

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

## - Parish Link -

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*St. Clare's Church*



*Holy Cross Church*

### Words of Wisdom:

We readily accept words of wisdom if we hear them from the pulpit, from Radio Four's Moral Maze or from a learned lecturer in theology. We are less likely to accept words of wisdom if we hear them from a TV soap, the man in the corner shop, or from our own children. We need to trust our source of information before we trust the information itself. At the end of the day, in our eyes some people are qualified to dish out words of wisdom and others are not. The danger of this outlook is that we can end up believing absolutely everything from the mouth of someone highly qualified, and nothing from the mouths of those who haven't a qualification to their name. This is sad, because anyone can have an insight to share, and by closing our minds we do not hear the wisdom and an opportunity is lost. When Jesus returned to his hometown to preach, he was treated with similar disregard. When the Nazarenes heard him speaking they could not take him seriously because they could remember all too well his humble origins. Wasn't he just a carpenter ... Mary's son? They closed their minds against Jesus, and because their minds were closed, Jesus could not work any great deed that day. Of course, there is more to this story than Jesus being rejected in his hometown. This is a story about how we too can ignore or reject God. This is a story about the stumbling blocks we encounter in our faith. Perhaps our pet stumbling block might be our unwillingness to listen to others in the belief that we know best. Our stumbling block might be a reluctance to ask for help, fearing that this might be a sign of weakness. Our stumbling block might be the inability to recognise the voice of God in our day-to-day surroundings. Could God be talking to us through a partner, through our children, parents or friends? Where will the next prophet come from, the other side of the globe or the other side of the street? The trick is, not to rule anything out. God is more likely to work wonders in an open mind than a closed one.

### Save the date 'Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage at home':

As we are not able to travel to Lourdes again this year, we have decided to have our parish Lourdes pilgrimage at home. This will take place from the 26th to 30th July. There will be a Lourdes Mass and rosary each day and during the 5 days we hope to have all the usual services that would normally take place in Lourdes. Please keep an eye on our newsletter and website for further details in the next few weeks.

## **Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for July 2021 "A Better Normal":**

As we move from lockdown and Covid restrictions we hear a lot of people speak of the "new normal" while others want to return to how things were before all this. Will the 'old normal' ever be the same? How will the 'new normal' look? Either way, it's clear that we all have some rebuilding to do, and in rebuilding, we all have to create a 'better normal'. Pope Francis's challenge for this month is to look for areas of conflict either locally or globally and think how we can approach that conflict in a spirit of friendship and dialogue. We all imagine that we work very hard, but when it comes to making a mark on the world perhaps we are all a little lazy. Our lives cannot just be about providing for our families. As Christians we have to look to the common good. This month we are asked to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention ".....that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship."

## **Global Hunger Emergency Appeal Covid, Conflict and Climate:**

More than 41 million people in 43 countries are teetering on the brink of famine. Without immediate action, women, men and children will lose their lives. This is a global hunger emergency. The pandemic, violent conflict and the climate crisis have all increased global hunger. Now, people in countries including South Sudan, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Burkina Faso are facing the very real threat of starvation. Families desperately need food and clean water to survive. If we act now, we can prevent unnecessary deaths. You can donate online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

## **Ladies Bike:**

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

## **Weekly Collections:**

Blue Bag (Envelopes): €1,090 | Red Bag: €802

Weekly Direct Debits: €357

**We thank you for your support.**

## **Graveyard Masses:**

Our Masses each year in Killeslin, 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.

## **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.

## **Flowers for the Altar:**

Donations for the purchase of flowers for the altar in St Clare's Church can be made into the box at the door of the church or given into the parish centre. We are very grateful for any support

## **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.

### **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](mailto:kierancoughlan185@gmail.com)

### **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](http://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.

### **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](mailto:info@loughderg.org), telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518 | [www.loughderg.org](http://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.

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### **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](http://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.

# ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 3rd July - Sunday 11th July 2021

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

- Sat 3rd 6.30pm Madge Hurley, 20 Church St  
Francis Davin, The Numbers (at the request of his neighbours & friends)  
Sheila Hogan, The Numbers (at the request of her neighbours & friends)  
(Maureen Dowling, The Numbers)-(Martin Murray, St. Clare's Rd)  
(Phyllie Westgate, Croppy Pl & Church St also her husband Reg  
& deceased family)  
Sheila, Charlie & Conleth Haughney, St. Fiacc's Tce  
John & Kathleen Hayes, Sleaty St also their sons & daughters  
Mary & Peter Mannion, Connemara also their sons  
Elizabeth Ann Pinkney, Raheendoran
- Sun 4th 10.15am Tom Lawlor, Keelogue, Killeshin  
(Maureen & John Whelan, Keelogue, Killeshin also their granddaughter  
Sharon Murphy, 1 Rossmore View)  
Maura Carr (née Doran), Keelogue, Killeshin  
Kathleen Callinan, Keelogue, Killeshin
- 11.30am (Month's Mind) Liam Bradley, Iskaheen, Killeshin Rd  
(Kevin Kehoe, 4 Oakley Park)-(Paddy Scully, Sleaty Rd)  
Pauline Kenny, 10 Pollerton Rd (Birthday Rem)
- Mon 5th 10am (Month's Mind) Sheila Hogan, 13 The Numbers  
Johnny Callinan, 7 '98 St also his mother Elizabeth & brother Paddy
- Tue 6th 10am David Lyons, Clonmore, Killeshin (25th Anniversary)  
(Dave Lyons, Clonmore, Killeshin)-(Intention Mass)
- Wed 7th 10am (First Anniversary) Mary Byrne, Mountview Lodge, Hollymount
- Thu 8th 10am Denis Delaney, Walsh Island (100th Birthday Rem)  
Annie & Bill Moran, 83 St. Mary's Pk also their son Liam  
(Joe O'Neill, Blackbog Rd)-(Frances Delaney, 44 Castlehill)
- 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
- Sun 11th 10.15am (Alec Twomey, Killeshin Rd)-(Tommy Malone, Clonmore)  
Michael Bolton, 3 Croughaun, Springhill  
Donie Lambe, Rathcabbin, Tipperary & Ballylinan
- 11.30am (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)

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## *R.I.P.*

Paul Shannon, Rathduff & St. Fiacc's Hse

Myles Kehoe, Sharon Ave, Browneshill Rd

Michael Shaw, Newgardens, Carlow

Lucy Byrne, Hillview Drive, Carlow

Catherine (Witty) Meally (née Malone), Rossmore & Crettyard

Noel Dillon, Pearse Rd, Graiguecullen

0(0353) 71 9861518.

John Kenny, 9 Radharc Oisín, Graiguecullen

[www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

Joe Lennon, Clogrennane