

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:- Sleaty Cemetery - **Sunday 17th October @ 3pm** | Killeshin Cemetery - **Sunday 24th October @ 3pm**.

A Message from Fr. Liam Lawton:

After living in Graiguecullen for over 20 years, it is with a heavy heart that I am leaving, to serve in my native Edenderry, Co. Offaly. Living in Crossneen with lovely neighbours I felt safe and secure in a community that was hospitable and very caring. In the Parish of Graiguecullen/ Killeshin I found a warm, friendly people who always had time for me. The Parish is life- giving and inclusive and always ready for new initiatives. Nearly all of my music has been composed in Graiguecullen, which I found warm and a good place to be creative, which is very important. Though I have travelled the length and breadth of Ireland and across the world with the same music, I loved coming home to Graiguecullen. It is difficult to name names on an occasion like this as I don't want to leave anyone out by mistake, but to everyone I want to say a sincere "Thank You" ~ to all in the Office, all in the various Ministries, to all the Committees I have ever worked with, To Mick and Sheamie and all lads in the Yard, to all the Choirs and All whom I came in contact with ~ a sincere "Thank You " for your kindness. I have to say that I loved going out to Killeshin, where everyone was so kind and friendly to me. Thank you Vera and everyone for making me so welcome. On Monday night last I was so moved with your farewell. I want to thank Catriona and everyone involved who put the Service together and who presented it so beautifully ~ Thank you sincerely.

Catherine Ryan and Cathy her mother Lord rest her, have always kept me on the straight and narrow but without them I don't know what I would have done. Everything I bring to Edenderry Church is coloured by the very high standard of Graiguecullen/ Killeshin. Finally, I cannot thank Fr. John and Buddy of course, for his kindness and support. Over the years he has offered me hospitality and care which is beyond what I deserved. I bring to Edenderry much more than I have given to Graiguecullen/Killeshin. This evening I leave for Medjugorje but I will remember all of you and your prayers here. May the Lord look after us all until we meet again. **Liam Lawton**.

A Big Thank You:

To everyone who worked so hard at last Sunday's Pets Blessing and made it so successful. We want to particularly thank Catherine from **Maxi Zoo** who donated the vouchers and treats that were given out to the animals. It was great to see so many pets and their families.

Lourdes Invalid Fund:

The long awaited Lourdes Invalid Fund Draw will take place in the **The Thatch**, Graiguecullen on Friday **22nd October @ 8pm**. Please locate and return all cards as soon as possible to The Thatch. Enquiries to **Ursula @ 085 1794664**.

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: **BOFIIE2D** 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.

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 10am Mass**. All welcome.

Graiguecullen Bingo:

We are delighted to announce that Graiguecullen Bingo will hopefully recommence on **Tuesday 26th October 2021 @ 8.30pm in St. Fiacc's Hall**, depending on Government guidelines at the time.

St. Laurence O'Toole A.C. 3k Halloween Fun Run:

Fundraiser in aid of **St. Clare's Hospitality Food Kitchen** takes place on **Sunday 31st October @ 10am at St. Laurence O'Toole**. You can jog, walk or run. (Entry €5) There will be a prize for the best Halloween costume. Enquiries to **James O'Rourke 083 3014458**.

Friday 15th October is Baby Loss Awareness Day:

Our **Annual Babies Remembrance Service** will be celebrated at **7.30 p.m in St. Clare's Church Graiguecullen**, together with the lighting up of our Church, weather permitting. If anybody would like to design a patch for our Baby's Remembrance Quilt, you are welcome to do so. The required measurements for the patch are **6'X6"** square with a little extra around the edges to allow for sewing onto the quilt. Reminder Graiguecullen/Killeslin have their own Baby Loss Support Group, where parents who have lost a baby before, during or after birth, meet at different times during the year, they organise and participate in Our Babies Remembrance Mass. If you require any further information on this, you may contact Graiguecullen Parish Centre on **059 91 41833 / 086 3988548**.

Would you like to work as a Health Care Support Assistant?:

The HSE require Health Care Support Assistants (formally known as Home Helps) to provide care to clients in their own homes in the Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford & Wexford areas. If you would like more information on how you can join the team please check the job search section on **www.hse.ie** using reference code: **SECH21HCSA** to find out more details. Please note closing date is Monday 18th October at 12 noon and applications can only be accepted by email. For Carlow enquiries please contact **Jennifer on (059) 9178023**.

