

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

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St. Clare's Church



Holy Cross Church

Feast of St. Clare - 11th August:

Clare (1193-1253) was born in Assisi the eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Ortolana was a very devout woman who had undertaken pilgrimages to Rome, Santiago de Compostela and the Holy Land. Later in life, she entered Clare's monastery, as did Clare's sisters, Beatrix and Catarina (who took the name Agnes and was later declared a saint herself). As a child, Clare was devoted to prayer. When she was a teenager, she heard Francis preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio at Assisi and asked him to help her to live in the manner of the Gospel.

On the evening of Palm Sunday, 20 March 1212, she left her father's house and accompanied by her aunt Bianca and another companion proceeded to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet Francis. There, her hair was cut, and she exchanged her rich gown for a plain robe and veil. Francis placed Clare in the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia. Her father attempted to force her to return home but she resisted any attempt, professing that she would have no other husband but Jesus Christ. In order to provide the greater solitude Clare desired, a few days later Francis sent her to another monastery of the Benedictine nuns. Clare was soon joined by her sister Catarina, who took the name Agnes. They remained with the Benedictines until a small dwelling was built for them next to the church of San Damiano.

On 9 August 1253, two days before her death, Pope Innocent IV confirmed that Clare's rule would serve as the governing rule for Clare's Order of Poor Ladies. Her remains were interred at the chapel of San Giorgio while a church to hold her remains was being constructed. At Pope Innocent's request the canonization process for Clare began immediately. While the whole process took two years, the examination of Clare's miracles took just six days. On 26 September 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare as Saint Clare of Assisi. In art, Clare is often shown carrying a monstrance or pyx, in commemoration of the occasion when she warded away the invading soldiers of Frederick II at the gates of her convent by displaying the Blessed Sacrament and kneeling in prayer.

One Christmas Eve Clare was too ill to rise from her bed to attend Mass at the new Basilica of St. Francis. Although she was more than a mile away, she saw Mass on the wall of her dormitory. So clear was the vision that the next day she could name the friars at the celebration. It was for this miracle that Pope Pius XII designated Clare as the patron saint of television in 1958.

Feast of St. Clare:

We will celebrate the Feast of St Clare this Wednesday 11th August at the 10am Mass in St Clare's Church. The chief celebrant will be Most Rev Bishop Denis Nulty. Due to limited numbers allowed in the church the Mass can be viewed on our webcam <https://www.graiguecullenkilleshin.com>

SAINT CLARE PRAY FOR US.:

O glorious Saint Clare!
God has given you
the power of working
miracles continually,
and the favour of answering the prayers
those who invoke
your assistance in misfortune,
anxiety, and distress;
we beseech you,
obtain for us from Jesus,
through Mary, His Blessed Mother,
what we beg of you so fervently and
hopefully,
if it be for the greater honour and glory of
God
and for the good of our souls.
Saint Clare Pray For Us.

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.

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.

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.

Woodwork Demonstration Workshops:

An Gairdín Beo, Old Dublin Road, Carlow 93E1HF 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 - 10.00am-1.00pm

Free to participants. Booking essential email fdunne@kcetb.ie before Aug 13th

Digital IT Zoom Workshops

Dates: Mon 4th & 11th Oct & Mon 1st & 8th Nov-Time: 10.00am-12.00 noon

To book your place contact fdunne@kcetb.ie before September 24th

Apple Tree pruning in An Gairdín Beo

Tutor: Eddie Byrne-Dates: Mon 18th Oct & Thurs 21st Oct-10.00am - 12.00 noon Practical guidance and hands on experience on how to prune apple trees. **Free** to participants but you must book your place in advance by contacting fdunne@kcetb.ie before 1st of October

Willow Basket Weaving-Tutor: Heike Kahle-Date: 15th Oct- 10.00am-5.00pm Each participant will learn weaving skills and will be enabled to make their own basket. You need to book your place before Friday 1st of October by contacting fdunne@kcetb.ie Max 8 participants

All these workshops are sponsored by Carlow ETB

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

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path:

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or 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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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

Affordable Live-in Homecare:

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on **0879916791** or **087744 0729**. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

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**.

