

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESHIN

## - Parish Link -

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*St. Clare's Church*



*Holy Cross Church*

### **Please Note:**

Please note that now that the churches are reopened there will be no night prayer on Mondays and Fridays and the Holy Hour will take place only once per month. The Poor Clare Sisters will continue to pray the Rosary and the Angelus for the month of May (the month of Our Lady).

### **Guidelines that need to be followed for everyone's safety are:**

- \* If you have any flu-like symptoms please remain at home and join us via webcam.
- \* Masks must be worn by anyone over the age of 12 years.
- \* The whole church will be sanitised by our volunteers and sacristan after each Mass.
- \* People will be asked to sanitise their hands on entering and leaving the church.
- \* Please stay in your seat for the duration of the Mass. (Parents are asked to please ensure your child remains with them)
- \* Please do not shake hands with people at the sign of peace.
- \* At communion people will be asked to remain in their seats to receive the Eucharist and the Ministers will come to you. People can only receive Communion on their hand. The ministers of the Eucharist will wear masks and sanitise their hands carefully.
- \* To allow for time to sanitise the church before the next Mass people will be directed to leave the church immediately after each ceremony.

### **GK Parish Midweek Meditation WEDNESDAYS @7.30pm beginning on May 12th:**

Registration is required. Please visit our parish website or contact Cathriona on 0851450321 to receive a registration link. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please mute your sound and turn off your video before entering the Zoom meditation.

### **Graveyard Masses:**

Our Masses each year in Killeshin, Sleaty and Leagh cemeteries are a very special occasion in our parish

when the families of the deceased get together and pray for their loved ones. As the Covid 19 restrictions remain in place it has been decided to postpone our graveyard Masses until later in the year. Hopefully by then the restrictions will have eased and we will all be able to gather safely. The details will be announced closer to the time so please keep an eye on our newsletter, website and facebook for the dates.

### **Knockbeg Parents Day Mass:**

Will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty in St Clare's Church this Tuesday 18th May at 2pm. You are invited to join this Mass virtually via our webcam at [www.graiguecullenkilleshin.com](http://www.graiguecullenkilleshin.com)

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Well Done to all the young people who are joining us online to be trained as Eucharistic Ministers. We look forward to welcoming them to this very special ministry in our church.

### **Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG:**

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is seeking marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service has 54 centres in dioceses throughout the country. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie) The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday May 28 . Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator are available on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

### **Wanted:- People to Spread a Little Love:**

In our current situation of pandemic and climate change, we are probably all feeling in need of a little love. Across the globe there is unprecedented need. There are millions in need of a little love. Today Jesus is telling us that it is up to us all to spread that love in as many practical and prayerful ways that we can think of. Are we up for the job? Today we hear of Jesus' prayer for us. As Jesus was sent, so too we are sent to continue his mission and spread his love. Key to continuing Jesus' mission we are told that although we are of this world we must not be possessed or tied down by worldly concerns. How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact for most of us it just seems impossible. On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their drive and passion. So how can we capture some of that motivation? For most of us, the day-to-day job of putting meals on the table takes up more of our time than the vital job of continuing Jesus' mission. Yet we all know someone who manages to strike that all important balance. We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, the job is not beyond us.

### **Irish Catholic Newspaper:**

Irish Catholic Newspaper on sale in st Clare's Church.

### **Chas:**

CHAS invites you to join us for our May lecture on 19 May at 8pm 'Elections and Propaganda in Ireland and Carlow 1917-1921: Votes, Violence and Victory' and will be delivered by Dr Elaine Callinan. See [www.carlowcollege.ie](http://www.carlowcollege.ie) for more details.

## **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!

## **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.

## **PARENTS PLUS FREE Early Years:**

Programme - A practical and positive parenting course promoting confidence, learning and good behaviour in young children aged 1 to 6 years. Seven session programme. Wednesday May 19th/26th, Wed June 2nd/9th/16th/23rd, Mon June 21st (please note x 2 sessions in final week) Delivery: Online via Zoom from 10am – 12pm. The programme will be delivered by Barnardos Carlow. For more information or to reserve your place, please contact: 059-9132868

## **Mary's Meals:**

Mary's Meals provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day. The charity's work is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. Mary's Meals consists of, respects, and reaches out to people of all faiths and of none. In Ethiopia £15.90 is all it costs for 'Mary's Meals' to feed a child for a whole year. In the month of May (Mary's month) the charity is reaching out to us all for prayer and financial support. You can donate online at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate)

