

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

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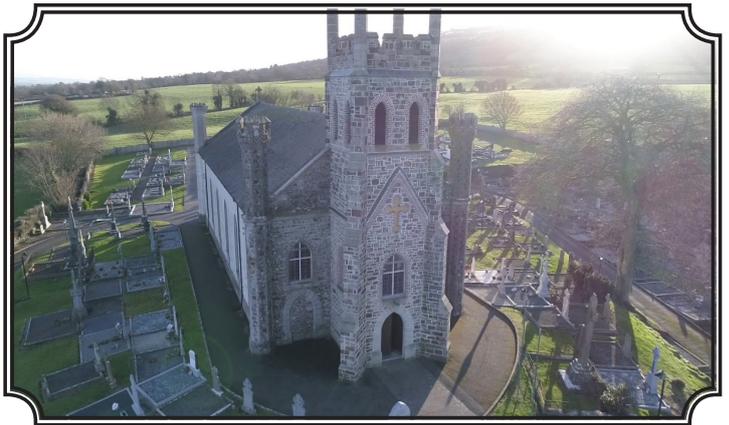
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*St. Clare's Church*



*Holy Cross Church*

### **Great Expectations:**

It's strange but true, that we tend to live up to other people's expectations. If someone expects very little of us, then it is likely that we will end up achieving next to nothing. Living up to high expectations can feel daunting, but the surprising thing about great expectations, is that very often they have the power to transform us. Living up to great expectations can make us into better people. In today's gospel, Jesus meets Andrew's brother Simon. He looks at him and says, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock." The new name must have filled Peter's friends with astonishment. "A rock" Peter certainly wasn't. Peter we know was a bit of a hot head. He was impulsive, rash, sometimes misguided and often passionate. To describe him as a 'rock' was surely inappropriate. Yet slowly and surely, Peter starts to live up to Jesus' expectations, and slowly but surely, Peter changes from a hot-headed fisherman, into a steadfast leader of the Church. As we see so often in the Bible, Jesus' expectations have the power to transform. By comparison, we seem to live our lives with fairly banal expectations. Our greatest ambition, as we wake each morning might be to clear our 'in tray' at work, or take the car to the car wash. Are we missing something? Is God calling us to greater things and we simply aren't listening? For each of us God has a job to do. Of each of us God has great expectations. Surely amongst our resolutions for 2021, we must plan how to answer God's call.

### **Appreciation:**

Isobel Brooker and her family wish to thank their friends, neighbours and everyone who supported them during their recent bereavement and for your Mass Cards and prayers. Special thanks to Fr Dunphy, Fr Lawton, the Poor Clare Sisters and those who sang at the funeral. A Mass will be said for your intentions.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

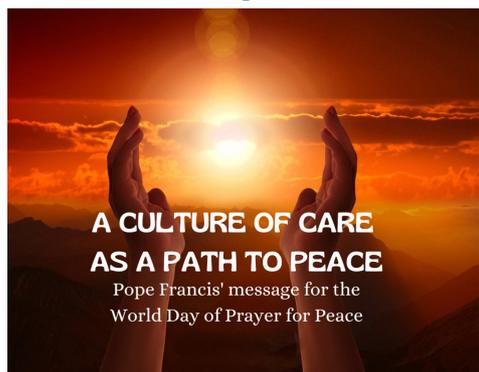
The parish depends on contributions from the community to maintain church buildings, grounds and services. During lockdown contributions to any of our parish collections can still be made in the parish centre or through the parish donate button on the diocesan website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie). 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!

### **Peace Sunday-A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace-17th January:**



Pope Francis urges us all to create “a Culture of Care as a Path to Peace -a culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time.”

In this new year 2021, we should individually and collectively make up our minds about contributing to peace in our homes, community and country. As Christians, our faith teaches us that we can accomplish great things if we put on love or if our actions are motivated by love. Catholic Social Teaching also instructs that, “it is from the inner well-spring of love that the values of truth, freedom, and justice are born and grow.” Start today, by thinking of an area of unresolved conflict

within our home, community and country, and list ways in which we could be part of the solution.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th-25 January. For 2021, it has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. Home resources for this week can be accessed on the following link: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

The resources include a prayer service and daily prayer for the home that includes Scripture, a meditation, Prayer, Questions and a ‘Go & Do’ section. Look out for the daily prayer on the Kandle Facebook page and Twitter account on each of the days and feel free to share.

## **Sunday of the Word of God:**

Pope Francis has designated the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (24 January this year) each year as a particular celebration of the Scriptures in the life of the Church. Each year, we are asked to focus on how God speaks to his people in the proclamation of the Scriptures. In order to celebrate this, Fr Seán Maher will host a Q&A on YouTube, to be released on that Sunday. If you would like to include a question for consideration, please e-mail your question to [ppbalyna@gmail.com](mailto:ppbalyna@gmail.com) Details of the recording will be included later. Questions should arrive before Thurs 21 Jan.

## **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](mailto: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.graiguecullenkilleishin.com](http://www.graiguecullenkilleishin.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](mailto: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.

## **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) or text 0876216207 & 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.

# ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 16th - Sunday 23rd January 2021

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

- Sat 16th 10am Paddy Proctor, Coolenaugh also his wife Bridget & deceased family  
6.30am **(First Anniversary)** Ellie Lynch, Culmore, Co Derry  
Dot Hutton, 4 The Poplars  
Alice & Phil Kehoe, 39 Avondale, Hanover  
Tommy Clarke, St Clare's Rd  
Alice Mallon, St Fiacc's Tce and deceased family  
Sean Hurley, Chapel St
- Sun 17th 11.30am **(Month's Mind)** James Dooley, 14 St Joseph's Tce, Tinryland  
**(First Anniversary)** Patrick Lyons, Sleaty Road & London  
Una & Frank Norris, The Archers, Crosneen  
Sean Kelly, Castledermot  
Peter & Una Hoolan, Radhairc Oisin & Pacelli Ave  
Mary White, The Numbers  
Phil Dillon, Killeshin Road  
Tommy Brennan, Springhill, Killeshin  
Mary Brennan, Garraugh, Ballickmoyler Rd
- Mon 18th 10am **(First Anniversary)** Jack Doyle, Pearse Road  
Baby Killian Shannon
- Fri 22nd 10am Jimmy Hutton, Busherstown, Bennekerry **(Birthday Rem)**
- Sat 23rd 10am Charles O'Boyle, Killeshin Rd and Fr Brendan Carbery, Carlow  
6.30pm **(Months Mind)** Hans Brooker, Hollymount Carlow  
**(First Anniversary)** Jack Doyle, 72 Pearse Road  
Kathleen Lawler, 152 Duggan Ave **(Anniversary & Birthday Rem)**  
Kieran Lawler **(Birthday Rem)**  
Claire Haughney, Governey Sq also her husband Tom & deceased family
- Sun 24th 11.30am **(Months Mind)** Elizabeth Byrne, Cappalug  
Henry O'Neill, Portlaoise Road  
Hannah Lannigan, Ballyhide

**R.I.P.**

Agnes Kennedy (née Somers), Ardenteggle, Killeshin