

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

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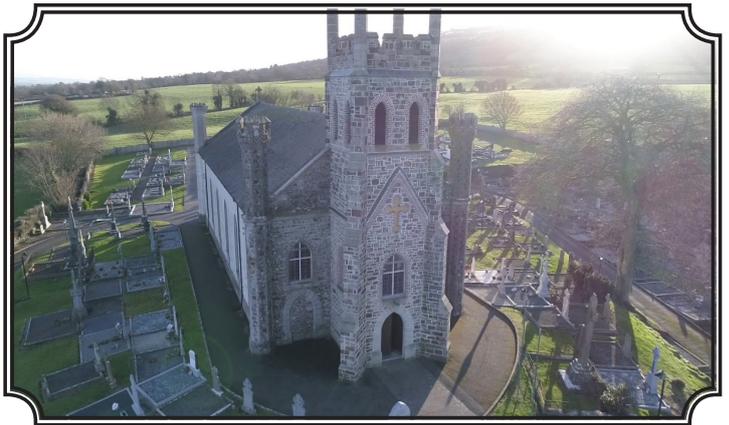
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St. Clare's Church



Holy Cross Church

True Authority:

Today Mark tells us how Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. He tells us how amazed the people were at how he taught and at the authority in his teachings. His authority was powerful enough to expel demons even. You'll notice that Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus taught but only how he taught and the impression he made. So why did people sense authority in Jesus' presence, and why was it so compelling? When we think of authority we tend to think of bosses, leaders or the legal profession. We think of rules, laws and boundaries. We equate authority with enforcement and for the most part we don't like it very much. Perhaps Jesus' brand of authority was compelling because it wasn't any of these things. Jesus' brand of authority wasn't about the exclusion that the scribes and Pharisees were so fond of but of total inclusion. Jesus' authority was rooted in the value of every man woman and child over any out-dated rule or redundant tradition. We do not have the benefit of listening first hand to Jesus' teaching, but it is testament to his authority that we still read his words twenty centuries after he spoke them. There are still lessons to be learned for those who believe Jesus can add something to our world and change us forever. There are still demons in our lives, and Jesus' teaching still has the authority to drive them out.

Candlemas - This Tuesday 2nd February:

Candlemas celebrates what is now called the Presentation of the Lord, when the infant Jesus was taken to the Temple by his parents according to Jewish custom. Candlemas Day occurs 40 days after Christmas and marks the end of the Christmas cycle. The name Candlemas comes from the traditional observance of blessing candles and distributing the candles to worshipers. The candles recall the lights of Christmas. The candles also symbolise Simeon's words to Mary and Joseph in Luke 2:32 that Jesus would be "a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." (NB if anyone has candles they wish to be blessed they can be left into the sacristy to Catherine Ryan between 3.30 & 4pm on this Monday 1st Feb - please include your name and contact number with the candles).

Saint Blaise - this Wednesday 3rd February:

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him. St Blaise is the patron of throat illnesses. There will be a virtual blessing of throats during the 10am Mass on Wednesday and during the holy hour at 7pm. If you have a candle please have it to hand for the blessing.

St. Brigid's Cross:

Making a St Brigid's Cross is one of the traditional rituals in Ireland to celebrate the beginning of Spring 1st February. The crosses are made of rushes that are pulled rather than cut. They are hung by the door or in the rafters to protect the house. St Brigid and her cross are linked together by the story that she wove a cross at the death bed of a man who upon hearing what the cross meant asked to be baptised.

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.

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!

St Valentine's Day 14th February 2021:



We are planning a very special celebration of St Valentine at our 11.30am Mass on Sunday 14th February via webcam. If you are celebrating a special anniversary in 2021 and would like a blessing please let us know by emailing your names etc to gkparish@gmail.com. We are also seeking photos of the couple to show on our screens at the Mass.

First Friday:

This Friday 5th February is the first Friday and there will be a brief penitential service during 10am Mass in St. Clare's.

Killeshin NS:

Killeshin NS are accepting enrolments for September 2021. Please email: principal@killeshinns.ie

Carlow Toastmasters:

Want to overcome your fear of public speaking? Maybe improve your speaking or presentation skills for work or a new job. You can still have fun at the same time with Carlow Toastmasters. We meet on-line during the Lockdown via ZOOM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8pm. Why not join us? New members and guests are always welcome. For further information please call Catherine: on 087-696-4374. Alternatively DM Carlow Toastmasters Facebook page.

Home Instead Senior Care - Caring People Needed:

We are seeking compassionate, dependable and experienced Carers to assist our clients with day to day living activities including companionship, light housekeeping, meal preparation 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

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.graiguecullenkilleshin.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.

Praying the Rosary with the Poor Clare Sisters:

Why not join with our Poor Clare Community to say the rosary each day at 11.40am via our webcam. We pray for all those who are affected with Covid 19 and for an end to the pandemic. A parish praying together can be very powerful.

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.

Affordable Live-in Homecare:

provides 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 087 9916791 or 087 7440729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

Catholic Schools Week 2021:

Ends this Sunday 31st January 2021. The theme this year is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'. During this week we celebrated the rich traditions and the incredible value of Catholic Education on both a local and national level. A big thank you to everyone who got involved and especially to our teachers and pupils and the young people who organised our prayer service each evening at 5pm.

St. Vincent De Paul:

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

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 30th - Sunday 7th February 2021

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

- Sat 30th 10am **(Months Mind)** Sr Anna Maria O'Neill, Poor Clare Convent
6.30pm Tommy Keating, 1 Chapel St
(Julia & Philip Seymour, Church St their son Melvin, great grandson Christopher and deceased family)
(Bridget Ramsbottom, The Numbers)-(Paddy & Katie Dowling, Crossneen)
- Sun 31st 9am Christopher Lawlor, 70 Pearse Rd
Chrissie Watchorn, St Clare's Rd
11.30am **(Months Mind)** Anne McNeice (née Kehoe) Lurgan & Springhill
(First Anniversary) Jimmy Kehoe, Killeshin
Willie & Annie Dempsey, Killeshin
Anna Abbey, Garryhunden, Milford
(Rosaleen McHugh, Springhill also her husband John their daughters Clare & baby Ann Marie and their granddaughter Helen)
(Breda O'Reilly, Fruithill & Dublin)-(Billy O'Reilly, Fruithill)
Mary Carroll, Paulstown
William Murphy, Henry St
(Christopher Moran, Keelogue)-(Betty Curran, Bridge Street)
- Mon 1st 10am Nora Rafferty
- Tues 2nd 10am Nell Hennessy, 4 Chapel Street
- Fri 5th 10am (Denis & Teresa Doran, Keelogue)-(Jim Doran, Cappalug)
(Dinny Doran, Cappalug)-(Henry & Ellen Doran, Cappalug)
- Sat 6th 6.30pm Mary White, Killeshin Rd (40th Anniversary)
(John & Annie Dempsey, Ardenteggle & their sons John, Thurles & London & Noel, London)
- Sun 7th 9am Jim Lawlor, Oakley Crescent
Michael Loughman, Sleaty
11.30am **(First Anniversary)** Pat Scully, Killeshin
(Brigid (Patty) O'Regan, Killeshin) - (Larry Ryan)
James Ryan & Edward & Elizabeth Gaskin, Cappalug

R.I.P.

Breda Walker (née Nolan), 57 Mount Leinster Park
Michael (Mickey) Murphy, 113 New Oak Estate
Shay Lawlor, 3 The Downs, Pollerton
Noel Graham, Ballickmoyler