



**Graiguencullen/Killeshin**  
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*Sunday 29th August 2021*  
*22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time*



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**Heart of the Matter**

Could it be true that at one stage or another we have all been guilty of hypocrisy? It's hard to get through life without finding that our actions and our words don't quite marry up. We know the tell tale signs all too well. We go to the polling booth to vote, or commit our opinions to 'Facebook', and experience a slight discomfort. It's a discomfort we know of old, but have become very good at ignoring. It's the discomfort that comes of saying one thing but doing another. It's the discomfort that comes of teaching something but not practising it. The discomfort is telling us that we might be guilty of hypocrisy. In today's gospel Jesus warns us against religious hypocrisy. Is there a danger that we have all become very good at saying the right things, but of doing something else?

Today we see Jesus voicing exasperation with rules that had become burdensome, unimportant and hypocritical. In biblical days there were a great many traditions and rules on the proper way to prepare food. There were rituals regarding the washing of hands, pots, and bowls. The Pharisees challenge Jesus on allowing his disciples to eat with dirty hands, but Jesus shocks the Pharisees by suggesting that their man made laws are irrelevant. Without actually throwing the rulebook out of the window, he suggests that we concern ourselves with matters of greater importance. Outer appearances are all well and good, but what lies beneath? What really matters is what comes from our hearts. "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person," he tells them, "but the things that come out from within are what defile."

Key to guarding against hypocrisy is to remember before condemning others, that our own hands mightn't be as clean as we think. The person who goes to church on Sunday and appears to be doing all the right things, is not necessarily a good person if he or she doesn't do good deeds during the rest of the week.

Similarly, the person who breaks man made laws is not necessarily a bad person. Jesus tells us to use what is in our hearts when it comes to moral yard sticks, and not the rules made by others. What really matters is how well we listen to what is in our hearts, and how well we act upon it.

**First Friday this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.** A brief penitential reflection will take place at the 10am Mass in St Clare's.

**Communion to the sick:** Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound during the coming week.

**Weekly Collections w/e 22<sup>nd</sup> August**  
 Blue Bag (Envelopes): €925  
 Red Bag: €730  
 Direct Debits: €215  
 We thank you for your support.

Killeshin Waterworks **official opening of new 400m walking loop** on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. Meeting at the Waterworks carpark @2pm sharp – all welcome! Refreshments afterwards for adults and children.

**Please note: there will be no 10am Mass on Saturday mornings. We know how important the weekly 10am Mass is to people and hope the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday evening will facilitate those who wish to attend Mass every day.**

**Irish Catholic Newspaper:- on sale in St Clare's Church.**

**The Legion of Mary**

One hundred years ago on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1921, Frank Duff, Fr Michael Toher and a group of women, met at Myra House in Francis Street, Dublin to organise visitation to the women's wards of the South Dublin Union Hospital. They started their meeting with the rosary. This was the first meeting of the Association of Our Lady of Mercy soon called the Legion of Mary. From that small group other groups sprang. Today around four million members of the Legion of Mary attend their weekly meeting in over 170 countries and agree to fulfil a minimum weekly obligation of two hours of voluntary work in some form of service eg visitation of hospitals and prisons.

In 1922 with the support of President WT Cosgrave, Frank Duff opened the Sancta Maria hostel at 76 Harcourt Street as a refuge for prostitutes. In 1927 the Morning Star hostel for homeless men was opened and in 1930 the Regina Coeli for homeless women. The spread of the Legion intensified following the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in 1932.

As the Legion spread the need for a written document setting forth the objectives, method and theology of the Legion became apparent. Thus, Frank Duff wrote the first Legion of Mary Handbook in 1928.

The essence of the Legion of Mary is the theology of the Church as the Body of Christ. Christ depends on His members. Mary who brought Christ into the world in a physical sense now brings Christ to the world through the members of His Body.

A Centenary Mass will be celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm in St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Francis Street, Dublin 8. His Grace, Archbishop Dermot Farrell will be the chief celebrant. The Mass can be viewed on the St Nicholas of Myra Church webcam.

