

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.

First Friday:

This **Friday 1st October** is the first Friday and there will be a brief penitential reflection during 10am Mass in St. Clare's.

Communion to the Housebound:

Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound during the week beginning **4th October**.

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.

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 outside the Parish Centre and a drive thru blessing will take place at 3.30pm (entrance from the Swimming Pool Car Park). 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:

This weekend 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. This will be a Harvest like no other for many families around the world as they face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. This weekend, we remember and pray for a fair and just trade so that all may receive a just wage for the work of their hands. We remember to support local growers and local produce. We pray for politicians and all who make decisions that affect the future of the earth. We pray that they may safeguard the planet for future generations. We also take this opportunity to ask people to share with others in need in our own community, by bringing a food item (perishable or non-perishable) and place it in our sacred space in our Church. The items will be blessed at our Masses and used in ‘The Kitchen’ or distributed in food parcels to local people in need.

Opening of School Year Masses:

The Mass for St. Fiacc’s NS will take place this **Wednesday 29th September @ 1.45pm**. The Mass for Killesh-

in NS will take place on **Thursday 30th Sep @ 11.45am**. Some classes will attend the church and the rest of the children will view the Mass virtually in their classrooms. All families and members of the parish community are welcome to join in praying for God's Blessings on our schools for the year ahead.

Mass for the New School Year:

The opening of the year Mass for Knockbeg College takes place on this **Tuesday 5th October @ 12 noon** in St Clare's Church. The Mass can be watched on our webcam. All families and members of the parish community are welcome to join in praying for God's Blessings on our schools for the year ahead.

Confirmation:

Next **Sat 2nd October** the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at **10am and 12.15pm** in Holy Cross Church. We ask God's Blessings on the young people and their families & we thank the teachers and all who have helped them to become full members of the Christian Community.

Graigucullen/Killeshin Parish–Heather Cowan Awards 2021:

Last Wednesday was a very special night for our parish. Nineteen young people received the parish Heather Cowan Award. This is the third year the parish has presented the awards in memory of a very special young person Heather Cowan who passed away three years ago.

Heather was an exceptional young person whose enthusiasm, positivity and commitment to our parish will always be remembered. In her short life Heather was a committed Altar Server and member of the Graigucullen children's choir. She also played the role of Mary the Mother of God in our Easter Children's Stations of the Cross. She was a kind, friendly, helpful person who was always first to volunteer for any task with a smile on her face.

These parish awards were presented by the Cowan family to the 19 young people during a special Mass with their families. The young people received the award for their outstanding dedication and work in the parish. At their Confirmation they made a promise to get involved in their church and so, over the past 6 years they have continued to be involved in the various ministries as Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, leaders of our children's choir, members of the Youth Choir, Sunday School leaders, PowerPoint Operators and most recently as Stewards and helping with sanitising in our churches.

We wish them every blessing as they journey on to the next stage of their education, work life or wherever their path takes them. May they continue to be an integral part of our parish for many years to come.

Congratulations to this year's recipients

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| 1. Alicia Gordon | 11. Jodie Dooley Salter |
| 2. Becky Fahy | 12. Katie O'Sullivan |
| 3. Ben Hovenden | 13. Lauren Walsh |
| 4. Bill Fitzgerald | 14. Matthew Keogh |
| 5. Brian Power | 15. Roksana Segiet |
| 6. Ceara Nolan | 16. Sarah Whelan |
| 7. Ciara Birney | 17. Sean Dollard |
| 8. Damian Korus | 18. Shane Buggy |
| 9. David McDonald | 19. Zuzanna Wisniewska |
| 10. Jack Brennan | |

Carlow Hospice Tea Day:

Today **Sunday 26th Sept @2pm- 5pm** at Tucker's Home, Brownhill Ave. Eircode R93 VOY7. Donations welcome.

Study Theology Online, is this for you?:

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now for **Autumn 2021**. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

Clothes Recycling:

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**

Digital IT Zoom Workshops:

Dates: **Mon 4th & 11th Oct & Mon 1st & 8th Nov-Time: 10.00am-12.00 noon** Apple Tree pruning in An Gairdín Beo Tutor: Eddie Byrne-Dates: **Mon 18th Oct & Thurs 21st Oct Time: 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 before **1st October**

Willow Basket Weaving-Tutor: Heike Kahle-Date: **15th November- Time: 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 To book your place contact **fdunne@kcetb.ie** Max 8 participants. All workshops are sponsored by **Carlow ETB**

Weekly Collections w/e 12th Sept:

Blue Bag (Envelopes): €1,005 | **Red Bag**: €771 | Direct Debits: €193

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**.

St. Clare's Hospitality:

St. Clare's Hospitality are seeking **non-perishable food items**. Presently we are giving out 80 dinners daily as well as family food packs, we are also delivering 60 food parcels. Donations can be left into the food barrels in the church or the parish centre. We would like to thank you for your continued support, we are very grateful.

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 25th Sept - Sunday 3rd Oct

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

- Sat 25th 6.30pm **(Month's Mind)** Margaret James, Montgomery St
(First Anniversary & Birthday Rem) Philly Byrne, 187 Sleaty St
Michael & Cely Nolan, Jordanstown, Kilkenny
Agnes Farrell, Freshford, Kilkenny
Richard Grant, 33 St. Fiacc's Tce
Kathleen Donohue, 38 St. Fiacc's
- Sun 26th 10.15am John Keogh, Killeshin also his father Pat
11.30am Catherine Hurley (née Walsh), 20 Church St **(20th Anniversary)**
Joan Kelly, Ballyharmon
Kathleen Timmons, 12 Bestfield, Athy Rd
Sympathisers of William Byrne
- Mon 27th 10am Jim Byrne, 187 Sleaty St **(Birthday Rem)**
Eddie Coady, St. Clare's Rd & Graiguenamanagh
Dakota Fanning, Newtownallen
- Tue 28th 10am Sympathisers of Margaret James
Thu 30th 10am (Liam Culleton, St. Fiacc's Tce also his parents William & Joan
and brother Michael)
- Sat 2nd 6.30pm (Bridget Proctor, Coolenaugh, Ballickmoyler also her husband
Paddy and deceased family)
Nial Daly, Monasterevin
Bill William Kinsella, 7 Oakley Pk
Denis Dowling, 27 The Numbers
- Sun 3rd 9am (Paddy & Bridie O'Rourke, 116 St. Clare's Rd also their son
Seamus & daughter May Carpenter)
10.15am Michael Brennan, Upper Rossmore
Kay Young (née Scully), The Strand, Ballickmoyler
11.30am **(Month's Mind)** Thomas (Tommy) Farrell, Clogrennane & Harrow Cross)
Bridie Scully, Sleaty