

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESHIN

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St. Clare's Church



Holy Cross Church

Seeds of Faith:

Seeds are amazing! We plant them, provide the right environment and then wait. Miraculously, the seeds flower into an array of fabulous plants. We can help the plants to grow, but we cannot make them grow, this power is out of our hands. Ultimately, we cannot predict the harvest. The seeds of faith work in the same way. We can teach someone else about God but ultimately that is all we can do. People react to God's word in countless different ways, ways we cannot predict. Jesus' first disciples were to take comfort in the knowledge that although they were entrusted to plant the seeds of faith, they were not responsible for the harvest God would take care of that.

The task of planting the seeds of faith in the twenty first century can seem as daunting as it must have seemed to those early disciples. Can we really make any difference to a world that still allows war, cruelty and poverty? Today's gospel offers yet more consolation. Jesus speaks of the tiny mustard seed. Despite its insignificant appearance it grows into an impressive shrub substantial enough to provide shade. It's thought provoking that such a humble seed should provide so impressive a result. Jesus teaches us that we mustn't be overwhelmed when faced with a seemingly overwhelming task. We must simply implement Christ's teaching with whatever humble means we have and leave God to do the rest.

The Sisters of Mercy Summer Series:

The Sisters of Mercy of the Northern Province, Ireland are delighted to announce a Summer Series of comhthionól ar líne (online gatherings) to mark 50 years since the publication of "A Theology of Liberation" (Teología de la Liberación) by Gustavo Gutiérrez. Please find information on the attached flyer. Inquiries to: Sheila Curran rsm: scurranperu@gmail.com or Nellie McLaughlin rsm: earthspace07@googlemail.com

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.

Weekly Collections:

Blue Bag (Envelopes): € 713 | Red Bag: € 627

Weekly Direct Debits: € 210

We thank you for your support.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15th:

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day serves as a call to organisations and communities to raise awareness about Elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Research suggests that 4 – 10% of older people experience some form of abuse, most of which will go unreported. This day is to make sure we remain focused on our older populations and ensure that they continue to lead lives of high quality and dignity. You can show your support by wearing a purple ribbon on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th.

Announcing the Irish Church Music Association virtual Summer School:

‘Songs of Love, Faith, Trust & Praise’ - July 7th-10th . Streaming on ICMA Facebook and YouTube with workshops Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 8pm and on Saturday at 2pm, followed by closing Eucharist. No booking required. Free event. An ICMA virtual choir will accompany the summer school. This project is open to all and we hope lots of you will join us for 4 days of music workshops, prayer and liturgical input as we explore the psalms of love, faith, trust and praise!

Irish Catholic Newspaper:

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

Are you being called to the Permanent Diaconate?:

Permanent Deacons are ministers of the Word, the altar and service. Bishop Denis is inviting expressions of interest in learning more about formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. The Permanent Diaconate is open to men aged between 30 and 60 who have a genuine sense of vocation to this calling. Deacons are self-supporting and continue in their family lives and secular employment. A new programme of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese will commence in October 2021. For further information please contact Rev. John McEvoy before Saturday July 31st. Tel: 059 9161114 Email: permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie

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 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.

An Gairdin Beo:

COME PICK YOUR OWN project starts in An Gairdin Beo on Wednesday 9th of June from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and will continue each Wednesday for June, July and August. As well as a limited supply of fresh vegetables, potted herbs and flowers will be on sale. Some chutneys made from garden produce will also be available. In the interest of health and safety and sustainability you are asked to bring your own bag and tools. You are welcome to enjoy outdoor tea and coffee, however we ask you to bring your own mug. Donation boxes will be at the cob oven area. All proceeds go back into the development and maintenance of An Gairdin Beo. If you have a surplus of produce in your garden you are welcome to donate it to garden on the Wednesday mornings. We regret that we cannot accommodate cars on the premises.

Marian Pilgrimages:

“Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy & Holy Land. For more information or to register your interest please visit www.marian.ie or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159”

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.

Online Theology Open Day, is this for you?:

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Click here or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Online Open Day on 19th June.

St Fiacc's NS end of year Mass:

St Fiacc's NS end of year Mass will take place in St Clare's Church on Tuesday 15th June at 11am. All parents are invited to attend. Mass can also be viewed via webcam www.graiguecullenkilleshin.com

Priest's Summer Collection:

This quarterly collection can still be left into the Parish Centre. Your support, financial or otherwise is greatly appreciated.

Male advice line:

The National Male Advice Line offers confidential advice and support to Male victims of domestic violence and abuse over the phone. This Service is also available to family and friends who may have concerns for a loved one and are seeking some guidance on how to help them. Telephone 1800-816 588

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.

Tarsus Scripture School for Pentecost 2021-3:

Pre-recorded lectures on the readings for the feast. Free registration for all. For more information please visit <https://www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie/>

Clothes Recycling Collection:

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:

St. Clare's Hospitality are looking for non perishable food items. At present we are giving out 80 dinners daily as well as family food packs and we are also delivering 60 food parcels. We would like to thank you for your continued support, we are very grateful.