**If you are a member of the Legion of Mary or have been in the past you are invited to join us in person or online for a special Mass on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am in St Clare's Church to celebrate the special work of the Legion of Mary in Graiguencullen/Killeshin Parish.**

## ANNIVERSARIES

(Please note all Anniversaries can be emailed to [gkparish@gmail.com](mailto:gkparish@gmail.com))

or call the Parish Centre 0599141833/0599182882

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** Margaret (Bid) Roberts, Chingford, England  
(Matt Gorman, 11 Rochfort Manor)-(Patrick Dowling, St. Fiacc's Tce)  
Thomas & Hannah Hayden, St. Fiacc's Tce  
Kathleen & John McConnell, St. Fiacc's Tce  
Larry, Ann & Bill Condon, St. Fiacc's Tce  
Seamus Geoghegan, St. Fiacc's Tce & deceased family  
Patrick & Nora Meehan, Mullinahone  
Thomas & John Doran, Mullinahone  
Intention Mass  
(Thomas Haughney, 23 Governey Sq also his wife Clare and their deceased sons & daughters)

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 9am** Elizabeth McGowan, Rathgeeran, Borris & 22 St. Fiacc's Tce  
**10.15am** William Murphy, 47 Oakley Pk, Tullow Rd  
Mary (Móira) Behan, Rossmore

**11.30am (Month's Mind)** Tommy Brennan, Ballyharmon Hse  
**(Month's Mind)** Mary Keating, 95 St. Mary's Pk  
(Jimmy Kelly, Ballickmoyler also his parents Bill & Josephine, brothers Bill & Dan and sister Mary)-(John Lyons, Dublin Rd)  
Mary Moloney, "Cleady", Strawhall, Carlow (**10<sup>th</sup> Anniv**)  
Debbie Mulhall, Coolhenry, Ballickmoyler  
Anne Bolger, Castledermot & Graiguecullen  
Michael Norris Snr, Kilkee, Castledermot also his son Michael

Elizabeth Callinan, 7 '98 Street also her sons Johnny & Paddy  
Paddy & Mary Fennell, Sleaty

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> 10am**  
**Tue 31<sup>st</sup> 10am**  
**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** (**First Anniversary**) Mary Nolan, 5 Henry St also her son  
Stephen-(Hannah Keating, New Oak Estate)

Liam Dowling, Heatherhill Ave  
Jim & Phylly Byrne, 187 Sleaty St (**60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv**)  
Pa Brennan, Hillview, Crossneen

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10.15am** Brenda Moran, Keelogue  
John & Bridget Curran, Killeshin also their son John Joe & daughter Lila  
Eamon O'Reilly, Cappalug, Killeshin also his father Martin  
Móira Keating, Derrymoyle also her sister Frances Devoy

Paul Coffey, Gurteengrone formerly Crannluskey, Ballinabranna

Margaret James, 11 Montgomery Street

Nora O'Neill (née O'Brien), Augharue, Bilboa

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**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!

**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](http://prioryinstitute.com)

**Parking on Footpaths:** The Gardai would like to highlight that a number of people are parking on the footpath outside the church during Mass times. This is not permitted. We would remind people that all our parking is for church use only and there is ample parking in the Swimming Pool carpark.

**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.

**St. Fiacc's House** are looking for a part time nurse for Daycare one day per week and some on call duty. For more details contact Seppy on 059 91 43892.

**Diocesan Community Nurse, Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin – Part-time/20 hours per week.**

This role is working with clergy in Kildare & Leighlin Diocese, providing an advocacy and support service to priests in the community. This is a fantastic opportunity to work within a growing community client focused organisation.

The ideal candidate must be:

- A registered General Nurse (ideally with community experience)
- Have the ability to co-ordinate care planning in the community
- Be self motivated and have the ability to work on own initiative
- Possess excellent communication and time management skills

Please contact Colette Ryan at

[cryan@carebright.ie](mailto:cryan@carebright.ie) for job description.

Closing Date: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## GRAIGUECULLEN 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: 6<sup>th</sup> Sept – 18<sup>th</sup> Oct

TERM 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

5 – 5:35pm & 6- 6.35 pm

### Tuesday

TERM 1: 7<sup>th</sup> Sept - 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

TERM 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

5- 5:35pm or 6- 6:35pm

### Wednesday

TERM 1: 8<sup>th</sup> Sept – 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

TERM 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

6 – 6:35pm

### Saturday

TERM 1: 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – 16<sup>th</sup> Oct

TERM 2: 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

9- 9:35am, 10-10:35am, 1- 1:35pm

Askea Senior Citizens have been unable to have any activities over the past 18 months. After a lot of discussions, we are unable to restart our social nights out, day trips or holiday. We miss you all and hope you are all well. We will update you when we have any news. Mind yourselves and stay safe.

**The Eist Cancer Support Centre** has moved to 46 Idrone Park, Carlow. Eist continues to provide emotional support and practical help to all affected by cancer. To make an appointment or for more information please contact us on 085 8661499

or [info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie).