

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESHTIN

## - 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 | Killeshtin 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 this 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 the 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.

### **Carlow Hospice Tea Day:**

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.

### **Safeguarding Sunday:**

On this 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 [mrcoughlan@cbscarlow.net](mailto:mrcoughlan@cbscarlow.net) or phone the school at **0599142419** between 9am - 4pm.

### **Weekly Collections w/e 12th Sept:**

**Blue Bag** (Envelopes): €840 | **Red Bag**: €775 | Direct Debits: €355 | Donations €250.

**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 Sat 18th & Sun 26th Sept and Sun 3rd Oct, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km

loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email [info@lough-derg.org](mailto:info@lough-derg.org) or telephone **0719861518** [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

### **3 year Tai Chi Teacher Training Course:**

3 year Tai Chi Teacher Training Course recommencing on 25th Sept '21 at An Gairdin Beo. New intake of students for 1st year '21/'22. Please contact Rosaleen @ 0860789241

or email: [info@taichiandwellnessacademy.com](mailto:info@taichiandwellnessacademy.com) / [info@rosaleenfadden.com](mailto:info@rosaleenfadden.com)

### **GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESHIN PARISH:**

Are currently recruiting for the following positions on our Community Employment Programme:

+ Support / Workers

+ Swimming Pool Attendants

+ Maintenance Workers + Caretaker

These positions are 19.5 Hours per week. If you are interested or want to check your eligibility, please Call 059/9134887 or 085 / 8584187.

### **Saint Vincent de Paul Society September:- Awareness Month:**

Raise Awareness, Donate, Volunteer, Fundraise, ....The purpose of SVP Awareness Month is simple: to tell people about the SVP so that more people can benefit from the charity's work, and more people can get involved. To find out how you can get involved visit the SVP website.

### **An Gairdin Beo;- Community Garden Plant ID Walk.:**

Would you like to learn more about how to use the plants & weeds to help heal you & your family? Come join local Herbalist Laura Darcy from Yarrow Lane Herbs on Sunday the 19th & Sunday 26th @ 2PM for a walk around the gardens, no need to book, just arrive. Bring a notepad & pen. Donation basic - Weather Permitting - Contact Laura on 085 8183582 | [yarrowlaneherbs@gmail.com](mailto:yarrowlaneherbs@gmail.com)

### **Killeshin Active Retirement Christmas Party:**

In The Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone on 8th December. Music by Brendan Shine. 4 course meal. Tea & Sandwiches & Coach €65. Contact Antoinette Lawlor 0857483893 / Annette Monahan 0879905205.

### **Success, Power and Wealth:**

If you took a survey out onto the street asking, "Which people would we regard as the most successful?" celebrities like Bill Gates or Simon Cowell might figure highly on the list. Favourite pop idols, film stars, sports people and royalty might be up there too. It seems that we measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. Even in our own not so famous circles, we strive for status and job promotion. With promotion comes extra responsibility and with that extra responsibility, increased power to our elbow. The disciples may well have been feeling bemused in today's gospel story. Jesus tells them that man will hand him over to his death. The disciples were probably wondering why Jesus should succumb to this kind of ignominy. After all, wasn't he the Son of God? Couldn't he exercise some power? Who knows, perhaps it was this idea that prompted their conversation on the way to Capernaum. We are told that the disciples were discussing amongst each other, which of them was the greatest. They must have known deep down, that Jesus would not approve of this discussion, because when Jesus asks them what they were talking about, they fall silent with shame.

Jesus places a small child in their midst to teach them a lesson. He is asking them, and us, to accept the child's world as our own. We are asked to accept a world of vulnerability and absence of status. We are asked to take stock. Who do we look up to in our society? Do we look down on those who appear to lack ambition or position? Today we remember that Jesus' way is not of pomp and circumstance, but of servitude and humility. We have to learn that success is not about what we have, but about who we are.

# ANNIVERSARIES



**Saturday 18th Sept - Sunday 26th Sept**

**Please note all Anniversaries can be emailed to [gkparish@gmail.com](mailto:gkparish@gmail.com)  
or call the Parish Centre 0599141833/0599182882**

- Sat 18th 6.30pm **(Month's Mind)** Vera Robinson, 2 Sleaty Park View  
Patrick & Elizabeth Slater, Granby Row & deceased family  
Kathleen Shaw, 78 Maher Rd  
Patrick & Josephine O'Rourke, Old Derrig  
Kathleen McDonald, Cloydagh  
Elizabeth & James Woods, Strawhall  
(Pakie & Polly Hayden, Bridge St also their sons Frank, Pa &  
Danno & daughter Elizabeth)  
Claire Moore, Knocknagee & Nass  
Oliver Brennan, Streatham, London & Leighlin St  
John O'Donoghue, Knocknagee  
Julia O'Donoghue, Knocknagee **(25th Anniversary)**  
Sarah Farrell, 17 Chapel St also her husband John & son Paddy  
Jack Walsh, Kilkenny also his wife Mona & daughter Monica
- 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 Oisin)-(Molly Lyons, Sleaty)  
Davy Lyons, Clonmore, Killeshin  
Jack Butler, Chapel St & Fenagh  
Annie Alcock, Pearse Rd
- Mon 20th 10am Martin & Paula Kiernan, England
- Tue 21st 10am Martin Haughney, Sleaty St
- Wed 22nd 10am **(First Anniversary & Birthday Rem)** Philly Byrne, 187 Sleaty St
- Thu 23rd 10am Mary Nolan, 5 Henry St (Birthday Rem)
- Sat 25th 6.30pm **(Month's Mind)** Margaret James, Montgomery St  
**(First Anniversary & Birthday Rem)** Philly Byrne, 187 Sleaty St
- Sun 26th 10.15am John Keogh, Killeshin also his father Pat  
11.30am Catherine Hurley (née Walsh), 20 Church St **(20th Anniversary)**