third World.

**2020 Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July 5 nights staying in the Astoria Hotel.** Total cost €749 per person. Bookings can be made through Graiguecullen Parish Centre. Deposit on booking €200 per person. Single room supplement is an extra €150. We are in a position to receive part payments towards the cost of the pilgrimage, in the Parish Centre or to Ursula at any time if you wish. You may also make your booking directly with JWT Pilgrimages (info@joewalstours.ie or 01 2410810) or Ursula Hayden- 085 1794664

### Lent Online Retreat

Do a free three day online retreat focusing on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Available throughout lent.

Register now @ prioryinstitute.com / +353 14048124

**ASH WEDNESDAY:- This Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.** Discipleship is about giving to the poor, prayer and fasting... and Lent (meaning Spring) is the time we are given to examine how well we have embraced that discipleship. The ashes on our foreheads remind us that time is short and we learn again to face this grim reality with truthfulness and courage.

**Blessing and distribution of ashes during Mass @ 8am & 10am in St Clare's and 7pm in Holy Cross.**

**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.

### Graiguecullen Bingo in St. Fiacc's Hall

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February @ 8.30pm**

**Jackpot 50 numbers €2,650**

**Double Number €530.00**

**In-house Mini Lotto €550.00**

**Great Prizes to be won.**

**Bring a friend**

**Proposed Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Sept-Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Sept)** Brochures and booking forms are available at church doors & in parish centre. **We have to make a decision this Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb whether the trip will go ahead or not.** Tully's have reserved 40 places on plane & they need to return them this week if we are not travelling. If the pilgrimage doesn't go ahead this year, we will plan for it again next year to give people more time to decide & to save for it.

	Weekly Collection Red Bag: € 818.00 Blue Bag: € 1,305.00	
We thank you for your support.		

### GRAIGUECULLEN SWIMMING POOL CHILDRENS EASTER SWIM CAMPS

**CAMP1: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April**

10am – 10.45 am

**CAMP2: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April**

6pm – 6.45 pm

€40 per child.

PLEASE NOTE BOTH CAMPS ARE RUN ON THE SAME WEEK.

**Fill in a booking form with €20 deposit at the Pool to secure a place.**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm (Month's Mind)** Jack Doyle, 72 Pearse Rd  
Patrick & Elizabeth Slater. Granby Row & all deceased family  
(Peig O'Gorman, Athy)-(Joe Egerton, Church St)  
Noel Nolan, Heatherhill also his mother Kathleen Nolan, Burrin St  
Seamus Branigan, 15 St. Fiacc's Tce  
(Leo Meaney, Colclough Ave)-(Jimmy O'Neill, Mountrath)  
Paddy Brennan, Curragh, Killeshin & deceased family  
(Lily McDonald, 174 Maher Rd)-(Farrell Family, Freshford)  
Michael & Cely Nolan, Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny



**9 am** Michael & Cely Nolan, Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny (**Birthday Rem**)

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.15am** (Patrick & Norah Moran, Clonaloo)-(Adrian Dillon, Killeshin)  
(Martin O'Reilly, Cappalug also his son Eamon and deceased  
members of the Delaney family)

**11.30am (First Anniversary)** Mary Lacey, Heatherhill Ave  
(Agata Konczewska, Feltham Hall)-(Michael Grant, 52 St. Fiacc's Tce)

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> 10am** Donal Purcell, Donegal & Quinagh

**Thur 27<sup>th</sup> 10am** Michael Woods, Duggan Ave

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm (First anniversary)** June Connellan, Brownhill Road  
Katleen Byrne, 8 Henry St (**Birthday Rem**) also her husband James  
John Byrne, Lower Rossmore also his parents Martin & Bridget  
Maura & Gerald Duggan, 60 St. Clare's Rd

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 11.30am (First Anniversary)** Tom Whitney, Killeshin Rd

(**First Anniversary**) June Connellan, Brownhill Rd

(**First Anniversary**) Edward (Neddy) Brennan, 61 Highfield also

Edward & Sarah Brennan, sons & daughters, 8 Lower Staplestown Rd

(**First Anniversary**) Pat Harney, Kildare

Elizabeth Clarke, 64 Maher Rd (**Birthday Rem**)

Margaret Brennan, Oakley Park

Paddy Brennan, Mullins Lane & his daughter Nina Harney, Kildare



**Carlow Citizens Information Centre** provides a free and confidential information service to the people of County Carlow. We are currently recruiting volunteers. If you are interested in helping people and have some time to give, please contact us for further details. Telephone Sarah Drea at 087 193 5276. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 20 March 2020.

