

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

## - Parish Link -

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*St. Clare's Church*



*Holy Cross Church*

**Church Services and Events for Advent & Christmas 2021 Services can be viewed via our webcam [www.graiguecullenkillesbin.com](http://www.graiguecullenkillesbin.com)**

Wed 15th Dec	7.00pm	Advent Holy Hour in St Clare's Church
Thurs 16th Dec	1.30pm	Knockbeg Carol Service (St Clare's Church)
Sat 18th/Sun 19th Dec		Reconciliation service at all our Masses
Mon 20th Dec	7.00pm	Christmas Carol Service

### CHRISTMAS EVE

St Clare's

2pm & 4pm  
(specially for families with young children)  
6pm & 8pm

Holy Cross

6pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY

St Clare's

9am & 11.30am

Holy Cross

10.15am

### SUNDAY 26th DEC.

St Clare's

9am & 11.30am

Holy Cross

10.15am

### Christmas Mass:

As we approach Christmas, our parish team are busy making plans to ensure everyone can attend a Christmas Mass in a spiritual and safe environment. Our ticketing system will be in operation again this year and will begin on this **Monday 13th Dec from 9am**. Bookings can only be made by texting **Cathriona on 085 1450321 (texts only)** or by calling **Suzanne on 0876216207 (calls only)**. Alternatively, you can call to the **parish centre on Monday 13th or Tuesday 14th** to book in person. You will be asked for your name, a contact number, and the number of people from your household who wish to attend. We encourage families who will be together for Christmas to book in together; this optimises the space in our church and of course will add to

the overall experience of your Christmas Mass.

### **IMPORTANT:**

- + Parishioners who call to book will not have the option to leave a voicemail.
- + When calling please be patient. All Missed calls will be returned as soon as possible.
- + Parishioners who book by text will receive a text from Cathriona when the booking is confirmed.
- + Tickets can be collected from the parish centre during office hours on Tuesday 21st Dec.

This ticketing system is not a requirement for all parishes, but our parish team feels it is the best way to make sure anyone who wants to celebrate their Christmas Mass in Holy Cross or St. Clare's will get the opportunity to do so.

### **Saint Vincent de Paul Graiguecullen:**

Please note that the annual Christmas Appeal church gate collection will be held this weekend **11th & 12th December**. Our sincere thanks to all who have supported us throughout what has been a very difficult year. Your support has done so much to help people in our community. We wish all our friends and supporters a very happy and holy Christmas.

### **An Invitation to Reconciliation:**

There will be a brief penitential reflection at all our **Masses next weekend 18th/19th Dec**. Advent focuses our attention on Christ's birth, while anticipating Christ's death and resurrection. During this season we celebrate God's invitation to reconciliation, but this is only the beginning, for as a people reconciled to God, we become a people commissioned to "love the Lord God with all our hearts" and to "love our neighbors as ourselves." The birth of Christ, gives rise to hope and joy regardless of the circumstances of our times. When we accept God's invitation, we receive a call to discipleship, a call to spread the good news of reconciliation to others in a spirit of faithfulness, forgiveness & love. **Individual Confessions** will be available from **2-4pm on Sunday 19th in St Clare's**.

### **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.

### **St Clare's Hospitality committee:**

Wish to thank most sincerely **Lana Abbey a First Class pupil from St Fiacc's NS** who raised **€134** for the

Food Kitchen by selling 'smores' for people to eat while watching the toy show. A fantastic and thoughtful idea from someone so young.

### **Priest's Christmas Collection:**

This **quarterly collection** for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up at all **Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**. Special envelopes are provided in the envelope boxes or alternatively envelopes are available at church doors.

### **GK Parish VIRTUAL Carol Service:**

**Monday 20th December @ 7pm** Please join us via Webcam for this special night filled with music, reflection & Christmas spirit!

### **Friends of Fiacc's House Draw:**

**Friends of Fiacc's House Draw** will take place on this **Monday 13th December at 7pm in St. Clare's Church** due to Covid. Please have your cards returned by 5pm on the day. Please **phone 0863981213** if you want your cards collected. The draw can be viewed on the webcam. Cards are still available if you would like to buy a line or sell a card. Thanks to everyone for your support.

### **PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY:**

For any young person who would like to get involved in our **PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY** Please see **grai-guecullenkilleshin.com** or our **GraigueKilleshin Facebook Page** for a link to our online Google Ministry Form. Our Youth Leaders Nicola, Gary, Sarah and Cathriona are really looking forward to working with you!

### **Christmas Shop:**

Christmas Shop now open in the **Parish Centre**. Beautiful Christmas items in stock.

### **Christmas Mass Bouquets:**

Christmas Mass Bouquets are also available. **Cards cost €5** with €4 from each card going to charity.

### **Parish Envelopes:**

Parish Envelopes: the 2022 boxes of envelopes are now available at the church doors and in the parish center. We ask people to take a box and use the envelopes to make their contribution to our Parish Development Fund and other special collections. We appreciate that a lot of people are still joining us on webcam but with our bingo closed for the past 18 months we need your financial support more than ever to continue to upkeep and maintain our beautiful churches and parish buildings and to develop our pastoral initiatives. If you are not visiting the church envelopes can be left into the parish office. Donations can also be made into our bank account. The work of the parish is greatly helped by your regular Financial Support. (Bank A/c Details Parish Church A/c **BIC: BOFIE2D IBAN: IE12BOFI9065312332221**).

