

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESHIN

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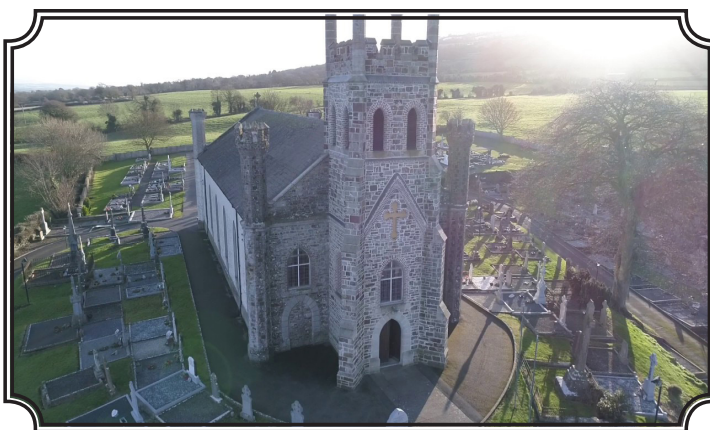
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St. Clare's Church



Holy Cross Church

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our Parishioners at home and abroad:



St Patrick was born somewhere in Britain in the late 4th century A.D. When he was 16 years old, he was captured by Irish pirates and brought to Ireland where he was sold into slavery. There his job was to tend sheep. Patrick's master, Milchu, was a high priest of Druidism, a Pagan sect that held major religious influence over the country at the time. Patrick came to view his enslavement as God's test of his faith. During his six years of captivity, he became deeply devoted to Christianity through constant prayer. In a vision, he saw the children of pagan Ireland reaching out their hands to him and grew increasingly determined to convert the Irish to Christianity. The idea of escaping enslavement came to Patrick in a dream, in which a voice

promised him he would find his way home to Britain. Eager to see the dream materialise, Patrick convinced some sailors to let him board their ship. A free man once again, Patrick went to Auxerre, France, where he studied and entered the priesthood under the guidance of the missionary St. Germain. As time passed, he never lost sight of his vision to convert Ireland to Christianity. In 432 A.D., he was ordained as a bishop and was soon sent by Pope Celestine I to Ireland to spread the gospel. Upon his arrival in Ireland, Patrick was initially met with resistance, but managed to spread Christian teachings far and wide, along with other missionaries, through preaching, writing and performing countless baptisms. Throughout his missionary work, Patrick supported church officials, created councils, founded monasteries and organized Ireland into dioceses. St. Patrick died circa 461 A.D. in Saul, Ireland, and is said to have been buried in the nearby town of Downpatrick, County Down.

Holy Hour:

Our Holy Hour this week will take place on Tuesday evening 16th March at 7pm where we will be joined by some of our youth group and will reflect on the life of St Patrick. There will be no Holy Hour on Wednesday.

Killeshin NS:

Are accepting enrolments for September 2021. Please email principal@killeshin.ie

Happy Mother's Day (Mothering Sunday):



Historically Mothering Sunday was also known as Refreshment Sunday because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed on this day. So Mum's everywhere enjoy your chocolates and your cake! Today is the day on which we thank our mothers for all their love and hard work.

Happy 'Mothering Sunday'

Mini-Lenten Retreat in preparation for Holy Week 2021:

In preparation for the Easter Triduum To take part, all you need to do is send an email to: thehookoffaith@gmail.com All are welcome.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES:

For Easter will take place during all our Masses next weekend 21st & 22nd March. Reconciliation allows us to draw near to the Father with trust and to have the certainty of his forgiveness. He is truly "rich in mercy" and extends it upon all those who appeal to Him with a sincere heart. Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness.

This Holy Week, the Priory Institute offers an online Open Access retreat reflecting on the Passion of Christ:

This retreat is offered entirely online with fifteen-minute video reflections focusing on the verses of the psalm that is contained in the liturgical readings for each day of Holy Week. The first reflection will be available on Palm Sunday and all reflections will remain to watch until 11 April. Cost: There is no charge for this retreat, but you must register with your email address and have access to the internet to participate. All are welcome.

Lough Derg Mass on RTÉ:

Sunday 21st March RTE Studio Broadcast Mass at 11am will be celebrated by Msgr La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg along with the Lough Derg Pastoral and Music teams. The Mass will be offered for the Lough Derg pilgrim family near and far. Tune into RTE 1 Television or RTE Radio 1.

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.

Helplines:

The Samaritans - 116123

Pieta House – 0818 111 126

Crisis Text Line Ireland – Confidential messaging support for anyone going through a mental health or emotional crisis, either big or small. Txt: 3TS to 50808 or Txt: Spunout to 50808

Mental Health Information: - 1800 111 888

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.

A very big thank you to everyone who continues to support the parish during the Covid 19 lockdown.:

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!

Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society:

Join Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society for an online lecture on Wednesday 24 March at 8pm. Please note this lecture will take place on the 4th Wednesday of the month due to St Patrick's Day falling on the 3rd Wednesday, when we usually hold our lectures. Dr Kevin Whelan will present 'The Blackstairs Mountain Region - An Illustrated History'. All are welcome to join this lecture by going to our website www.carlowhistorical.com and click on the link for the lecture.

