

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

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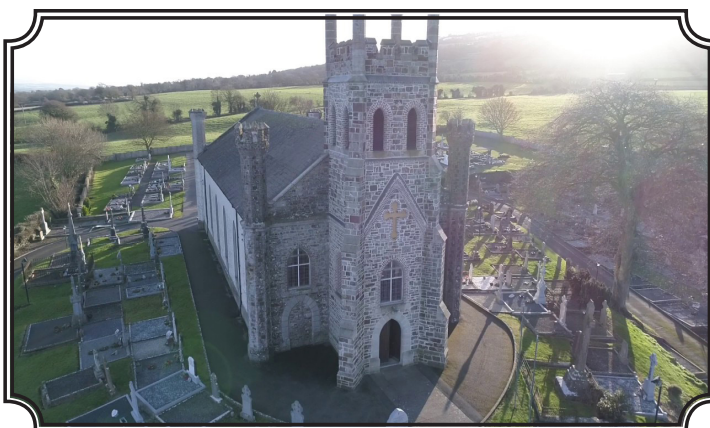
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St. Clare's Church



Holy Cross Church

The Bishops want to know: What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about a national synod?:

The Irish Catholic Bishops announced at their Winter 2020 meeting a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland, leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. Before embarking on an initial two year phase of consultation, bishops are inviting submissions between Easter (5 April) and Pentecost (23 May), 2021 to reflect on what methods/models would be best to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: focus groups, parish hall meetings, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences. Parish teams, parish pastoral councils and other parish groups, as well as individual parishioners can make their submissions, in not more than 300 words, via the Bishops Conference webpage <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/submissions>

SOLEMN NOVENA:

Our nine-night Novena ends this Sunday 18th April at 7.30pm The rosary is recited by the Poor Clare Sisters 20 mins before Mass begins. There are petition boxes in the church and we invite people to place their prayer petitions for worries, illnesses, sufferings and thanksgiving into the boxes or email to gkparish@gmail.com and each night a selection of these will be read out. We pray to our Lady asking her to intercede with Jesus to give hope, courage and strength to all in need and to guide us all through the difficult times in our lives. Each evening our Novena will conclude with Benediction. We invite you to join us in prayer. (Please Note: on Saturday night of the Novena 17th April the Novena will take place at the usual Mass time of 6.30pm).

Enlightenment:

When we are struggling with our faith, we might be tempted to think that as long as we are 'good people' that will suffice. But what sets those who are simply 'good people' and 'Christians' apart? The other disciples were really not so very different from Doubting Thomas. When they saw Jesus in their midst, they took some convincing that it really was Jesus and not a ghost that had come to visit them. The gospel outlines three pieces of proof that Jesus uses to convince them that he really has risen from the dead. He shows them the marks on his hands and feet, he invites them to touch and check that he is flesh and blood, and he

shares a meal with them. But it is only when Jesus opens their minds to understanding the scriptures that they come to believe in him. By interpreting what has happened, the risen Christ draws the disciples out of their confusion. Amongst some of his famous last words to them, were words of encouragement to go and preach his message and a reminder of prophecies fulfilled and promises made. Being a Christian today isn't easy, and simply accepting the Jesus we have grown up with sometimes isn't enough to sustain us. Perhaps we have given up believing and think that being a good person will be good enough. Understanding the difference between living life simply as a good person, and living life as a Christian comes of believing in the risen Jesus. As Christians we are continually striving to follow Christ's example. Today, through prayer, scripture debate, and putting faith into action, we continually work for the same enlightenment and understanding that Jesus gave his early disciples. To find that enlightenment we need to look to scripture as the disciples did. We need to look at the authors of the books within the Bible and understand who they were, something of the times they lived in, and who their audience was. There are commentaries to read and videos to watch, and of course, the Bible itself. We don't need to be great scholars. The original disciples weren't. All we need is the desire for enlightenment.

Irish Catholic Newspaper:

Irish Catholic Newspaper on sale in St Clare's Church

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 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 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.

St Clare's Hospitality:

Committee wish to thank everyone who donated food, easter eggs or money over the past few weeks. We are currently giving out nearly 100 meals per day and 60 food parcels per week thanks to your generosity.

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Give Thanks for Your Vaccination:

As more of our family, friends, and neighbours receive their COVID vaccinations, we rejoice and are glad that our loved ones are protected. We give thanks for all the HSE staff and key workers who continue to save lives across Ireland. For the poorest and most vulnerable communities across the world, there is little hope of a vaccine rollout. These people already face a lack of water, food, and healthcare. Our aid agencies are already on the ground, helping keep people safe from coronavirus with practical support – but with your gift of thanks they can do more. Donate online at Concern or Trocaire.

Home Instead Senior Care:

Caring people needed -We are seeking compassionate, dependable and experienced Carers to assist our clients with day to day living activities including companionship, light housekeeping, meal preparation and assistance with personal care needs. Flexible hours. Care Qualifications and Patient Moving and Handling Experience Desirable but not essential as Full Training can be provided. Fluent English. Call 045-446593 or email maryellen.keenaghan@homeinstead.ie

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 17th - Sunday 25th April 2021

(Please note all Anniversaries can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com
or call the Parish Centre 05991 41866 | 05991 82882

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| Sat 17th | 10am | Cormac (Kiely) McCarthy, Dunmanway |
| | 6.30pm | Bridgid & 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 (80th Birthday Rem) John & Michael McDonald, The Cottage, Grange, Maganey Jimmy & Josie Brennan, Staunton Ave May Geoghegan, 26 Springdale, Tullow Rd Christopher & Bridget Brennan, 7 Sleaty St |
| Sun 18th | 9am | (Month's Mind) Jim Ryan, Mullins Lane, Crosneen |
| | 11.30am | (Month's Mind) Jim Ryan, Mullins Lane, Crosneen Dinny & Teresa Doran, Keelogue John & Nan Kearns, Knockbeg Rd Mary & Andy Dowling, Ardenteggle Anne McDonald, Killabban, Maganey (Michael & Cely Nolan, Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny & deceased members of Farrell family) |
| Mon 19th | 10am | (Month's Mind) Michael Doyle, Swindon, & Springhill/Raheendoran Intention Mass |
| Tue 20th | 10am | Christopher Darcy, Tullow St |
| Sat 24th | 6.30pm | (Kate & Ernest Duffett, Maher Rd also their daughters Joan & Sarah and sons Michael, Frank, Shawn and Martin) (William Culleton, St Fiaccs Tce also his wife Joan & their sons Michael & Liam) Kathleen Power, 34 Pacelli Ave (10th Anniversary) Colm McNelis, 28 Pacelli Ave (30th Anniversary) |
| Sun 25th | 11.30am | Mary Hennessy, Browneshill Mick Lyons, Sleaty Rd Jim & Lil Fitzpatrick, Clonmore, Killeshin Liam Dunphy, Ballinakill & St Fiaccs Hse Mary and Ned Walker, 2 Church St also deceased family |

R.I.P.

James (Jim) O'Neill, Doonane, Crettyard