

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESHIN

- Parish Link -

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St. Clare's Church



Holy Cross Church

Graveyard Masses:

Graveyard Masses – as Covid restrictions have begun to ease the graveyard Masses can now take place as follows:- Leagh Cemetery - Thursday 30th September @ 6pm | Sleaty Cemetery - Sunday 17th October @ 3pm | Killeshin Cemetery - Sunday 24th October @ 3pm.

Special Prayer Service:

A special prayer service will take place on Monday 4th October @ 7pm in St Clare's Church in thanksgiving for Fr Liam Lawton's contribution and support of the parish and to ask God's Blessing on him on the next stage of his spiritual journey. All welcome.

Pre-Baptism Meeting:

Our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on Monday 20th September at 7pm in St Clare's Church for all parents who will be presenting their child for baptism in the next few months.

Ladies and Men's Choir:

We are delighted to welcome back our Ladies and Men's Choir. The Ladies Choir return to practice on Tuesday 21st Sept @ 7pm and the Men's Choir return to practice on Thursday 23rd September @ 7pm. New members welcome.

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.

Blessing of Pets:

To celebrate feast of St Francis, Patron Saint of Animals and Pets (4th Oct) there will be a special blessing on Sunday 3rd October at 3pm at the Parish Centre. People are invited to bring along their pets for this Special Blessing.

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**

Thursday Morning Club:

Thursday Morning Club takes place after 10 am Mass. All welcome.

Governey Park Residents Association:

Would like to thank all who attended our annual Mass recently. A special word of thanks to Fr Dunphy, members of the Men's choir and all who helped out in any way.

Harvest Thanksgiving:

Our Harvest Thanksgiving will take place on 25th/26th September when we celebrate the harvest by thanking God for the abundance we receive in our lives not just in food but in the goodness we have. We also remember that although the earth continues to produce in abundance, millions of people go to bed hungry each night. Mahatma Gandhi said "I must live simply so that others may simply live". This is a time to share what we have. We take this opportunity to ask people to share with others in need, by bringing a food item (perishable or non perishable) and place it in our sacred space in our Churches. The items will be blessed at our Masses and used in 'The Kitchen' or distributed in food parcels to local people in need.

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. Programmes are free to participants, are organ-

ised by age and will commence in Askea during October. If you are interested please contact Anne **087 6636 499** or Nora **087 1269 709**. In addition we are now offering similar programmes for teenagers aged 13 to 16.

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Sum of money found in Governey Park, please contact Pat McNelis on **087 0675 558**.

Safeguarding Sunday:

On Sunday 19th September the Diocese celebrates Safeguarding Sunday. On this day we turn the spotlight on safeguarding and remind our communities and parish personnel that protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is about creating an opportunity for parishes to find out all the positive work that has been happening in terms of safeguarding over the past year. Safeguarding in each parish could not happen without the commitment and work of many paid and volunteer personnel including local safeguarding representatives, sacristans, youth leaders, choir leaders and priests. We remember those who have experienced abuse in our Diocese and remind people of the Towards Healing confidential and free counselling service, **Ph. 1800 303 416**, Monday to Friday 11.00am to 6.00pm. They provide face to face counselling, structured phone counselling, family counselling and a counselling helpline. The Safeguarding Committee has produced a short video to mark this day, and this will be available to view on www.kandle.ie

Season of Creation 2021: One Simple Step You Can Take Today:

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. You can find plenty of resources to mark this month at www.kandle.ie 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 log on to www.thecatholicpetition.org to sign the "Healthy Planet Healthy People" petition as a key action for this year's Season of Creation.

Towards Healing:

Is an independent organisation providing professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical, or religious abuse in Ireland. The service is provided by lay, independent and fully accredited therapists. Freephone 1800 303416. Hearing impaired Text Line Number: **085-8022859** - www.towardshelaing.ie

Applied Maths Lessons:

Applied maths lessons will take place in the CBS on a Tuesday afternoon from 4.30 to 6.30. Anyone that is interested can contact David Coughlan at mrccoughlan@cbscarlow.net or phone the school at **0599142419** between 9am - 4pm.

