

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

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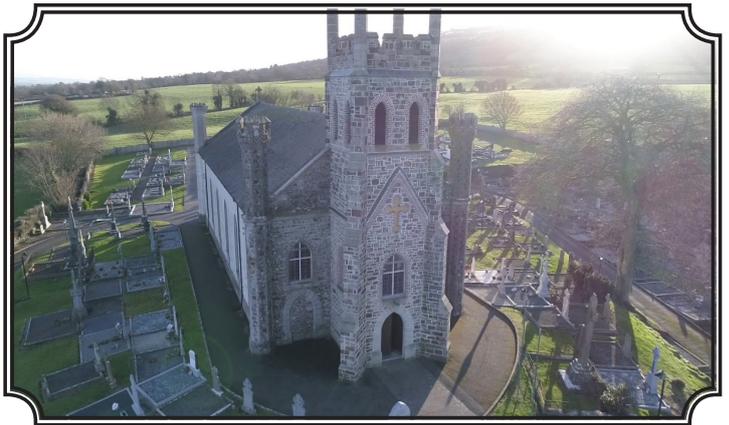
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*St. Clare's Church*



*Holy Cross Church*

### **We Are The Reason:**

What are we thinking when we pick up a palm and process into church on Passion Sunday? Perhaps we are wondering how those very clever people weave their palm into a cross. Or perhaps we imagine we are commemorating an historic event. When Jesus rode his donkey into Jerusalem all those centuries ago, he was the centre of attention. Some thought he would be a powerful leader who would lead the people in an uprising against the occupying Romans. Others were just swept along in a sense of pageant. Few had grasped the true significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Jesus had not come merely to overturn the Romans. Jesus' picture was a much more universal one. Jesus' mission was the salvation of the whole world for future generations. How many of us would remember Jesus today if his mission had been simply to lead an uprising against a Roman occupation? Jesus was riding into Jerusalem to meet his destiny. He could have heeded the warnings of his disciples and bypassed Jerusalem altogether. He could have continued his ministry of teaching and healing into old age; but whatever else Jesus was about, he certainly wasn't about compromise. In riding into Jerusalem, Jesus was telling us that his mission to save each and every one of us was more important than life itself. We can all walk into church waving our palms. We can all commemorate an historical event, but the more discerning of us know that this day is about 'walking the walk'. We are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem. That's a powerful thought. Knowing that we are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem, then we must honour him not with palms but with the quality of our lives.

### **Easter Message:**

Tune into our website, facebook page or twitter to view an Easter Message from our Parish Team. Facebook and Twitter can also be accessed through our website by clicking on their logos at the top of the Homepage.

### **Clocks Go Forward:**

This Sunday March 28th @ 1am.

## **Palm Sunday:**

This Sunday begins Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate when Jesus entered into Jerusalem as Savior and King. A large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. During our Masses Palm will be blessed and will be available in our churches when people call for private prayer. It has long been a tradition in Ireland of people placing a piece of blessed palm in their homes behind holy pictures or in bibles. Again, this year we ask people to place a piece of palm or any greenery on their front doors as a visible sign that we continue to be united in prayer. Please send in your photos to Cathriona by whatsapp to 085 1450321



## **Irish Catholic Newspaper:**

Irish Catholic Newspaper on sale in st Clare's Church

## **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](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com) All are welcome.

## **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:**



Will take place during all our Masses this weekend 20th & 21st March. Reconciliation allows near to the Father with trust and to have the certainty of his forgiveness. He is truly "rich and extends it upon all those who appeal to Him with a sincere heart. Do not forget that God 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.

## **Easter Gift:**

Our youth ministry group have prepared a special gift for families. The gift contains an Easter Prayer and a blessing from the parish team, a small wooden cross and a bottle of Easter water blessed on Holy Saturday. These gifts will be available in our churches on Easter Monday and we invite people to collect the gift when you come into the church for private worship. This might also be a good time for you to drop back your Trocaire Box as there will be stewards available.

## **Chrism Mass:**

This year's Chrism Mass can be viewed via the Kildare & Leighlin Facebook page & iCatholic. We are delighted to be able to share greetings from our parishes from 7:10pm, with Mass @ 7:30 pm. Please join Bishop Denis for this celebration of the diocesan family.

