

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESHIN

- Parish Link -

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St. Clare's Church



Holy Cross Church

Lourdes 2021:

As we are unable to travel to Lourdes again this year we have decided to have our Lourdes Pilgrimage at home from Monday 26th July to Friday 30th July inclusive. Please see the itinerary below and we invite you to join us wherever you wish. If you cannot attend in person please join us via our webcam. To prepare for this special pilgrimage the Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes will be recited at our Masses for the 9 days prior to the pilgrimage beginning on Saturday 17th July.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE AT HOME:

Monday 26th – Friday 30th

A brief look at different aspects of our pilgrimage

- 10am Each Morning -

- * A special Lourdes themed daily Mass @ 10am in St. Clare's Church
- * Mass on Wednesday includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation

- 3pm Events -

- * Monday - Viewing of The Song of Bernadette Movie
- * Tuesday - Service of the Blessing of the Sick
- * Wednesday - Lower Stations of the Cross, St. Clare's Church
- * Thursday - Upper Stations of the Cross, Holy Cross Church, Killeshin

- 7.30pm Events -

- * Wednesday - Lourdes Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
- * Thursday - Closing Ceremony with Blessing of Candles and lighting of parish Lourdes candle

- 9pm Each Evening -

- * Rosary by Candlelight - gathering at the Poor Clare Monastery & processing to the Grotto at St. Fiacc's House each night @9pm
- * On Tuesday we will gather at Oisín House, Upper Rossmore and process together to the Grotto for our rosary

Take Nothing with You:

Travel light so as not to get distracted. Work hardest where your work is appreciated, but don't waste time where your work isn't producing any results. It's not just great advice for evangelising; it's great advice for living your life. In today's gospel Jesus is giving his disciples a three point strategy for spreading his teaching. First Jesus promotes single mindedness. The disciples must travel light unhampered by any distractions. How many advertising campaigns fail because the heart of the message is cluttered and confused? How many Christians come out of church on a Sunday remembering only that they need to contribute to the church steeple restoration fund rather than remembering the central gospel lesson. The second part of Jesus' plan was to choose the best audience. We are all familiar with the street preacher who stands in the middle of the city precinct whilst tides of shoppers give him a wide birth. For all his good intentions, this person has not chosen an audience who are in any mood to stop and listen. Jesus advises not to stay where we are not wanted nor try to teach those who refuse to listen. Choosing the best audience and setting are all important. Thirdly, make the message clear and compelling. Jesus tells the disciples to teach a message of repentance and to cure the sick. In other words, we are to instigate a change for the better in the lives of others. It's a powerful message. Who doesn't want to change for the better? Who wouldn't listen if they were promised a better life? So did Jesus' strategy work? That Christianity is so strong two thousand years down the line is a great testimony to Jesus and the work of those early disciples.

Graigecullen Community Childcare:

(On the grounds of Fiacc's Primary School) are now taking enrolments for **Junior Preschool, ECCE Preschool, Full Day Preschool, Afterschool and Breakfast Club** for September 2021. For more information, phone **059 9137105** or to make an appointment. Limited spaces available.

The Éist Cancer Support Centre:

Continues to provide emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and carers. For more details on the services available please contact us on **085 8661499** or email: info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie.

Ladies Bike:

Ladies Bike found in Croppy Place. Contact **085 722 5924**.

Weekly Collections:

Blue Bag (Envelopes): €990 | Red Bag: €1,031

Weekly Direct Debits: €325 | Donation: €20

We thank you for your support.

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 August this 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.

Irish Catholic Newspaper:

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

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.

BOOKS AVAILABLE:

Bibles, Catholic Dictionaries, Encyclopedia of Church History/Theology/Bible. Psychology/Theology/History/Spirituality books. Suitable for parish reading room/library. Summary of titles can be provided or interested parties can call and select. If interested please contact: Kieran Coughlan, 8 Courtlawns, Tullow. **059 9151608 / 087 6283046 | kierancoughlan185@gmail.com**

Carlow Social Prescribing Service:

Is a free service which helps to link you with sources of support and social activities within your community. These include physical activity, reading groups/books for health, self-help programmes such as the Stress Control Programme, Men’s Sheds, community gardening, arts & creativity. For more information contact Sinéad **086-4147511** | E: **socialprescribing@catherines.ie**

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 Library:

FREE events in Carlow Library;- Summerstars 2021 kicked off 14th June & runs until 27th August, book your 30 minute slot at your local library and arrange to call in with the kiddies & sign them up for lots of reading incentives, competitions etc & Art Exhibition by Frances Micklem at Carlow Library from 9th July to 24th July. Frances will hold workshops on divining and energy healing for oneself and home during this Exhibition

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**

Lough Derg 2021:

Registration is now open to “Do Lough Derg from wherever you are” from 3rd to 5th July. The Prior, Fr La Flynn, will do the Three-Day Pilgrimage on the Island during these days. To offer a live link by webcam in support of those who will choose to do the pilgrimage wherever they are, some of the Lough Derg staff will do the pilgrimage in St. Mary’s Church in Pettigo. To register or for further information please email **info@loughderg.org**, telephone **0(0353) 71 9861518** | **www.loughderg.org**.

