

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

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St. Clare's Church



Holy Cross Church

Wanted: Something More Important:

“Wanted:- Men and women willing to leave behind their old way of life and become fishers of men.” There aren’t many of us who would jump at this job application. It isn’t that we don’t want to become fishers of men, its leaving behind our old way of life that we’re not too keen on. It seems that there is very little that would persuade us to abandon our own self-interest. In today’s gospel one of the most impressive elements is that the early disciples accept the call to repent, abandon their fishing nets and follow Jesus. That they turn away from a successful business in order to become ‘fishers of men’ is a measure of their commitment. Today there are still those who accept the challenge to abandon everything and become fishers of men. Each year, thousands of men and women give their lives to God and join religious orders. How do the rest of us answer to call to become ‘fishers of men’? We can’t all join religious orders; we have to find a way of answering the call in our own situation, and we might have lots of questions to ask first. What would being a disciple involve? Would we be up to the job? What would we have to leave behind? What would we have to give up? Would part time discipleship be okay ... after all we’ve got lots of other things to do! There would be lots of questions we would ask, but sadly no easy answers. There is no one answer that is right for everybody. Our new direction has to start with some good hard soul searching, and a real desire to do something more important with our lives.

Appreciation:

The Nolan Family, Henry St wish to thank their friends, neighbours and everyone who supported them during their recent bereavement. 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.

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.

New Service:

Our young people will prepare and lead a short prayer service each evening Mon to Fri 25th to 29th Jan @ 5pm for Catholic Schools Week. Please tune in via webcam.

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

Comes to an end this Monday 25th January:- The theme that was chosen for 2021 is, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit." Abiding in Christ is an inner attitude that takes root in us over time. It demands space to grow. It can be overtaken by the struggle for the necessities of life and it is threatened by distractions, noise, activity and the challenges of life. We live in a time that is both troubling and magnificent, an often dangerous where we are challenged by pandemics, wars, violence, poverty, racism and climate change. Yet as Christians seeking reconciliation, justice and peace, we also know the full value of a spiritual life. We have an immense responsibility and must unite and help each other create forces of calmness and refuges of peace where the silence of people calls on the creative word of God. Spirituality and solidarity are inseparably linked. Abiding in Christ, we receive the strength and wisdom to act against structures of injustice and oppression, to fully recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters in humanity, and to be creators of a new way of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

Killeshin NS:

Killeshin NS are accepting enrolments for September 2021.

Please email: principal@killeshinns.ie

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.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 web. We pray for all those who are affected with Covid 19 and for an end to the pandemic. A parish 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.

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.

Catholic Schools Week 2021:

Will be celebrated from Sunday 24th January to Sunday 31st January 2021. The theme this year is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'. During this week we celebrate the rich traditions and the incredible value of Catholic Education on both a local and national level. As one of the many activities that will take place in our parish this week our young people will prepare and lead a short prayer service each evening @ 5pm for Catholic Schools Week.

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 23rd - Sunday 31st January 2021

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

- 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
(Joe & Molly Curry, Borris)-(Joan Hickey (Birthday Rem)
Stephen & Maisie Nolan, 21 St Fiacc's Tce
Deceased members of the Curry & Nolan families
Mass for the sympathisers of Mary Nolan, Henry St
(Paddy & Nan Kinsella, St Fiacc's Tce, their daughters Angela, Marie, Tina,
sons Markie, Dominic and daughter in law Betty)
Kathleen Lawler, 152 Duggan Ave (Anniversary & Birthday Rem)
Kieran Lawler (Birthday Rem)
Claire Haughney, Governey Sq also her husband Tom & deceased family
- Sun 24th 9am (Mollie Brennan, 4 St Lazerian's Tce also her husband James & son Francis)
11.30am (Months Mind) Elizabeth Byrne, Cappalug
(Henry O'Neill, Portlaoise Rd)-(Hannah Lannigan, Ballyhide)
(Mary White, The Numbers)-(Tommy & Nancy McEvoy, Montgomery St)
Tommy Nevin, London & The Numbers & deceased family
(Kathleen (Kitty) Kelly, Lower Rossmore)-(John Moran, Ballinteskinn, Stradbally)
- Wed 27th 10am Paddy Farrell, 8 Granby Row
Jim & Mollie Dunne, Dublin Rd also their children Eilish & Sean
(Frank Hayden, Ballickmoyler Rd & deceased members of the Hayden
& Walsh families)
- Thurs 28th 10am (First Anniversary) Mick Roche, 21 Silver Pines, Tullow Road
Ann & Edward Wynne & deceased family May, Jo & Theresa
- Fri 29th 10am Alice Bradley, 3 Maryborough St
- 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)
- Sun 31st 9am Christopher Lawlor, 70 Pearse Rd
11.30am (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

R.I.P.

(Brendan Bayliss, Bedford)-(Loreto Sabino, New York)-(Pamela Sheehan, England)
(Tommy Lawton, Edenderry)-(Fergus Gaffney, Rivercourt, Carlow)