

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

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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).*

### Hitting Hypocrisy Where It Hurts:

Imagine the scene. Jesus makes a whip and drives the money changers from the temple. Everywhere sheep and cattle are careering out of control. Doves are flapping up to the rafters.... coins and feathers everywhere and the money changers in an uproar. Jesus makes things clear. "Stop making my Father's house a market place!" Do we feel an element of discomfort. How many parishes use the back of church to raise funds? How often do we stand at the back of church selling raffle tickets? How many years have we invited donations for votive candles, or sold newspapers, books, rosary beads, cards and statues? If Jesus walked in today, would he tip over our collecting boxes and reprimand us? Perhaps before we answer this question we need to understand the context of today's reading. In Jesus' day it was expected that visitors to the temple should present a sacrifice, and for that purpose, the temple officials made it easy to purchase cattle and turtle doves. The second practical consideration was that because the Roman coinage was considered idolatrous by the Jews, the temple permitted money changers to exchange roman coins for tokens. The original system was not a bad idea, but it became corrupt. It was all too easy for the price of doves to become extortionate, and the exchange rate for tokens to come down on the side of the money changers. Soon it was the case that something that had originally been intended to oil the practicalities of worship in itself cheated

would-be worshippers, especially those with little money. Jesus had a passion for exposing hypocrisy, and this was hypocrisy at its worst. Jesus probably would not have a problem with us using the back of church for selling newspapers or raising funds. At the end of the day it isn't buildings of worship in themselves that are of the greater importance, but what lies in our hearts and in our intentions. Our bodies are the real temples. Jesus challenged impurity at its roots, and the root of all impurity is wherever we have a thought or an idea that lacks integrity or smacks of hypocrisy.

## **Join us via webcam for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm:**

What we know as the Stations of the Cross (or the Way of the Cross) has its origins in the practice in the early church of pilgrims walking in the footsteps of Jesus' passion in Jerusalem. Along the way they would stop to pray at places where a significant event is believed to have occurred. It is thought that in the Middle Ages the Franciscans brought this tradition to Europe. This made it possible for the faithful who could not travel to Jerusalem to experience in a virtual way the Stations of the Cross by following a signposted path around the inside and/or outside of the church. From the 18th century all Catholic churches were permitted to erect the Stations of the Cross within the church building or in the grounds of the church. This led to the visual depictions we see in our churches today, with the number of stations fixed at 14. Of these, only 8 are explicitly mentioned in the gospels. In 1991, Pope John Paul II introduced a new form of this devotion, called the Scriptural Way of the Cross, in which all stations are taken from the gospels. There are many popular versions of the stations available and people can pray them in a church or at home, privately or with a group. A typical pattern for the 14 stations might look like the following: Naming of the station ( E.g. The First Station: Jesus is condemned to die); Response (We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world); A short reading from scripture; Reflecting /meditating on the particular station; and Prayer (E.g. Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be). While available to us as a prayer at any time, Lent is a particularly appropriate time to pray the Stations of the Cross.

## **Family Mass:**

There will be a special family Mass next Sunday 5th March @ 11.30am in St Clare's. We ask all children preparing for First Holy Communion and their families to join us via webcam [www.graiguecullenkilleshin.com](http://www.graiguecullenkilleshin.com)

## **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).

## **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: BOFIIIE2D 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!

### **A new Community First Responder Group:**

Is currently being set up in Killeshin. The group, once ready to go "LIVE" will answer emergency calls along with The National Ambulance Service such as Choking and Cardiac Arrest. We will be covering an 8 Kilometers radius of Killeshin and when Covid-19 restrictions are over/lifted the calls that we will be dispatched to will then include Chest Pain & Stroke also. If anyone would like any further information please drop us an email to [killeshinfirstresponders@gmail.com](mailto:killeshinfirstresponders@gmail.com) and find us on Facebook & Instagram.

### **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)

### **Kilkenny and Carlow Education and Training Board:**

Are running a Free Online Course Gardening – Flowers & Shrubs on Tuesdays 11am – 12.30pm. Start date March 16th for 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](mailto:fdunne@kcetb.ie).

### **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.

### **Ballinabranna Water Co-Op Society:**

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

### **Clothes Recycling:**

Catherine Nolan and Vera Smith are now back accepting Clothes for their Clothes Recycling Co lection 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](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie)

### **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 for all those who are affected with Covid 19. We pray also for an end to the pandemic. A parish praying together can be very powerful.

# ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 6th - Sunday 14th March 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 6th 6.30pm **(Month's Mind)** Pat Hyland, Monasterevin  
**(First Anniversary)** Alan Doyle, St Fiacc's Tce  
(Tom Whelan, Ardenteggle) (Noel Murphy, Green Road)
- Sun 7th 9am **(Months Mind)** Gerry Nash, 200 Maher Rd  
11.30am Josie & Denis Dempsey, Killeshin  
June Connellan, Brownseshill Rd  
(Patrick Brennan, Mullins Lane, Crossneen also his daughter Nina  
& son-in-law Pat Harney, Kildare)  
(Joseph Moore, Mullins Lane, Crossneen also his son Tommy, daughters Kitty  
& Maisie & deceased members of the Moore & Fenlon families)  
Sean Brennan Junior, Ballyhide  
Baby Conleth Jowett  
Baby Callum Nolan, Leighlin Rd **(Anniversary & Birthday Rem)**  
Thomas & Brigid Cummins, Kilree, Bagenalstown and deceased family  
(Patrick Paddy Devlin, 89 Rochfort Manor **(Birthday Rem & 50th Wedding Anniv)**)
- Mon 8th 10am Elizabeth Callinan, 7 '98 St **(Birthday Rem)** also her sons Johnny & Paddy
- Wed 10th 10am Mary O'Shea, Doonane Rd, Crettyard
- Thu 11th 10am Eileen Looney, Church St
- 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
- Sun 14th 9am (Padraig & Ita Culleton, Raheenduff, Timahoe also their daughter Ita Culliton,  
Bavaria, Germany & grandson Oisin Osborn, Hamburg, Germany)  
11.30am **(Month's Mind)** Ann Kelly Tierenane, Ballickmoyler  
Mary Keating, 40 St Fiaccs Tce **(Mother's Day)**  
Josie Collins, 11 Bestfield **(Mother's Day)**  
(Tommy White, The Numbers) (Patrick Whelan, Ardenteggle)  
Joe Whelan, Ardenteggle **(Anniversary & Birthday Rem)**  
(Denis & Margaret Tuohy, Graiguecullen) (Lawrence Joyce, Ballyhide)  
Josephine Twomey, Killeshin Rd

## R.I.P.

Michael (Mick) Darcy, 83 St Clare's Road, Graiguecullen  
Betty (Margaret) Egan (née Collins), Killmallock, Limerick