

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

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*St. Clare's Church*



*Holy Cross Church*

### **Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies:**

We thank all who helped make our ceremonies so spiritual and meaningful. A special thanks to all who cleaned and decorated our Churches so beautifully and to all who prepared and participated in the various ceremonies. A special thank you also to our young people who prepared our special Easter gift. It was also very heartening to see the large numbers of people who joined us virtually for all our ceremonies

### **Divine Mercy Sunday:**

This Sunday is popularly known as 'Mercy of God Sunday.' Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized on April 30th, 2000, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

### **SOLEMN NOVENA:**

Our nine-night Novena will begin on Saturday 10th April at 6.30pm and continue each night @ 7.30pm until Sunday 18th April. We will have a number of different speakers and during the Novena each night we will pray for any special petitions received. Petitions for inclusion can be left in the boxes in the church or emailed to [gkparish@gmail.com](mailto:gkparish@gmail.com) or text to 087 6216207. Through the prayers of our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady we will ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry. (Please Note: on both Saturday nights of the Novena (10th & 17th April) the Novena will take place at the usual Mass time of 6.30pm).

### **The Way Forward:**

For those who find belief elusive, there is an uncomfortable beatitude in today's gospel. "Happy are those who have not seen and have believed." This can feel like a reproach to those of us who harbour doubts, but the important thing to remember is that doubt can be a good thing. Doubt means that we are still questioning something that we care about. Doubt means that we are still looking for answers ..... that we are still

learning and growing. Doubt is a tool that we can use to carve a mature faith. Belief isn't something we either have or haven't got ... belief is a process, and the end product of that process, is one's own spiritual self. The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is aimed at all those generations of people who will not see the risen Lord, yet are asked to believe. So are we really being asked to believe in what we cannot see or hear or touch, when even those closest to Jesus had problems in accepting what was happening? In today's gospel we see Thomas struggling with a problem that many of us still struggle with today. Thomas desperately wanted to believe in the risen Jesus, but he wasn't the sort of person to pretend he understood something when he didn't. He wasn't the sort of person that could pretend that he didn't have doubts when he did. There are many of us today who desperately want deeper meaning in our lives. There are those amongst us who have become disillusioned with the Church and wish they could embrace what it once meant. There are many of us who would like to find a deeper faith but have found only stumbling blocks. Like Thomas, we find that the gap between faith and doubt too big a leap. The good news is that just as Jesus showed Thomas patience so he will be patient with us too. The good news is that just as Jesus gave Thomas a way to forward his faith so too will we be shown a way forward if we want it enough. holds the spear, the wine-soaked sponge, and the crown of thorns, and St. Gabriel (in the right corner) holds the cross and the nails. The intent of the artist was to portray the Child Jesus contemplating the vision of His future Passion. The anguish He feels is shown by the loss of one of His sandals. Nevertheless, the icon also conveys the triumph of Christ over sin and death, symbolized by the golden background (a sign of the glory of the resurrection) and the manner in which the angels hold the instruments, i.e. like trophies gathered up from Calvary on Easter morning. In a very beautiful way, the Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He seeks comfort from His mother, as He sees the instruments of His passion. The position of Mary's hands— both holding the Child Jesus and presenting Him to us— convey the reality of our Lord's incarnation, that He is true God who became also true man. Mary here is represented as the one who guides us to the Redeemer. She also is our Help, who intercedes on our behalf with her Son. The star painted on Mary's veil, centered on her forehead, highlights her role in the plan of salvation as both the Mother of God and our Mother.

### **Irish Catholic Newspaper:**

Irish Catholic Newspaper on sale in st Clare's Church

### **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@kcteb.ie](mailto:fdunne@kcteb.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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Saint Patrick's Boys A.F.C:**

We will be opening our new walkway at St. Patrick's Boys A.F.C on Monday, April 5th and we will be offering a free trial to the community for the months of April and May. Throughout these difficult times, it's important to stay in touch with your local community and our soccer club is at the heart of this. We will be opening the walkway from 6 - 7:30pm every Monday and Wednesday night. It's important to stay hopeful and remember we will be back here together again soon. Please follow public health guidelines while on club grounds. No Dogs Allowed for Health and Safety reasons.