## EVERGREENS HOLIDAY 2020

Due to cancellations there are 2 Twin / Double rooms available to the 4\* Connemara Coast Hotel, set on the Wild Atlantic Way and the shores of Galway Bay.

€399 per person sharing for 4 nights, 5 days.

Leaving Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and returning Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Please give names with €100 DEPOSIT per person to the Swimming Pool office ASAP

The National Parents Council Primary presents two information sessions for parents on '**Transition from Preschool to Primary school**'. Admission is free. It will take place on Wednesday, the 26th of February in the Talbot Hotel, Carlow at 7pm and will be repeated on Wednesday the 4th of March in Askea Parish Centre, Carlow at 9.30am. To register contact Clare Downey at 01 8874434 or email [cdowney@npc.ie](mailto:cdowney@npc.ie). More information available at [npc.ie](http://npc.ie).

**Carlow Farmers Hunt**;- annual point to point will be run on 1st March in Borris House, Borris. First Race is at 12pm. Prizes for most appropriately dressed lady and gentleman with prizes from Detail Menswear Carlow and Savana Boutique, Carlow. A great family fun day! Further details Contact Liz Doran 086 1992457

**The Vincent de Paul shop, Tullow Street, Carlow is looking for designer clothes and especially bags for their "ELEGANCE RANGE" sale next April.** The elegance range sale supports the funding of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Carlow Education Programme which helps students in 3rd level education. The shop would greatly appreciate your help with this worthy cause so please have a look at the back of your wardrobe for any nice bags or clothes you may not have used for a long time and drop them into the shop.

## Carlow Family Support Group - You Are Not Alone

Drugs and Alcohol abuse effects families regardless of status in life.

You did not cause it, you can't control it and you can't cure it.

Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease call 085 7872730.

## READERS - ST CLARE'S

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> February**

**6.30pm:** Emma Walsh,  
Ellen & Lily Redmond

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**9am:** Jade McCartney, Sophie Broderick & Chloe Nolan

**11.30am:** Laura Whelan, Caoimhe Fitzpatrick & Jade Nolan

## READERS - HOLY CROSS

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.15am:** Alicia Gordon, Aoife Cawley & Daniel Farrell

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**ST. CLARE'S**

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**6.30pm:** Chloe Nolan (C), Padraig Brett, Julie Doran, Phil Brady, Katie Ffrench

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**9am:** June Farrell, Martina O'Gorman, Jade Nolan

**11.30am:** Orla McHugh (C), Elizabeth McEvoy, Cillian Morrissey, Marguerite Mullen, Celina Dempsey, Giulia Hutton

## HOLY CROSS

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**10.15am:** Catriona Kirwan, Lucy Gaffney, Kate Brennan

**"Pro Life talk - Speakers:** Carol Nolan and Michael Dwyer from Family & Life. Thursday March 5th at 7:30pm at Portlaoise Parish Centre in the campur room. All welcome!"

## Affordable Live-in Homecare

provide live in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 0879916791.

Our website is [www.alhomecare.ie](http://www.alhomecare.ie)

Next **Rambling House** in Oisín House is on 17th March at 8pm to 11pm Bring a friend or two. Sing Dance or play a tune light refreshments. All in Oisín Rossmore Killeshin Carlow R93 W825

Adult Learners Week "Aontas", 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March, Workshop by Glosna House being held at Carlow Library on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.30am '**Maternal Health, Pregnancy, Birth & Beyond.** All welcome!

## Carlow Central Library:

Saturday morning Storytime with Nicola and Irish Sign Language (ISL) interpretation by Teresa - 11am  
Launch of our new Library Record Collection and the Paul Galbally Collection - 11:30am

**Carlow Older Persons Forum**, are hosting coffee mornings in our cabin, in the Old School House, Barrack Street, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 from 10.00am-1.00pm. Then every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month going forward.  
Contact No: 0894062356.  
All WELCOME.