

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

## - Parish Link -

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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>

### **Family Mass:**

Our monthly family Mass will take place next Sunday 2nd May @ 11.30am. We invite all children preparing for First Communion and their families to join us via webcam or facebook for this special Mass.

### **VOCATIONS SUNDAY 25th APRIL:**

For many of us, it is not immediately clear who God is calling us to be and what path he wants us to follow. Finding the right path takes patience, time, prayer and discernment. The thoughts of priesthood will not come and go in a matter of minutes if that is the way of life God is calling you to embrace. But you might ask: how do I know if God is calling me to be a priest? Here are a few signs that suggest He might be:

- \* If you desire to be a priest; If you do feel this desire, don't be afraid of it or ignore it. Talk to someone you trust about it.
- \* Feel an attraction to the person and message of Jesus Christ; The priest is a person who strives to make Christ known and loved and to lead others to friendship with him.
- \* If you love the Church; despite its failings - Loving the Church means loving her woundedness, being conscious of her failings and having a desire for healing, justice and holiness.

\* If you love people; If you have an interest in people and feel a deep desire to help people and serve them – especially those who are most in need. If you can recognise yourself in these, perhaps God has created you to be a priest.

\* If you love prayer; Have thoughts of priesthood coincided with a deepening of your prayer life? Prayer is the time when the Lord reveals himself to us and nudges us towards a greater clarity of his will.

\* If someone has mentioned the possibility of a vocation and what they said impacted on you. Perhaps they see something in you that you can't see yourself? If the invitation of someone else to consider the possibility has persisted in your thoughts, don't ignore them. Find someone you can trust, perhaps another priest, and share with them your feelings.

Be open and do not be afraid!

## **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!

## **Appreciation:**

This weekend we say goodbye to Sarah Dooley, Secretary of St Fiacc's NS. Sarah is moving on to pastures new and we thank her for all the great work, warmth and welcome she has given to everyone who called to the school. Thanks especially from the parish team for all her assistance over the years. We wish her well for the future.

## **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.

### **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.

### **Sunday 25th April is the International Parental Alienation Awareness Day:**

This day highlights a particular form of domestic abuse that takes place when one parent tries to distance his or her children, without reason or justification, from the other parent when a marriage or relationship ends. Such a denial of the rights of children to have a loving relationship with both parents has long-lasting and damaging consequences for a child. For more information about the issue log on to [www.alieneed.ie](http://www.alieneed.ie).

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### **Carlow Library:**

Its Spring Into Storytime for the month of April in Carlow Library and although our doors are shut, follow us on Social Media for Staff Storytimes and you might even see a couple of well known faces too!

### **Bealtaine Event:**

Coming up in May, there is a an online Bealtaine Event, Genealogy Workshop with Bernie Walsh, an introductory talk on how to start your family tree. Limited Availability, Book early to secure your place. Email [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie) to book.

### **The Good Shepherd:**

Today's gospel is for anyone who has ever felt unloved or insignificant. Today's gospel is for anyone who feels his or her life doesn't count for much. At some time or another that probably means most of us. In biblical days shepherding was a highly dangerous business. Herds might consist of thousands of sheep, and shepherds had to be highly skilled in tending for the sheep and protecting them from wolves and robbers. The shepherd's care and courage were legendary. A good shepherd would not think twice about his own life in protecting his sheep. This is the image that Jesus chose for himself in today's gospel. He is the good shepherd. His leadership is a mixture of tenderness, strength and self sacrifice. Jesus loves us so much that he would lay down his life. That's a powerful belief to take out into the world! But what if we don't quite believe it? Surely there are too many of us to love and look after individually. People fall by the wayside all the time. We hear tragic stories of elderly people who die alone and are not discovered for days because no one cares enough to visit. We see down and outs sleeping in subways because their family and friends have given up on them. Can God really be looking out for each and every one of us? Surely there are too many of us to look after – to love individually. Not so! Jesus we're told would not let even one of his sheep stray without coming to the rescue. He knows each and every one of us by name. If we are one of his, then he will recognise us and take care of us. That's another powerful belief to wake up with. The next time you are feeling lost and forgotten, try looking for the Good Shepherd's love in your life. God's help is always there when we look to him.

# ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 24th - Sunday 2nd May 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 24th	6.30pm	<b>(First Anniversary)</b> Joan Hickey, Borris (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 <b>(10th Anniversary)</b> Colm McNelis, 28 Pacelli Ave <b>(30th Anniversary)</b> Paschal & Mary Hennessy, Browneshill Sean Lynch, Amiens Street, Dublin Patrick & Agnes Brennan, Coolnariska (Doris Brennan, Leighlin St)-(Joseph Hutton, Maher Rd) Michael Ramsbottom, The Numbers Patrick Barcoe, Coolnamara, Boris and deceased family Elizabeth Purcell, Newtown, Crettyard Joe Phelan, Ballyhide also his wife Kathleen
Sun 25th	11.30am	Paschal & Mary Hennessy, Browneshill (Mick Lyons, Sleaty Rd)-(Jim & Lil Fitzpatrick, Clonmore, Killeshin) Liam Dunphy, Ballinakill & St Fiaccs Hse Mary Walker, 2 Church St also her husband Ned & deceased family (Elizabeth Daly, Clonbrook, Crettyard)-(George Mitchell, 183 Colclough Ave) (Patrick & Agnes Brennan, Coolnariska)-(Annie Dempsey, Coolhenry also her grandson Jonathan Dempsey, 7 Ashgrove)
Mon 26th	10am	Larry Shiel, Green Road also his wife Mary & daughter Lorraine (Ellen & Gerard Shiel)-(Ellen Bolger, Ballinagall, Ballickmoyler)
Tue 27th	10am	Agnes & James Daly, Bagenalstown
Wed 28th	10am	Francis and Mary Kiernan, Kilkenny
Thur 29th	10am	John Nolan, Duggan Ave also his parents, brothers & sisters Tom McDonald, Harristown
Fri 30th	10am	Elizabeth Byrne, Cappalug <b>(40th Birthday Rem)</b>
Sat 1st	6.30pm	Charlie Byrne, Ballyharmon Rita Doogue, 4 St Clare's Rd <b>(Birthday Rem)</b>
Sun 2nd	11.30am	May McDonald, Clonmore, Killeshin Patrick Bolton, Ballickmoyler Ellen Doran, Mortarstown

## R.I.P.

Chris Delaney, 56 St Killian's Crescent formerly Cappalug, Killeshin  
Ollie Doyle, 2 The Numbers & St Fiacc's House  
Simon Lacey, 61 Brownhill Wood, Carlow