### **St. Laserian's Special School Carlow:**

Invites applications for a temporary nursing position for 3-6 months Applicants must possess: A degree in nursing and be **An Bord Altranis registered** Hours of the school day 9.20-3pm Commencing 6th January 2022. To apply please contact the school on email: **info@stlaserians.ie** or by phone: **05991 42601**

### **Eist:**

The Éist Cancer Support Centre is currently open for business in its new premises in 46 Idrone Park, Tullow Road, Carlow, R93 R280. The Centre provides practical and emotional support to people with a cancer diagnosis, their families and friends. Éist are currently selling Christmas Cards at the Centre. For further info please contact Eist on **059 9139684** or **085 8661499** or email **info@eistcancersupport.ie**

## **KILLESKIN MUSIC MINISTRY:**

A meeting will take place next **Thurs 16th Dec @7pm** with Fr. John for any singers or musicians interested in contributing to the **music ministry of Holy Cross Church**. All are welcome!

## **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**

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

**Blue Bag** (Envelopes): €895 | **Red Bag**: €798 | Direct Debits: €165 | Donations: €200.

**We thank you for your support.**

# ANNIVERSARIES



**Saturday 11th Dec - Sunday 19th Dec**

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

- Sat 11th 6.30pm **(First Anniversary)** James Dooley, 14 St Joseph's Tce, Tinryland  
Colette O'Reilly (née Salter), Bullock Park  
(Paddy Nolan, 62 St Fiacc's Tce)-(Gary Lawler Hearn, Heatherhill Square)  
Michael Kearns, 21 Oakley Park & deceased family  
Denis, Catherine, Mick & Din McGrath, Ballon  
Michael, Mary, John, Ann & Alan Clarke, St Killian's Cres  
John & Elizabeth Nash, Church Street  
Maira (Ciss) & Patrick Brennan, St. Clare's Road  
John & Mary McNamara, Ardnacrusha, Clare  
Elizabeth & Hugh Brady, Virginia, Cavan  
Sinead Webber (née Byrne), Coventry & 114 St Clare's Rd
- Sun 12th 9am Ellen (Nellie) Carroll, Centaur St  
Bridie Donnelly (née Kenna), Leighlin Rd also her husband William
- 10.15am **(First Anniversary)** Bette (Elizabeth) King, Ballsbridge & Naas
- 11.30am **(First Anniversary)** Agnes Shaw, 5 Bridge St  
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(John English, Kilkenny Rd)-(Teresa Wynne, Mount Clare Court)  
(Noel & Joan Power, Sleaty St)-(Jim Foley, Pacelli Ave)  
Bernard Keating, 95 St Mary's Park also his wife Mary  
Dan Kelly, Mortarstown & The Rushes  
John (Jackie) Lawlor, Church St  
Brid & Tomas Doran, also their grandson David & deceased family & friends  
Tony Leonard, London
- Mon 13th 10am Sarah Jordan, Peter Jordan, Mary James & Dan Pender  
Elizabeth (Liz) Bolton, Duggan Ave **(Birthday Rem)**  
(Harry & Elizabeth Clarke, Maher Rd)-(Mary Slater)  
(Thanksgiving Mass)-(Intention Mass)
- Tues 14th 10am Joan & Michael Lawler, 3 The Numbers also their son Michael
- Wed 15th 10am (Clodagh O'Brien, Dartford, England)-(John Power, Ardmore)
- Fri 17th 10am Margaret Hennessy, 78 St Mary's Park also her son Michael

- Sat 18th 6.30pm **(First Anniversary)** Ann McGrath, Croppy Place  
Elizabeth (Lil) Kinsella, 7 Oakley Park  
(Jim & Nellie Nolan, Henry St also their daughters Margaret & Elizabeth and  
sons Ted, Paddy & Maurice)  
Elizabeth & Harry Clarke, Maher Rd  
Jean & Seany Abbott, Knocknagee  
Johnny & Lizzie Corcoran, Whitney Place and their daughter Betty  
Christopher Bolton, Ballickmoyler  
Mary Brennan, Curragh Cottage & deceased family
- Sun 19th 9am **(First Anniversary)** Elizabeth Byrne, Killeshin  
Mary Waters (née Loughman), Cork & Sleaty  
Terry & Breda Maughan, and deceased family  
Paudge Murphy, Knockbeg  
Enda Smyth, Pembroke & St Fiacc's House
- 10.15am Patrick Fitzpatrick, The Glenside, Killeshin Kitty Brennan, Coolnariska  
Paddy Maguire, Clonmore, Killeshin  
John & Nora Fitzgerald, Coolane  
(Sheila Kehoe, Springhill also her brothers Mick & Johnny & her  
sister Ann McNeice)
- 11.30am Kenneth Howard, 21 Oakley Crescent  
(Bridie Gaule, 90 Pearce Rd also her husband Billy her daughter  
Eileen & deceased family)  
Mattie Kearney, Keelogue

**R.I.P.**

Judy Jones, Gloucester, England  
May O'Sullivan, Ballyhooly, Co Cork