

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

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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 this 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.

First Friday:

This Friday 7th May is the first Friday and there will be a brief penitential reflection during 10 am Mass.

Communion to the Sick:

Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound during the coming week.

Monthly Youth Mass:

Next Saturday 8th May @ 6.30pm. We invite all young people preparing for Confirmation and their families to join us via webcam or facebook for this special Mass.

May Sunday 9th May:

Unfortunately we are unable to have the usual May Sunday celebrations again this year but we invite you to please join us via facebook for a special Mass at 12 noon on Sunday 9th May from Holy Cross Church, Killeshin.

Saint Vincent De Paul:

Our sincere thanks to all who have supported us during this difficult time. Your contributions were very important as due to Covid19 we could not carry our normal fundraising activities over the past year. Please accept our thanks on behalf of all the people your contributions have helped us to support. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

India Covid 19 Appeal May 2021:

Carrigaline, Co Cork based charity Edith Wilkins Street Children Foundation India (EWSCFI) is working flat out trying to relieve the horrendous suffering of sick and dying Covid 19 victims – many of them children – in Darjeeling, India and seeking the support of the people of Cork and Ireland. Donations can be made through the registered charity's account at AIB Douglas Road, Cork. Sort Code 934348, Account No: 21439006. You can also donate online at idonate.ie or DONATE through their website. Edith Wilkins spoke at our novena a few years ago about her charity.

Global Prayer Marathon for the Month of May:

Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic. "The initiative will involve in a special way all shrines in the world" in promoting the initiative so that individuals, families and communities all take part in reciting the rosary. It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, 'from the entire church an unceasing prayer rises to God.' The theme refers to the miraculous event recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (12:1-12) when all the church prayed for Peter, who was imprisoned until God sent an angel to free him, illustrating how the Christian community comes together to pray in the face of danger and how the Lord listens and performs an unexpected miracle.

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!

Branching Out:

There's a lot of work to do in today's world. Almost daily, the TV and Radio brings terrible news of atrocities and disasters around the planet. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by all the bad news and to feel powerless to do anything. We do not consider that we can individually instigate change for lots of reasons. We do not feel clever enough, or brave enough or rich enough. In short it's hard to know where to begin and even whether change is possible. The inspirational message in today's gospel is that we can make changes as long as we work together. We are already familiar with the ethos of trade unions. Trade unions operate on one powerful principal. Individually we can be easily overlooked but together we have the power to sway governments. If a trade union wanted to promote solidarity and unity, the vine would make an ideal logo. The vine itself is the heart of the union, the part that determines the ethos. The branches do the work of the vine and the fruit they bear is the outcome the final result. Today we are told that with Christ as our vine we can do great things. All too often we become wrapped up in developing our own spirituality, trying to work out what God means to us as an individual striving to find our niche. It's easy to forget that we are part of a huge family of people the biggest union on the planet. With Christ's teaching and pruning, we as a body, have the ability to transform the world by putting faith into action. Our individual responsibility is to look for ways in which we can become part of the overall plan. We don't have to branch out alone; we branch out as a team.

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 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.

Healthy Ireland:

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

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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 to book.

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 1st - Sunday 9th May 2021

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

- Sat 1st 6.30pm **(Months Mind)** Elizabeth Pinkney, 3 Kyleeshall, Milford
Charlie Byrne, Ballyharmon
Rita Doogue, 4 St Clare's Rd **(Birthday Rem)**
Philomena Kearns, Paulville, Tullow
Kearns Family, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh
- Sun 2nd 11.30am **(Month's Mind)** Arnold Mahon, Derrymoyle
(First Anniversary) Joe Mahon, Kileen
May McDonald, Clonmore, Killeshin
(Patrick Bolton, Ballickmoyler)-(Ellen Doran, Mortarstown)
John & Annie Walsh, St Fiacc's Tce also their son Michael, grand - son Paul
& great grandson John)
(Patsy Doyle, Killeshin)-(Jim Moore, 1 The Numbers)
Walter & Lil Hovenden, Ballylinan
Intention Mass for St Vincent de Paul volunteers & supporters
- Mon 3rd 10am Michael McCartney, Raheendoran
Mai Swarbrigg **(Birthday Rem)**
- Tues 4th 10am (Kitty Lowry, Hanover)-(Intention Mass)
- Sat 8th 10am Roderick Delaney, 44 Castlehill **(40th Anniv.)**
6.30pm Brendan Hand, 119 St Clare's Rd
Margaret (Peggy) O'Sullivan, Duggan Ave **(20th Anniv.)**
- Sun 9th 11.30am James & Anastasia Malone, Coolane also their son Edward
12noon Andrew Ryan, Killeshin (10th Anniv)