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.

St. Vincent De Paul:

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An Gairdin Beo;:

COME PICK YOUR OWN project has started in An Gairdin Beo on every Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for June, July and August. The following vegetables are on sale: beetroot, onions/scallions, lettuce, turnips, rhubarb, strawberries, spinach, cabbage, cut herbs, potted herbs sage, thyme, basil, coriander, lemon balm, potted outdoor plants, potted indoor plants, homemade marmalade and chutneys. There will also be a stall of high quality accessories available on site starting from July 7th. New and barely worn scarves, wraps, jewellery, unwanted and unopened gifts, vintage leather and designer bags (jaeger, phoenix, ciccia, brakeburn and a vintage Furla) prices range from €35 downwards. 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/cup. 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. We apologise too that no card facility is available.

Cycle Against Suicide - Community Buddy Programme:

Cycle Against Suicide is inviting community clubs and associations to complete our free 'Community Buddy' Programme and be trained to provide 'Buddy' support in their community. The Cycle Against Suicide Buddy Programme prioritises peer-to-peer action as a means to identify and help those who may be vulnerable. Our programme trains and equips participants with the practical, hands-on skills and knowledge they need to deliver support to those in mental health distress in their local communities. Our aim is to train and deploy 'Community Buddies' across Ireland. We invite local clubs and associations that have personnel who are already Garda vetted to nominate themselves to complete our 'Community Buddy' training programme. This training, delivered over 2 days or 4 evenings, is free of charge for your club/association and will equip you to provide much-needed support for those in your community who may be struggling with mental health distress.

To sign up please visit <https://www.cycleagainstsuiticide.com/community-buddy-club/>

Theology of the Arts. Does the Church need art?:

The Priory Institute week-long online Summer School will run from 8-13 August and again from 22-27 August. The course includes six recorded presentations and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register on prioryinstitute.com

Carlow Active Retired:

Carlow Active Retired mini holiday Ballymascanlon County Louth Sept 13th four nights five days €365. Phone **086256702** for further details.

Elaine Walsh, Classical Soprano:

Diploma London College of Music. Available for Weddings and funerals. Can learn any song on request. Contact: elainewalshsoprano@gmail.com | **0852038148**.

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 10th July - Sunday 18th July 2021

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

- Sat 10th 6.30pm **(First Anniversary)** Sadie Salter, 111 Church St
James & Eileen Looney, 106 Church St also their son Paddy
Brendan Mulhare, Oakley Park
Des & Peggy Mitchell, Mount Clare Court & Greystones
Eileen & Paul Hade, 58 St Clare's Rd
Con & Ann O'Brien, 'St Clare's', The Numbers
Clare Walsh, 14 The Numbers
- Sun 11th 9am Kitty, James & Paul Lacey, Killeshin
10.15am Oliver Burke, London & Killeshin **(Birthday Rem)**
Alec Twomey, Killeshin Rd
Michael Bolton, 3 Croughaun, Springhill
Tommy Malone, Clonmore
Donie Lambe, Rathcabbin, Tipperary & Ballylinan
(Patrick Byrne, Graiguenaspideog **(50th Anniv)** also his wife
Elizabeth & deceased family)
(Month's Mind) George McCarney, Pacelli Ave
(Pat Shaw, 39 Oakley Pk)-(Patrick Devlin, Rochfort Manor)
(For the sympathisers of Patrick Devlin and deceased members
of the Devlin & Carter families)
(Koos Mandos, Dublin)-(Pat O'Brien, Oak Park Rd)
- Tue 13th 10am (Noel Keating, Heathfield Court & St. Lazerians also his
brother Fergus & brother in law Seamus)
- Wed 14th 10am Peg Farrell (née Kenny), St. Fiacc's Tce & New York
John Doyle, 3 Church St
- Fri 16th 10am Breda Woods, Duggan Ave
- Sat 17th 6.30pm Susan Lyons, Doonane & Rossmore View
Patrick & Hannah Fenlon, The Numbers
Mary Rowan, Killeshin Rd
Heather Cowan, 27a Spindlewood **(3rd Anniv)**
- Sun 18th 9am Johnny Lawler, 22 St. Fiacc's Tce
10.15am Liam Kelly, Rossmore, Clogrenane
11.30am Brigid Nelson, Killeshin

R.I.P.

Lorraine Tait, The Par 3, Quinnagh, Mortarstown, Carlow
Ruth Carthy, Crossneen, Carlow
William (Willie) Byrne, "Buena Vista", Clogrenn