Carlow Rainbows Group:

Carlow Rainbows Group offer a ten session Peer Support Programme **for children aged 7 – 13 who have experienced loss through the death of a close relative or the separation of their parents.** These Programmes are run separately, are free to participant and will commence in Askea Parish Centre when it becomes safe to do so. If you are interested please contact Anne on 087 6636 499 or Nora on 087 1269 709. In addition we are now offering similar programmes for teenagers aged 13 to 16.

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Graiguencullen Swimming Pool:

Will reopen on Monday 7th June 2021 @ 9am and we are delighted to be able to welcome back all our patrons. We celebrated our 27th Anniversary last weekend and we want to thank everyone involved in the pool over the years. You can view our weekly timetable and Facility Guidelines on our Facebook page.

Childrens lessons / Swim camps will resume this month.

Camps are Monday to Friday. Cost €50 per Camp. Minimum age is 4 years. Saturday morning lessons beginning 19th June, for 9 weeks @ €90 per child. Minimum age 4 years.

Bookings are being taken for lessons & camps at the pool office from Mon 7th June.

Camp 1	10am	Mon 28th June - Fri 2nd July
Camp 2	6pm	Mon 28th June - Fri 2nd July
Camp 3	10am	Mon 5th July - Fri 9th July
Camp 4	6pm	Mon 5th July - Fri 9th July
Camp 5	10am	Mon 12th July - Fri 16th July
Camp 6	6pm	Mon 12th July - Fri 16th July
Camp 7	10am	Mon 19th July - Fri 23rd July
Camp 8	6pm	Mon 19th July - Fri 23rd July
Camp 9	10am	Mon 26th July - Fri 30th July
Camp 10	6pm	Mon 26th July - Fri 30th July
Camp 11	10am	Mon 9th Aug - Fri 13th Aug
Camp 12	6pm	Mon 9th Aug - Fri 13th Aug
Camp 13	10am	Mon 16th Aug - Fri 20th Aug
Camp 14	6pm	Mon 16th Aug - Fri 20th Aug

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 12th June - Sunday 20th June 2021

(Please note all Anniversaries can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com)
or call the Parish Centre 059 91 41866 | 059 91 82882

- Sat 12th 6.30pm **(First Anniversary)** Liz Bolton, 144 Duggan Ave
(Ellen Nolan, Henry St)-(Denis (Dinty) Byrne, Pacelli Ave)
(Tommy Dowling, 76 Pearse Rd **(30th Anniv)** also his parents
Edward & Mary Dowling, Tinryland)
(John & Jane O'Shea, 29 St Fiacc's Tce)-(Jim Carr, Crossneen)
Intention Mass for the sympathisers of Simon Lacey
- Sun 13th 9am (Deceased members of the Ryan Family)-(Intention Mass)
10.15am Eileen O'Regan, Killeshin Rd
Michael O'Regan, Killeshin Rd **(Birthday Rem)**
(Annie Byrne, Springhill)-(Matthew Nelson, Killeshin)
Micky Dunne, Monure, Killeshin Rd
Gerard Dooley, St. Mary's Park
11.30am (Matthew Nelson, Killeshin)-(Joan Fitzpatrick, Sleaty Rd)
Patrick & Catherine Dowling, Leagh, Sleaty
(Kathleen Lanigan, The Lock also her daughter-in-law Betty & deceased family)
Nancy Mc Donald, 22 Pacelli Ave
Margaret Redmond, St. Fiacc's Tce & deceased family
- Wed 16th 10am **(First Anniversary)** Liz Bolton, 144 Duggan Ave
(First Anniversary) Theresa St. John (née Brennan), Belclare, Galway
& Pearse Rd
Bridie Murphy, Mount Clare Court
- Thu 17th 10am Molly Maher, Chapel St
Róisín Jowett (Birthday Rem)
- Sat 19th 10am Breeth Nolan, Hillview, Crosneen
6.30pm **(First Anniversary)** Mary McWey, Sleatty House
Jimmy Slattery, St. Fiacc's Tce **(Anniv & Birthday Rem)**
John Nolan, Crockaun, Springhill **(10th Anniv)**
John Doyle, Dunroe, Borris also his parents, brothers & sisters
Elizabeth Dowling, 191 Sleaty St
Bridie Murphy, Mount Clare Court
- Sun 20th 10.15am Martin & Anastasia Doran, Cappalug, Killeshin
Kitty Brennan, Coolnariska **(Birthday Rem)**
Paul Dowling, Coorlaghan, Killeshin
11.30am **(First Anniversary)** Sarah (Sadie) Callinan, Pollerton Little
Elizabeth, John & Nellie Pluck, Sleaty Rd
Liam Martin, Derrymoyle
Margaret (Peggy) & Patrick Brennan, Hillview, Crossneen
Henry Dowling, 25 St Fiacc's Tce

R.I.P.

Liam Bradley, 'Iskaheen', Killeshin Rd, Graiguecullen
George McCarney, Pacelli Avenue, Graiguecullen