## **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.

## **Grow It Forward:**

GIY in partnership with Healthy Ireland and public libraries will distribute 50,000 free food growing kits as part of a new 'Grow it Forward' initiative. You can claim your free seed pack by contacting your local library. Recipients are asked to use the kits to share the experience with ten people, enabling half a million people across Ireland to enjoy the wide range of benefits that come from growing food at home. You can claim your seed pack here - <https://www.librariesireland.ie/news/grow-it-forward-with-free-seeds-from-your-local-library> or alternatively email [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie)

# ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 10th - Sunday 18th April 2021

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or call the Parish Centre 05991 41866 | 05991 82882

Sat 10th	10am	Michael Lawlor, 20 New Oak Estate also his wife Greta & son Christopher Intention Mass
	6.30pm	Mary Moran, formerly 2 Roncalli & New Oak Est (Bill Egerton, 20 Pacelli Ave)-(John Kinsella, Ballyhide)
Sun 11th	11.30am	<b>(First Anniversary)</b> Josephine Shaw, 78 Maher Rd <b>(First Anniversary)</b> Colette Bolton, Lower Rossmore <b>(First Anniversary)</b> Sharon Murphy, Rossmore View also her grandparents John & Maureen Whelan (Denis Shaw, 78 Maher Rd)-(Paschal Hennessy, Brownseshill) Mary Drennan, Mortarstown & Killeshin Jimmy & Josie Brennan, Staunton Ave (James & Mary Doyle, 98 Maher Rd also their daughters Margaret Kieran and Frances Whelan) (Patsy Fitzpatrick, Cappalug also his parents William & Mary Fitzpatrick, Clonmore)-(Bill Egerton, Pacelli Ave) John Alcock, Pearse Rd Fawzia Elias Affan, Hafez Elias Affan, Samir Elias Affan, Saleem Jameel & Alice Yousif Patricia Hynes, 81 St Clare's Rd Seamus Martin, Sr Fidelis Martin, Sr Angela Martin, Derrymoyle Liam Martin, Derrymoyle <b>(Birthday Rem)</b> Thomas & Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Crossleigh and their son Dick Fitzpatrick
Tues 13th	10am	Billy Abbey, Garryhundon, Milford Denis Delaney, Walsh Island
Wed 14th	10am	<b>(First Anniversary)</b> Fr Frank Caffrey, Kimmage Manor, Dublin <b>(First Anniversary)</b> Liam Gaffney, Swinford, Co Mayo <b>(First Anniversary)</b> Julie Housten, Australia
Thurs 15th	10am	<b>(First Anniversary)</b> Inez Feehan, Ballickmoyler also her parents Angela Amond, 46 Riverside
Sat 17th	6.30pm	(Brigid & Thomas Slattery, St Fiacc's Tce)-(PJ Purcell, Letterkenny) Kathleen Byrne, Graiguecullen & Ballickmoyler Mary Jo Barcoe, Avondale Drive, Hanover Deceased members of the Collins Family, 4 Bestfield Mary Byrne (née Keating), Pacelli Ave <b>(80th Birthday Rem)</b> John & Michael McDonald, The Cottage, Grange, Maganey Jimmy & Josie Brennan, Staunton Ave May Geoghegan, 2 Springdale, Tullow Rd
Sun 18th	11.30am	<b>(Months Mind)</b> Jim Ryan, Mullins Lane, Crossneen Dinny & Teresa Doran, Keelogue



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Sun 18th 11.30am John & Nan Kearns, Knockbeg Rd

**R.I.P.**

Elizabeth Ann Pinkney (née Mannion), Kyleeshall, Raheendoran,