

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

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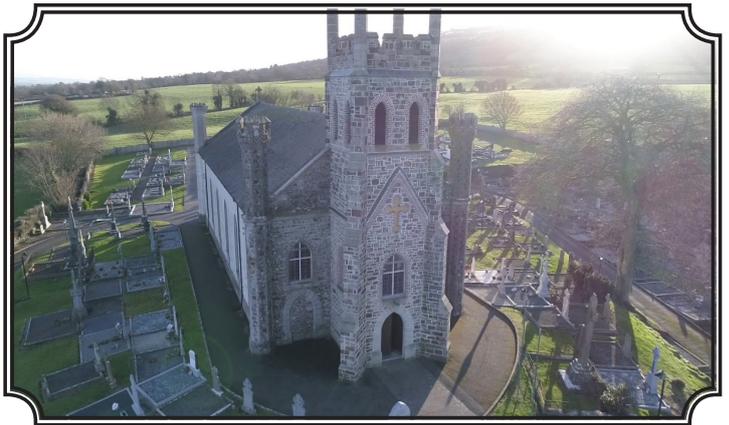
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St. Clare's Church



Holy Cross Church

Living Baptism:

Very few of us remember our own baptism, and perhaps we have never really even questioned why it might be important, other than something we might need to attend a Catholic School or get married. Perhaps we need to look to Jesus' baptism to know how privileged we really are to have been baptised. What does Jesus' baptism say to us? Jesus' thirty years of preparation before his public baptism remind us that it takes time to get ready for God's mission. How many countless hours did Jesus spend in prayer? What study, what thought, what agony must he have undergone before appearing in front of John to ask him to baptize him. We are reminded that baptism isn't just something that happens to us as children, it's something we have to live out on a daily basis. January is a time for new beginnings and fresh resolution. John the Baptist was an expert on this. John's ministry was all about repentance and life changing reform ... that's what his baptism was all about. But anyone who has ever seriously tried to change themselves will know how difficult change really is. The addict will tell you how difficult it is to quit gambling, drinking or cigarettes. All of us can point to parts of our life that remain stubbornly unchanged year in and year out. Those who were baptised by John were baptised as a sign of their intent to change from their old ways, but knowing how difficult change can be, we can't help wondering how successful they must have been. Perhaps John appreciated this too when he said "I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." Christians are hugely privileged people. We are told that the same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus at the outset of his ministry, is the same Holy Spirit that is given to us in our baptism. Validating our baptism anew every day, knowing that we are filled with the Holy Spirit change isn't beyond any of us.

Is the One who "baptized you with the Holy Spirit" asking you:

Is the One who "baptized you with the Holy Spirit" asking you to consider a call to serve as a priest, a deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office at info@vocations.ie

Parish Office:

Unfortunately due to the Covid restrictions the Parish Office is now closed. If you wish to put in an Anniversary Mass or a notice into the newsletter please contact 0599141833 and leave a message. Alternatively you

can ring 0599145411, text 0876216207 or email gkparish@gmail.com.

Funerals:

Under the new government guidelines only 10 people are allowed to attend funerals. We would ask people to please respect the families of the deceased and the undertakers and not put them in the position of having to choose who can attend. It is a very sad time for everyone involved and only puts more pressure on the families.

Priory Institute:

Take the opportunity to visit and learn about what it would be like to study with us during our online Open Day on 23rd Jan 11.30am-1.30pm. Our next semester starts on Feb 13th . People attending our online Open Day here in Tallaght will have the opportunity to meet with current students and staff over Zoom, attend a short introductory lecture on theology and find out if studying theology with us is the right thing to do. To register your interest: Email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com or Tel: +353 (0)1 4048124.

Parish Envelopes:

The 2021 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. 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.

Parish Finances:

The parish depends on contributions from the community to maintain church buildings, grounds and services. During lockdown contributions to any of our parish collections can still be made in the parish centre or through the parish donate button on the diocesan website www.kandle.ie. Alternatively, contributions can be made directly from your bank by direct debits/standing orders. The parish account details are:

Account Name: 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!

New Year Resolution:

Top three tips for making your resolution work

1. Make your goals realistic and achievable.
2. Plan your resolution in detail with timelines.
3. Ask God to help you stick to the plan.

Samaritans:

Every hour, every day, a Samaritan is waiting to answer your call. This year our volunteers will be here to listen 24/7, allowing you to talk without judgement, to relieve distress and reach a better understanding of your situation. We hear from men and women of all ages who feel stressed, lonely, bereaved, have family or financial worries, or are suicidal. Please don't suffer in silence. We are here today, on freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie. Samaritans Kilkenny/Carlow are 25 years old and we want to thank all our volunteers – past and present - and our supporters for their time and dedication.