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD:

A Virtual **POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD** Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday 13th October @7.30pm**. Streamed LIVE from the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow via **www.icatholic.ie** This year marks the twelfth annual Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony in our Diocese. Regrettably, we are not in a position to gather as a diocesan family to celebrate the achievement of our young people across our Diocese. Therefore, medals and certificates will be presented at parish level this year. Bishop Denis Nulty will virtually address the 300+ recipients live from the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. The live stream of the ceremony will also be available afterwards on the iCatholic website and the iCatholic Player app. It has been a very different and difficult year for all, so it really is a credit to these young people and the support structures in our parishes and schools that so many were still able to achieve a medal against all odds. We hope that these young people will continue to contribute in a positive way to the life of the Church through their parish long into the future. For more information on this Award programme in Kildare & Leighlin, contact Cathriona Kelly **cathriona.kelly@kandle.ie**

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): €710 | **Red Bag**: €823 | Direct Debits: €393 | Donations: €139.

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.

Week of Prayer for World Peace (10 - 17th October 2021):

Each year, an anthology of prayers from various faith traditions is compiled, for shared inter-faith worship during a designated 'Week of Prayer for World Peace'. This initiative, founded in 1974, has gone from strength to strength, with many people throughout the country taking part each year. As humans we have always shared a common destiny, but nowadays, as the planet seems smaller and news travels faster it is even more evident that the future of our planet and of the human race is a shared concern. In this year's Week of Prayer for World Peace, people from all faith traditions are asked to pray that world leaders, agencies and individuals will never give up hoping and caring for each other. It is the hope that our prayers will spill over into our day to day living.

Sharing the Good News of our Faith: A short online survey of those who have returned to parish celebration of Mass. :

The Social Media working group of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation have issued a short online survey that they are asking people who have returned to the public celebration of Mass to complete. The feedback given will give us great information for helping to build on and enrich our parish celebrations. The survey can be accessed on **Kandle.ie** or directly on the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/nye9bBH7MG>

Free Zoom Workshop:

As part of the Healthy Ireland At your Library Programme, there is a free Zoom Workshop on Friday 15th October at 11am with Gillian McConnell (Inside Out Nutrition). This Workshop is called **"Boost Your Mood with Food"** There is now ample evidence to show that changing the way we eat can have a huge impact on our mood and reduce the risk of depression. Learn practical tips on how to eat more of a Mediterranean diet that is rich in healthy fats, wholegrains, unrefined carbs and proteins. Email the library at library@carlowcoco.ie or call **059 9129705**.

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 9th Oct - Sunday 17th Oct

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

- Sat 9th 6.30pm Paddy & Maura Gillman, "Duhallow", Cooperhill
Patrick Hennessy, 22 Church St & deceased family
Seamus Grant, Killeshin Rd (**Birthday Rem**)
For the children of the parish in memory of Cillian Tynan
- Sun 10th 9am Lizzie Lawler, 22 St. Fiacc's Tce
(William & Mary Brennan also their son Patrick Jamestown, Ballybritton)
10.15am (Robert & Julia White, Clonmore also their son James, grandson
Seamus Hearn and granddaughter Peggie)
Michael O'Toole, Staplestown Rd
11.30am BabyLeigha-Kate Haughney, 37 Barrowvale (**12th Anniversary**)
(Baby Rebecca Leigh O'Brien, 45 Maple Drive, New Oak Estate
(**20th Anniversary**)-(Margaret (Peg) Shiels, Lr Rossmore)
- Tue 12th 10am Mary Keating, St. Fiacc's Tce
- Thu 14th 10am Mary Farrell, 41 St. Fiacc's Tce
Elizabeth Kinsella, Killeshin
- Fri 15th 10am Sarah & James McCartney, 27 St. Fiacc's Tce & deceased family
- Sat 16th 6.30pm (Johnny & Lizzie Corcoran, Whitney Place also their
daughter Betty Culleton)
John Lowry, Hanover
- Sun 17th 9am Elizabeth Kinsella, Killeshin
Felix Carrera, Phillipines
10.15am Edward Malone, Coolhenry
11.30am Michael Lynch, Neidín, Ballickmoyler Rd
Frank Gillen, Heatherhill