Weekly Collections 17/18th July:

Blue Bag (Envelopes): €710 | **Red Bag:** €733 | Direct Debits: €137 | Donations €457.

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**.

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path:

Will be offered on Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Ad-

vancebookingis essential. For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0719861518. www.loughderg.org

3 year Tai Chi Teacher Training Course:

3 year Tai Chi Teacher Training Course recommencing on 25th Sept '21 at An Gaírdin Beo. New intake of students for 1st year '21/'22. Please contact Rosaleen @ 0860789241 or email: info@taichiandwellnessacademy.com / info@rosaleenfadden.com

Picking Up Our Crosses:

Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Taking up our crosses is essential to being a Christian, and far from being a burden, it can be the source of huge happiness and fulfilment. Taking up our crosses, means understanding the needs of others, and putting the needs of others first. We need to forget about our own problems and look to the problems of others. We don't have to look far. The news is full of other people's problems at the moment, and it certainly puts our own problems into perspective. Taking up our crosses means imagining how others feel and how we would like to be treated if we were in their shoes. Empathy is key to taking action. Taking up our crosses means giving up our time and our skills and our money for the happiness of others. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their crosses. Do we see the need of others and take action, or do we sit back and leave things to others? Being pro-active requires us to be strong, caring and deeply discerning.

There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How very different the world would be if each and every one of us picked up our crosses.

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 11th Sept - Sunday 19th Sept

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

- Sat 11th 6.30pm **(First Anniversary)** Loreto McDonald, Monasterevin
Hugh Keating, St. Fiacc's
Mary Brennan, Cooperhill Hse, Ballickmoyler
Ann Nolan (née Callinan), JPearl, Killeshin Rd
Harry Forbes, 102 Church St
John & Kathleen Hayes, Maher Rd also their sons & daughters
Deceased members of the McDonnell & Maher families
- Sun 12th 9am Martin Harte, Killeshin Rd also Mary Molloy (née Harte)
Lily Hennessy, 4 Maryborough St also her husband Tommy
(Intentions of those who supported the family of Liam Bradley
during their sad loss)
- Mon 13th 10am (Molly Ayres, Oakley Park)-(Kitty Curtis, London)
Teresa & John Maddock, Ballyharmon
- Wed 15th 10am (Patrick & Brigid Dormer, Sleaty also their daughter Bridget & son
Richard)-(Martin & Anne Delaney, Portlaoise also their daughter
Noeleen & son Michael)
- Thu 16th 10am Baby Lydia Clair Scully **(Birthday Rem)**
- Sat 18th 6.30pm **(Month's Mind)** Vera Robinson, 2 Sleaty Park View
Patrick & Elizabeth Slater, Granby Row & deceased family
- 11.30am **(Month's Mind)** Gerard Murnane, Portlaoise Rd
Paul McKeivitt, Crossneen
Margaret, Martin & Paddy Scully, St. Mary's Park
Kathleen Shaw, 78 Maher Rd
- Sun 19th 10.15am Fr. Michael Butterfield, Rossmore
- 11.30am Baby Lydia Clair Scully **(22nd Birthday Rem)**
Mary (Moll) Mulhall, 194 Whitney Place
(Kitty Grant, 33 St. Fiacc's Tce also her granddaughter Teresa
Murphy, Stevenage, U.K.)
(Margaret (Bid) Roberts, Chingord & St. Fiacc's Tce also her
son Alan & son-in-law Alan)
Joe Grant, Radhairc Oisín

R.I.P.

Funeral Mass of Betty Culleton (née Corcoran) Cluain Fraoigh, Roscommon & formerly Whitney Place will take place on Saturday 18th Sept at 6.30pm with burial of ashes afterwards.