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.

Killeshin NS:

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Kilkenny and Carlow Education and Training Board:

Are running a Free Online Course Seated Yoga - Thursday Evenings 7.00pm – 8.00pm Online Start Date: March 18th Duration: 6 Weeks. If you would like further information or if you would like to book a place on the course please contact Fiona at fdunne@kcetb.ie.

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.

Ballinabranna Water Co-Op Society:

Will hold their AGM on Monday 8th March @ 8pm via Zoom. Shareholders please email:- info@ballinabrannawater.ie to register.

Clothes Recycling:

Catherine Nolan and Vera Smith are now back accepting Clothes for their Clothes Recycling Collection in aid of their 2022 trip with Mellon Educate to South Africa to help build Schools in Capetown. (no duvets or pillows please) can be dropped at any time to Terry Smith Kitchens, Sleaty Road or collection can be arranged by contacting Vera at 086 8317940 or Catherine at 086 8709846.

St. Vincent De Paul:

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

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

St Catherine's C.S.C. and Healthy Carlow :

Would like to invite you to our lunchtime webinar on March 18th to celebrate this year's International Social Prescribing Day. This webinar will be hosted by our new Carlow Social Prescribing Service and we are pleased to be joined by several guest speakers from various community groups on the day including, for more information contact Sinéad on 086- 4147511 or socialprescribing@catherines.ie

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 13th - Sunday 21st March 2021

(Please note all Anniversaries can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com
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Sat 13th	10am	(Month's Mind) Maureen Phelan, Pearse Rd
	6.30pm	(Eileen & James Looney, Church St also their son Paddy & grandson Brian Patrick)-(Mary Kelly, Coolane, Killeshin) (Annie Comerford, 160 Duggan Ave)-(Breda Kenny, Sherwood, Pollerton) Mary O'Shea, Doonane Rd, Crettyard (Mary Quinn, 163 Sleaty St)-(Martin Clear, 5 The Numbers) Patrick & Elizabeth Slater, Granby Row & deceased family (Paddy Nolan, 62 St Fiaccs Tce (Birthday Rem)-(Valerie Cawley, Kilkenny Rd)
Sun 14th	9am	(Padraig & Ita Culleton, Raheenduff, Timahoe also their daughter Ita Culliton, Bavaria, Germany & grandson Oisin Osborn, Germany)
	11.30am	(Month's Mind) Ann Kelly Tierenane, Ballickmoyler Mary Keating, 40 St Fiaccs Tce (Mothers Day) (Josie Collins, 11 Bestfield (Mothers Day)-(Tommy White, The Numbers) Joe Whelan, Ardenteggle (Anniversary & Birthday Rem) (Patrick Whelan, Ardenteggle)-(Lawrence Joyce, Ballyhide) (Denis & Margaret Tuohy, Graiguecullen)-(Josephine Twomey, Killeshin Rd) (Valerie Cawley, Kilkenny Rd)-(Edward (Ned) Dowling, Lr Rossmore) Maisie & Sidney Ramsbottom, 48 Staunton Ave (John McDermot, Clonmore)-(Pat O'Brien, California) Eileen Fitzpatrick, 12 The Swan
Mon 15th	10am	(Mary Kane, Dublin)-(Agnes Farrell, Freshford) Michael & Cely Nolan, Johnstown
Tue 16th	10am	Deceased members of the Nolan & Murphy families Eileen Maher, 1 Oakley Park also Eileen Maher, St Fiaccs Hse & Tullow
Wed 17th	10am	(May Carpenter, Springdale also her parents Paddy & Bridie O'Rourke and brother Seamus)-(Joseph Redmond, St Fiaccs Tce) (Ger Nolan, 5 Henry St)-(Breda Grant, 34 St Fiaccs Tce) (Special Intention)-(Liam Fleming, Maryborough St) (Larry Dowling, Whitney Place also his wife Rita)-(Liam Shaw, 5 Bridge St)
Thu 18th	10am	(Special Intention)-(Tom O'Neill, Kent, England & Barnhill, Castledermot RIP funeral taking place in England today)
Fri 19th	10am	(Special Intention)-(John Harte, 2 Sleaty St) Elizabeth Maher, Cullenagh
Sat 20th	10am	Róisín Moran, Keelogue (Birthday Rem)
	6.30pm	Joe Fitzpatrick, Sleaty St (Birthday Rem) Michael Carolan, Levitstown, Maganey Sarah & Ken Usher, St Fiaccs Tce & New York Michael & Peg Duffett, Oakley Grove Thomas & Annie Trodden, 78 St Mary's Park (Michael Mullins, Coolnariska)-(James Mullins, Coolnariska & Toronto)

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Carmel Pierce, Mount Leinster Park
Sun 21st 11.30am Denis (Dinny) Hennessy, Springhill Rd
Packie Doyle, Ardenteggle

R.I.P.

Kathleen Murphy, (née Brooks), No.8 Ashgrove, Fenagh
Michael Brennan, 56 Saint Patrick's Park, Tullow
Bernie Deery (née Lennon), Blackrock, Co Louth