

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

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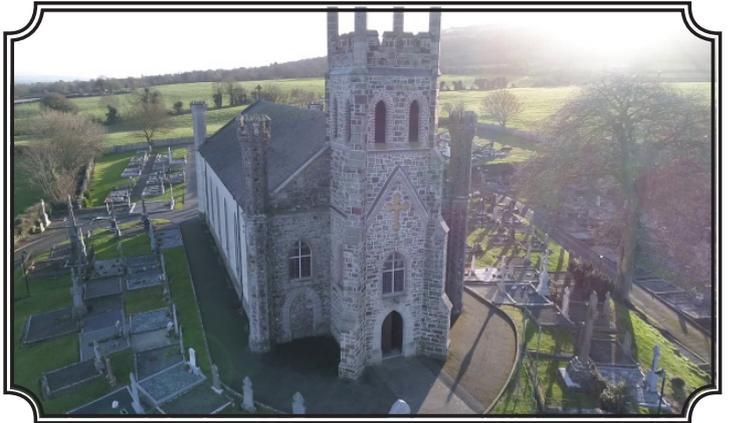
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St. Clare's Church



Holy Cross Church

St Fiacc's N.S.:

St Fiacc's NS & our secondary schools re-open this week. We ask God's blessings on the children, teachers and all who work in our schools that they will continue to be a place where gospel values are taught and lived out. Please keep them in your prayers in the days and weeks ahead.

Please Note:

There will be no 10am Mass on Saturday mornings. We know how important the weekly 10am Mass is to people and hope the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday evening will facilitate those who wish to attend Mass every day.

PARKING ON FOOTPATHS.:

The Gardai would like to highlight that a number of people are parking on the footpath outside the church during Mass times. This is not permitted. We would remind people that all our parking is for church use only and there is ample parking in the Swimming Pool carpark.

Graiguecullen 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.

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: **Graigucullen 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.

Restoring our Common Home:

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

Restoring Our Common Home

The theme for the Season of Creation 2021 is ‘Restoring Our Common Home’. During this season we are asked to join together to celebrate creation and protect our common home through prayer, reflection and action. The global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same, “for we know that things can change!” (Laudato Si’, 13).

This year we celebrate this season mindful of the fact that our world continues to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic as well as a devastating climate and biodiversity crisis. We look towards two UN Conferences in the Autumn, COP15 (on Biodiversity, due to take place in China) and COP24 (on climate change, Glasgow) in the hope that world leaders take the urgent action that is needed to Restore Our Common Home. Catholics are urged to sign the “Healthy Planet Healthy People” petition as a key action for this year’s Season of Creation.

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**.

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**

St. Fiacc’s House:

St. Fiacc’s House are looking for a part time nurse for Daycare one day per week and some on call duty. For more details contact Seppy on **059 91 43892**.

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.

Governey Park Annual Mass :

Will take place on Thursday 26th of August at 7pm, at Staunton Avenue. Weather Permitting. Due to restrictions, we ask everyone to please bring your own chair, and to please follow social distancing guidelines.

Graigucullen Swimming Pool:

Are taking bookings for children's lessons for Sept & Nov terms. To book a place you must fill in a booking form at the pool office with full payment.

Limited places on each session.

7 weeks €70 per child **PER TERM**

Monday

TERM 1: 6th Sept – 18th Oct

TERM 2: 1st Nov – 13th Dec

5 – 5:35pm & 6- 6.35 pm

Tuesday

TERM 1: 7th Sept - 19th Oct

TERM 2: 2nd Nov – 14th Dec

5- 5:35pm or 6- 6:35pm

Wednesday

TERM 1: 8th Sept – 20th Oct

TERM 2: 3rd Nov – 15th Dec

6 – 6:35pm

Saturday

TERM 1: 4th Sept – 16th Oct

TERM 2: 6th Nov – 18th Dec

9- 9:35am, 10-10:35am, 1- 1:35pm

Safeguarding Children:

Our parish values and encourages the participation of children and young people in parish liturgies and activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, social and intellectual development and will work in a partnership way with parents at all times. Everyone in the Church has an obligation to ensure that the fundamental rights of children are respected. Our Parish is committed to working in partnership with the civil authorities to ensure that all aspects of child welfare are managed promptly, professionally and justly. Further information is available on noticeboards at all church doors or on our website www.graigucullen-killeshin.com. Diocesan policy and procedures are set out in the publication – 'Kildare & Leighlin Diocese: Safeguarding Children Policy & Procedures'. This document is available on the diocesan website – www.kandle.ie

Believe or Leave:

Like a barrister, St. John sets Jesus' case before us. He sets it out in measured bite sizes so that we can digest one fact before moving onto the next. We see Jesus healing people and curing the sick. We see him present us with a sign of his divinity in the feeding of the five thousand. We see Jesus teaching people about the more enduring bread sent to nourish us spiritually, and finally we learn that Jesus himself is that living bread come down from heaven to give us everlasting life.

The case is complete, but the audience have a sticking point. There were those amongst Jesus' disciples who could not accept that Jesus had come down from heaven, and they turned their backs and left. What was Jesus to do? Should he call them back and make the truth easier for them to understand? Should he work another miracle to convince them that little bit more? No! Jesus turns to those who are left and gives them a choice, they have heard what he has said about eating and drinking his flesh and blood, and now they have a choice. So, are they going to remain his followers or are they too going to turn their backs. The same choice is levelled at us today. We can believe or we can leave?

Difficult choices always have something in common; there is always some kind of sticking point. To make a difficult choice we often need a missing piece of information, or a new perspective. Peter gives us that perspective. "Master," he says, "to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life." To Peter, the choice was easy. To Peter there was really no choice to be made. Who else was there to follow but Jesus?