Family Carers Ireland:

Unfortunately, Family Carers Ireland have had to once again close our doors to the public due to level 5 restrictions which means that we will no longer be able to meet Carers one to one. We will, as always, be available to offer support & advice over the phone on 056 7721424 or on our 24 hour careline 1800 24 07 24. Please do not hesitate to contact us & we will assist you as much as possible.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Second Webcam:

We now have a second webcam in St. Clare's which offers different views of the sanctuary during our services.

To access our parish webcams:

- 1). Go to www.graiguecullenkillehin.com.
- 2). Choose from 2 different views of webcam.

you will need to produce the ticket before entering the church and follow the directions of the stewards at all time.

Ballon Business & Training Service:

We have started to take bookings for our up-coming courses which are booked in for the New Year. These courses are ONLINE. Payroll - starting 14th January 2021 7-10pm for 10 weeks cost is €300. Book-keeping - starting 15th Jan for 10 weeks cost is €300. Tel: 059-915-9447 / ballonbts@gmail.com

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.

Lending a Helping Hand:

During this unsettling time, it's vital to keep in mind those who need us the most. This includes older people, who may be feeling uncertain and in need of help from others. Here are some ways you can be doing to help your older relatives, friends and neighbours, whether with practical stuff like their shopping, or keeping their spirits up at a time things feel challenging.

- 1). If you're feeling well yourself, why not offer to pick up shopping for an older neighbour or relative who might not be able to or is too worried to go to the shops? If you are helping someone who is self-isolating or shielding make sure you leave the shopping on their front doorstep, knock on their door and step back while you ensure they safely receive it. Make sure you stand 2 metres away from them at all times.
- 2). Phone elderly relatives who live alone regularly for a chat. You could set up a rota with other family and friends to make sure that family member is receiving regular calls.
- 3). This might also be a useful time to introduce older relatives and friends to technology that might prove helpful during this period, such as Skype or FaceTime.

Radio Maria:

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Putting Unwanted Gifts to Good Use:

At this time of year our local charities are urging us to donate our unwanted Christmas presents. Charities are on the lookout for any un-needed items to sell on to fund vital work. Every year people receive presents that are the wrong size, or just not to their taste. These unwanted presents can make an extraordinary difference to our charities. Don't leave your unwanted gifts to gather dust, put them to good use.

St. Vincent De Paul:

Local Conference – St. Fiacc's. Tel: 086-1592775.

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 9th - Sunday 17th January 2021

(Please note all Anniversaries can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com)
or call the Parish Centre 05991 41866 | 05991 82882

- Sat 9th 6.30pm Baby Conor Clear, 88 Feltham Hall
(Tommy & Rita Lyons, Staunton Ave)-(Michael O'Regan, Killeshin Rd)
Christopher Kelly, St Clare's Rd also his son Berto
(Jim McWey, Sleaty)-(Fr Jack McWey, Sleaty)
- Sun 10th 9am (Month's Mind) Agnes Shaw, 5 Bridge St
11.30am (Christopher Nelson, Killeshin)-(Dick & Cathy Ryan, '98 Street)
Elizabeth "Lily" Moloney, Wolfhill and deceased family
John, Elizabeth & Nellie Pluck, Sleaty Rd
Andy & Sarah Whelan, Ballyharmon
Edward Doogue, Ballinakill, Ballickmoyler
Gerald Timmons, Henry St and deceased family
- Mon 11th 10am Liam & Margaret Byrne, Bagenalstown & Ardattin
- Wed 13th 10am Myra Murphy, 2 Morrin's Lane
- Thu 14th 10am Alice Mallon, 44 St Fiaccs Tce and deceased family
Clare & Thomas Foley, 6 Church St also their sons Paddy & Tom
- Fri 15th 10am John Joseph Byrne, Lower Rossmore
- Sat 16th 10am Paddy Proctor, Coolenaugh also his wife Bridget & deceased family
6.30am (Tommy Clarke, St Clares Rd)-(Sean Hurley, Chapel St)
Alice Mallon, St Fiaccs Tce and deceased family
- Sun 17th 11.30am (Month's Mind) James Dooley, 14 St Joseph's Tce, Tinryland
Una & Frank Norris, The Archers, Crosneen
Sean Kelly, Castledermot