

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

## - Parish Link -

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*St. Clare's Church*



*Holy Cross Church*

### 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, covid pandemic 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.

*(Please use sanitizer supplied before and after).*

### Things to know about Lent:

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 9th).

- 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.

### Thank You:

The youth ministry team wish to thank everyone who made Crosses for St Brigid's Day and all who contributed to the Youth Ministry Fund. €930 was raised and it will be used for our Youth activities.

## **Blessing and Distribution of Ashes::**

Due to Covid restrictions we are not able to distribute ashes in the usual manner. This year our young people have prepared a small package which contains ashes, instructions on how to administer them and a Lenten prayer. These will be blessed at our 10am Mass on Ash Wednesday and can be collected from a steward in St Clare's Church between 11am and 6.30pm or Holy Cross between 12 & 1pm on the day. There is one package per household. The ashes can then be placed on the foreheads of all members in a household in a safe and spiritual way. A big thank you to all our youth ministry team for organising this lovely gift.

## **Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 17th 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 reality with truthfulness and courage.



Our Holy Hour this Wednesday will begin at 7pm with Mass and conclude with adoration, reflection and benediction.

## **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.

## **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!

## **Trócaire's Lenten Campaign for 2021:**

In this year's Trocaire campaign we hear from Father James Oyet Latansio (the General Secretary of the South Sudan Council of Churches) who shares with us the challenges and hopes for the world's newest nation, as they approach the ten year anniversary of South Sudan's birth. Father James tells us about the particular impact of conflict and Covid-19 on the children of South Sudan: 'Children are victims. My prayer is that one day things might change for the better. But this will be a lost generation; these children who are impacted by war, by the conflict, and, even today, by Covid-19. Our children are going through all this, and they don't go to school. The schools were closed to avoid the spread of Covid-19 and we don't have enough internet for children to learn from home. They try and do it through radio, but not all families have got radios. So, it's just a desperate situation. Children become victims. Children become impacted by all these

things, and I don't know what the future will hold. However, the hope will never be lost.' Any help you can give to Trocaire and the people of South Sudan will be greatly appreciated.

### **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.

### **Killeshin NS:**

Killeshin NS are accepting enrolments for September 2021. Please email: [principal@killeshinns.ie](mailto:principal@killeshinns.ie)

### **Pioneers Association:**

Consider taking the PIONEER SHORT-TERM PLEDGE for Lent? If you would like to make this pledge for six weeks, you can join online at [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.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.

### **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](http://www.graiguecullenkilleshin.com). 2). Choose from 2 different views of webcam.

### **Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society:**

Join Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society for an online lecture next week on Wednesday 17 February at 8pm. Dr Declan M Downey will present 'The Hospitaller Knights of St John in Carlow & South Leinster from the 12th to the 21st Centuries'. All are welcome to join this lecture at [www.carlowhistorical.com](http://www.carlowhistorical.com) and click on the link for the lecture.

### **Carlow Family Support Group - You Are Not Alone:**

Drugs and Alcohol abuse affects 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 alternatively email [gkparish@gmail.com](mailto:gkparish@gmail.com) or text 087 6216207 & we will send out a group text to request prayers. In order to maintain confidentiality, we do not use names in the prayer texts.

# ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 13th - Sunday 21st February 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 13th 6.30pm **(Months Mind)** Loretta Sabino, New York  
(Rita Doogue, St Clare's Rd)-(Patsy Price, Ballinabranna)  
Jimmy O'Shea, Ballickmoyler also his parents Jimmy & Mary
- Sun 14th 11.30am **(Months Mind)** Agnes Kennedy, Ardenteggle  
(Tom Nelson, Killeshin)-(Michael Hayden, New Oak Est)  
Michael & Annie Brennan, Coolnariska  
(Harry Byrne, Staunton Ave also Teddy Brennan & his parents  
Stephen and Josephine Brennan & Susan Brennan, England)  
Elizabeth Doran, Fruithill
- Mon 15th 10am Essie Webster, The Lock
- Tues 16th 10am (Paddy Looney, Church St)-(Rita Doogue, St Clare's Road)
- Wed 17th 10am Mass for the sympathisers of Agnes Kennedy, Ardenteggle  
Paddy Sharkey, Church Road
- Thurs 18th 10am Breda Woods, Tolerton & Pacelli Ave  
Katy Doyle, Galway **(10th Anniversary)**
- Fri 19th 10am Catherine McGrath, Oakley Park  
Dominic Hunt, Springfield Drive
- Sat 20th 6.30pm (Patrick & Ellen Byrne, 47 St Fiacc's Tce also their sons, daughters  
and deceased family)  
Paddy Looney, Church St also his parents  
Eileen & James Katy Doyle, Galway **(10th Anniversary)**  
(Peig O'Gorman, Athy)-(Leo Meaney, Colclough Ave)
- Sun 21st 9am (Bridie & Paddy O'Rourke, 116 St Clare's Rd also their son Seamus  
and daughter May Carpenter)

## R.I.P.

Ann Kelly (née Timmons), Tierernane, Ballickmoyler  
Gerry Nash, 200 Maher Road, Graiguecullen  
Larry Mahony, Chapel Street, Durrow  
Brigid Murphy (née Shiels), Lower Rossmore