## **Association of Catholics in Ireland (ACI) Zoom Events:**

In preparation for Ireland's five-year Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to a National Synodal Assembly, the ACI is arranging a series of online discussions, led by personalities who are already thoughtful about 'walking together' towards a co-responsible church. The first of these will take place on Zoom on Thursday 20th May, at 8.00 p.m. Speaker: David Timbs, Catholics for Renewal – Australia. David will outline his hopes and fears for Australia's own imminent 'Plenary Council' of the Catholic Church to be held in October. Admission to the talk is free and registration is not necessary. To join the Zoom Meeting please use the below link and details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85872779921?pwd=RjQv-VEtjUjM1MEdnMDgxU0VSRzVLQT09> Meeting ID: 858 7277 9921 Passcode: 916970

## **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.

# ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 15th - Sunday 23rd May 2021

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Sat 15th	6.30pm	Thomas & Brigid Murphy, 1 St. Lazerians Tce Ellen & Ciss Haughney, Sleaty St Bridget Bryan, Pat Bryan & Mary Agnes Bryan, Ballyfoyle, Maganey Seamus McGuire, Keelogue, Killeshin James & Mary O'Regan, Keelogue also son Martin Larry Fitzpatrick, Mounthrath Rd, Portlaoise Berto Kelly, Duggan Avenue ( <b>Birthday Rem</b> ) (Lily Carr, Crosneen)-(Patrick Keating, Fr. Byrne Park)
Sun 16th	9am	Tess Connolly, Granby Villas, Carlow
	10.15am	Mary (Molly) Hearn, Clonmore, Killeshin Frank Brennan, Cappalug, (10th Anniv) and deceased family Stasia Doyle, Ardenteggle Catherine Fitzgerald, Coolane, Killeshin
	11.30am	( <b>First Anniversary</b> ) Seamus Scahill, Loughrea Margaret Carolan, Levitstown, Maganey ( <b>Birthday Rem</b> ) Maudie Brennan, Mullins Lane, Crosneen (Katie Moore, Mullins Lane, Crossneen also their son Tommy & daughters Maisie & Kitty)-(Tess Connolly, Granby Villas, Carlow) Deceased members of the Fenlon & Moore families Patrick & Ellen Brennan, Ballycarney also their son Michael & daughter Connie Deceased members of the Byrne & Brennan families Danny Doogue, St Clare's Rd (Tom & Julia O'Reilly, Ballyhide also their sons Arthur & Michael & daughter Breda)-(Intention Mass) Shay Ryan, Mary Lawler, Christina Ryan & John Moran, Churchtown, Athy Kathleen, Mary & James Reynolds, Church St
Mon 17th	10am	Michael Mayling, Killeshin Rd (James & Ellen Nolan, Henry St also sons Ted, Paddy & Maurice, daughter Elizabeth & niece Sinead) Danny Doogue, St Clares Rd
Tue 18th	10am	( <b>Month's Mind</b> ) Oliver Doyle, 2 The Numbers
Wed 19th	10am	Richard O'Neill, Rathellen, Bagenalstown Angela Barron, Railway Rd
Thu 20th	10am	( <b>First Anniversary</b> ) Margaret Cowman, Donore, Bagenalstown & Duggan Ave)
Fri 21st	10am	(Peggy O'Shea, Watford, England)-(Harry O'Brien, Crossleigh Hse)
Sat 22nd	6.30pm	( <b>First Anniversary</b> ) Anna Alcock, 46 Staunton Ave ( <b>First Anniversary</b> ) Jimmy Scully, Fr. Byrne Park Pauline Fitzpatrick, Rochfort Manor Thomas & Frances Ryan, 65 Maher Rd also daughters Clare & Carmel

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10.15am **(Month's Mind)** Chris Delaney, St Killians Crescent  
Breda Maguire, Clonmore, Killeshin  
Pat Mullins, Rossmore also his parents, brother & sisters  
11.30am (Patrick Amond, 46 Riverside)-(Annie Lyons, Roncalli Place)  
Thomas Finnegan, Barrack St  
Michael (Fay) Dowling, 11 St. Clares Rd **(Anniv & Birthday Rem)**  
Michael & Chrissie Coogan, 4 Church St & deceased family

**R.I.P.**

George Ramsbottom, 188 Sleaty Street