## **An Gairdin Beo:**

An Gairdin Beo is organising four cookery classes on ZOOM-The classes will be directed by Majella Johnson. Majella will base her recipes on the herbs, fruits and vegetables grown in An Gairdin Beo. The dates for the workshops are as follows: Monday 12th , 19th , 26th April & 3rd May. Each session is from 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. The workshops are free but you must book your place in advance. Please send your name, postal address and email address to: [fdunne@kcetb.ie](mailto:fdunne@kcetb.ie) before 2nd April. Sponsored by Carlow ETB

## **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.

### **St. Vincent De Paul:**

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

### **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!

### **Priests Easter Collection:**

The quarterly collection for the support of the priests of the parish can be left into the parish centre. Special envelopes are in the envelope boxes or alternatively you can use the special envelopes available at church doors.

### **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.

### **Trocaire Boxes:**

Please remember to drop your Trocaire Boxes into the parish office.

### **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.

### **Carlow Mental Health Association:**

Carlow Mental Health Association funded by KCETB is running a new course 'Understanding and Managing Anxiety' Tuesdays April 6th/13th/20th/ & 27th via zoom 7.30pm-9.00pm. This is a free interactive 4 week programme on practical ways to support our wellbeing, managing stress and anxiety in these challenging times. Places are limited and registration is necessary. Email [carlowmentalhealth@hotmail.com](mailto:carlowmentalhealth@hotmail.com) or call 085 8181353 for more information.

# ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 27th - Sunday 4th April 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 27th 6.30pm **(First Anniversary)** David Ward, Dublin  
Ann Kelly, Tierernane **(Birthday Rem)**  
(Joe & Josie Kelly, St Fiacc's Tce)-(Seamus McDonald, Ballickmoyler)  
(Aidan Power, 34 Pacelli Ave)-(William & Joan Culleton, St Fiacc's Tce)  
Thomas & Margaret Anderson, St Fiacc's Tce **(Anniv & Birthday Rem)**  
(Nancy Anderson, USA)-(Christina Ryan, 8 Chapel St)  
Paddy Kelly, Monavea, Crettyard **(30th Anniversary)**  
(Teresa Robertson (née Murphy) Stevenage, Hertfordshire also  
her grandparents Ned & Molly Murphy, Little Barrack St)
- Sun 28th 11.30am **(First Anniversary)** Michael Foley, 189 Sleaty Rd  
(Martin & Annie Fitzpatrick, Coolenough also their daughter in law  
June Fitzpatrick, Wexford)-(Kathleen Bolton, Ballickmoyler)  
(Nancy Dooley, 71 Pearse Rd)-(Tommy Whitney Snr, Chapel St)  
Breda (Biddy) Haughney, Crossneen  
(Jimmy Morrissey, 123 Pearse Road)-(John Pheasant, Kent)
- Mon 29th 10am **(First Anniversary)** John Kenny, Sycamore Rd & St Fiacc's Tce  
(Baby Róisín Jowett)-(Maura & John Doyle, Crossneen)
- Tues 30th 10am (Jim Grant, Killeshin Rd)-(Bernard Keating, Fr Byrne Pk **(30th Anniv)**  
Tommy Devereux, Duggan Ave
- Wed 31st 10am **(First Anniversary)** Michael Foley, 189 Sleaty Rd  
(Michael Bowden, Rathglen, Killeshin)-(Intention Mass)
- Thurs 1st 7.30pm John Cullen, Maher Rd
- Fri 2nd 10am (Morning Prayer) **(First Anniversary)** Pauline McCarthy
- Sat 3rd 8.00pm **(First Anniversary)** Pauline McCarthy  
(Nancy Hutchinson, 1 The Poplars)-(Michael Dempsey, Ardenteggle & Tullow)
- Sun 4th 9am (Rita Kelly, 4 Radharc Oisín & deceased members of Kelly & Lawler families)  
(James Lawler, Radharc Oisín also his mother Margaret, St Fiacc's Tce)
- 11.30am **(Months Mind)** Michael (Mick) Darcy, 83 St Clare's Rd  
**(First Anniversary)** Luke Lacey, 47 Heatherhill Ave  
**(First Anniversary & Birthday Rem)** Antoinette Moore, 24 Oakley Pk  
(Peter Nelson, Killeshin)-(Seanie Brennan, 28 Avondale Drive)  
(Liam Haughney, Sleaty St)-(William & Bridget Drennan, Killeshin)  
(Patsy Bolger, The Numbers)-(Jimmy Delaney, O'Hanrahan Ave)

## R.I.P.

Mary Moore (née O'Brien), 24 Oakley Pk formerly The Numbers, Graiguecullen  
Bridie Hurley (née Fennelly), 19 Rossmore View, Graiguecullen  
Andrew (Andy) Doogue, Bray, Co Wicklow formerly Ardenteggle  
Keith O'Kane, Gleann na bearu, Bagenalstown