Feeding Faith:

We are half a century on from the first moon landing; yet as time goes by, the murmurings that it might never have happened gather momentum. “How could the flag be fluttering on an atmosphere free moon?” “How did the astronauts take such stunning photographs with apparent multiple light sources when their only light source was the sun?” It seems that when anyone makes an incredible claim, there will be those who seek to discredit it. It's far easier to pick holes in an amazing claim than to support it. It's good that we have questioning minds, but what if our questions lead us up a blind alley where we are suddenly incapable of belief. Put yourself In Jesus' shoes. You've worked inexplicable miracles, not least the feeding of five thousand with just five loaves and two fishes. Now you try to explain to the crowds that your miracle wasn't just about feeding a bunch of hungry people, your miracle was a sign of your divinity. “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” The people have a hard time believing your claim. Even though they've witnessed your great miracle, they mutter to each other. “Who's he trying to kid ... we knew his parents and we know where he's from ... how can he have come down from heaven?” Maybe the crowds were looking for more signs ... more miracles! If we were in Jesus' shoes we might have obliged with a few more miracles, but Jesus knows that this is not the answer. Instead, he makes us a promise. “I am the bread of life, anyone who eats this bread will live forever.” If we share in Christ's Eucharist, our faith will be nourished and we will inherit everlasting

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 7th August - Sunday 15th August 2021

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

- Sat 7th 6.30pm Christy Sheehy, Crossneen
(Paddy Callinan, 7 '98 St also his mother Elizabeth & brother Johnny)
Bridget Hutton, 1 Church St
Jack Nolan, Burrindale, Pollerton
- Sun 8th 10.15am Brigid Ryan & Mary Landy, Cappalug
Michael (Mick) Hennessy & Bridie & Jim Hennessy, Killeshin
Josephine Dempsey, Killeshin (**Birthday Rem.**)
Liam Dempsey, Killeshin
- 11.30am (**Months Mind**) William Byrne, Buena Vista, Clogrennane
(Liam Dempsey, Killeshin)-(Intention Mass)
Noeleen Callinan, St Fiacc's Tce also her sister Mary Jackson
- Mon 9th 10am John Barcoe, Killeshin Rd (Birthday Rem)
Dick Byrne, The Numbers & New York
- Wed 11th 10am Pat O'Gorman, Athy (**Birthday Rem**)
Mary Ryan, St Fiacc's Tce
- Sat 14th 6.30pm James Hurley, 20 Church St
Elizabeth & Harry Clarke, Maher Rd
Gerald O'Reilly, Brennan, Old Derrig, Killeshin Rd
May & Martin Fennell, Springhill
(Elizabeth & James Brennan, Clonpierce, Ballylinan
also sons J.J. & Paddy and daughter Betty Whelan, Barrowhouse)
James O' Reilly, Springhill
Breeth & Gerard Nolan, Hillview, Crossneen
Eileen & Jimmy Dalton, Springhill
Betty & Jimmy Hughes, Schull, West Cork
Parents & grandparents of the O'Reilly & Brennan families
- Sun 15th 10.15am Seamus Hearn, Clonmore, Killeshin
(Tom Kelly Snr, Upper Rossmore also his parents Patrick &
Sarah & his brothers & sister)
Mary (Moll) Hennessy, Springhill Rd, Killeshin
Kathleen (Patsy) O'Regan, Keelogue
- 11.30am Rita & Tommy Lyons, Staunton Ave
(Frankie Williamson, St Fiacc's Tce also his parents Kathleen &
Christy & his sister Christine)

R.I.P.

Denis (Dinny) Norris, Clish, Tullow Road
Kieran Curtin, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick
Theresa (Tess) Horan, Fenter, Killeigh, Co Offaly
Margaret Hupalo, New York formerly The Numbers