We make the same choice as Peter every week in Mass when we celebrate the Eucharist. In celebrating the Eucharist we make a choice to follow where Jesus may lead.

An Gairdin Beo:

An Gairdín Beo, Old Dublin Road, Carlow 93EIHF is organising a practical woodwork demonstration in the garden. This workshop will include how to create a two-tiered raised bed and a series of vertical planters that will suit smaller spaces and can be adapted to your own home situation. This workshop will be directed by John Joe Byrne.

Dates: Monday Sept 6th , 13th , 20th, 27th & Oct 4th & 11th

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm Free to participants. Booking essential email fdunne@kcetb.ie before Aug 13th

Carlow Regional Youth Services:

Carlow Regional Youth Services are currently recruiting for the following positions on their CE Programme:

- * Teenage Youth Support Worker (x1) –based in Tullow
- * Teenage Youth Support Worker (x1) –based in Bagenalstown
- * Teenage Youth Support Worker (x1) –based in Carlow
- * Afterschools Youth Workers (x2) – based in Carlow Town

These positions are 19.5 hours per week. If you are interested or want to check your eligibility please call Lisa/Marie on **085 2101494** or **059 9130476** for inquiries..

Weekly Collections 17/18th July:

Blue Bag (Envelopes): €975 | **Red Bag:** €585 | Direct Debits: €255.

We thank you for your support.

Autumn Break:

Autumn Break from 14th - 18th October in the beautiful surroundings of Castleross Park Resort, Killarney. Cost €450 pps includes 4 nights B & B, evening meal, bus & tours. Deposit of €200 to be paid before 3rd Sept. All enquiries to Eddie **086 8173843**.

Carlow Social Prescribing Service:

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

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 21st August - Sunday 29th August

**Please note all Anniversaries can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com
or call the Parish Centre 0599141833/0599182882**

- Sat 21st 6.30pm **(First Anniversary)** Mary Byrne (née Keating), Pacelli Ave
(Ina Hennessy, Whitney Place)-(John Kearns, Sleaty Road)
(Mick Dooley, Church St)-(Hannah Haughney, Sleaty St also
her husband George, sons Liam & Lazarian & deceased family)
David Leonard, Dublin also his grandparents & deceased family
Kevin Stubbs, Stafford, England
Clare Walsh, 14 The Numbers **(Birthday Rem)**
- Sun 22nd 9am Hannah Haughney, 6 Sleaty St & Sr. Ann Whelan, St. Fiacc's Hse
11.30am **(Months Mind)** Ann Shiels, St Anthony's, Lower Rossmore
(First Anniversary) John McGillicuddy, Crossneen
Joe Kavanagh, Killeshin also his sons Brendan & Colm
- Mon 23rd 10am **(Month's Mind)** Mariusz Kapusta, Poland
Antoni Kapusta, Burrin St
(Pat & Lily Doyle, Coolkenno)-(Helena & Bill Keegan, Coolkenno)
- Tue 24th 10am Patrick Dowling, St. Fiacc's Tce
Thomas & Hannah Hayden, St. Fiacc's Tce
Kathleen & John McConnell, St. Fiacc's Tce
Larry, Ann & Bill Condon, St. Fiacc's Tce
(Edward & Anne Ryan, Fr. Maher Rd)-(Dick & Breda Ryan, Oakley Cres)
(Liam Devereux, Castlewood Gardens)-(Jimmy Scully, Jerusalem, Athy Rd)
- Wed 25th 10am **(First Anniversary)** Eamon Dowling, The Numbers & New York
Teresa Robertson (née Murphy), Stevenage (60th Birthday Rem)
- Thu 26th 10am **(First Anniversary)** Jimmy Kelly, The Rushes, Ballickmoyler
& Sutton, England)-(Connie Coakley, 43 Mount Leinster Pk, Tullow Rd)
- Fri 27th 10am (Murty Ware, 11 Sycamore Rd, Rathnapish)-(Special Intention)
Sean Behan, 158 Beechwood Ave, Newbridge **(20th Anniv)**
- Sat 28th 6.30pm Margaret (Bid) Roberts, Chingford, England
(Matt Gorman, 11 Rochfort Manor)-(Patrick Dowling, St. Fiacc's Tce)
Thomas & Hannah Hayden, St. Fiacc's Tce
Kathleen & John McConnell, St. Fiacc's Tce
Larry, Ann & Bill Condon, St. Fiacc's Tce
Seamus Geoghegan, St. Fiacc's Tce & deceased family
- Sun 29th 9am Elizabeth McGowan, Rathgeran, Borris & 22 St. Fiacc's Tce
10.15am William Murphy, 47 Oakley Pk, Tullow Rd
11.30am **(Month's Mind)** Tommy Brennan, Ballyharmon Hse
(Month's Mind) Mary Keating, 95 St. Mary's Pk
(Jimmy Kelly, Ballickmoyler also his parents Bill & Josephine,
brothers Bill & Dan and sister Mary)-(John Lyons, Dublin Rd)
Mary Moloney, "Cleady", Strawhall, Carlow **(10th Anniv)**
- 4pm **(Months Mind)** Breda Harris, Kilberry, Athy

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R.I.P.

Ted Duggan, 16 Springdale, Tullow Road

May Lawton, Edenderry

Amanda Kinsella, Bennekerry, Carlow

Veronica (Vera) Robinson, 2 Sleaty Park View & Athy

Ned O'Sullivan, Clonmel

Sheila Lacey (née Leigh), 159 J.K.L. Avenue,