

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

## - Parish Link -

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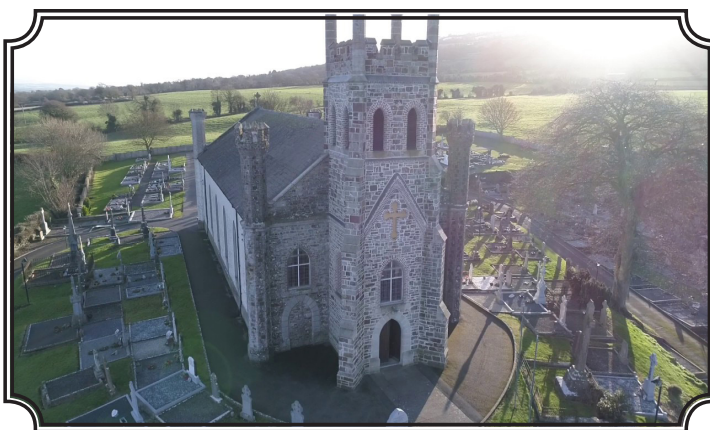
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*St. Clare's Church*



*Holy Cross Church*

### Happy Easter:

We wish you all a Happy and Safe Easter

### Family Mass:

This Sunday at 11.30am. It has been a tradition in many countries to bless food at Easter. At our Family Mass we will bless food to be used in our Food Kitchen and also any Easter Eggs that the children may have received at home.

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:- Theme for this year's Novena – 'A community united in prayer during difficult times':

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 image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

is an icon, painted on wood, and seems to have originated around the thirteenth century. The icon depicts our Blessed Mother Mary, under the title "Mother of God," holding the Child Jesus. The Archangels Michael and Gabriel, hovering in the upper corners, hold the instruments of the Passion— St. Michael (in the left corner) 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

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Easter Break:**

A children's workshop to keep them occupied while they are on Easter break - Build a Scarecrow. This will take place on Thursday 8th April at 2-4pm. Also Hanging baskets and tubs workshop. This will take place on Monday 3rd May or Monday 10th May at 11-12.30pm. If you would like to take part or know of anyone who would, please email [fdunne@btei.ie](mailto:fdunne@btei.ie)

### **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.

### **Affordable Live-in Homecare:**

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 9916791 or 087 7440729. Our website is [www.alhomecare.ie](http://www.alhomecare.ie)

### **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. Please call 045-446593 or email [maryellen.keenaghan@homeinstead.ie](mailto:maryellen.keenaghan@homeinstead.ie)

### **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 3rd - Sunday 11th 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 3rd	8.00pm	<b>(First Anniversary)</b> Pauline McCarthy Nancy Hutchinson, 1 The Poplars Michael Dempsey, Ardenteggle & Tullow George & Carmel McDonnell, Dublin also their son Declan Deceased members of Heffernan family, Dublin Frances Baxter, Dublin also her son John
Sun 4th	9am	(Rita Kelly, 4 Radharc Oisín & deceased members of Kelly & Lawler families)-(David Dilger, Ferrybank Apts) (James Lawler, Radharc Oisín also his mother Margaret, St Fiacc's Tce)
	11.30am	<b>(Months Mind)</b> Michael (Mick) Darcy, 83 St Clare's Rd <b>(First Anniversary)</b> Luke Lacey, 47 Heatherhill Ave <b>(First Anniversary &amp; Birthday Rem)</b> 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) Edward & Bridget Price, 1 Chapel St also their sons & daughters Michael & Annie Brennan, Coolnariska Rose Kearns, Sleaty Road
Tues 6th	10am	Gerry Nolan, Hillview, Crossneen
Wed 7th	10am	Pattie O'Boyle, Killeshin Road Rose Kearns, Sleaty Rd <b>(Birthday Rem)</b>
Fri 9th	10am	Gerry Bradley, Maryboro St <b>(Birthday Rem)</b>
Sat 10th	10am	(Michael Lawlor, 20 New Oak Estate also his wife Greta & son Christopher)
	6.30pm	Mary Moran, formerly 2 Roncalli & New Oak Est
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)

## R.I.P.

Arnold Mahon, Derrymoyle, Portlaoise Rd  
Daniel Lawlor, Sleaty Road, formerly 26 Fr. Cullen Tce, Rathvilly  
Tom Shaw, Woodstock Street, Athy