

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

Sat 18th/Sun 19th Dec

Reconciliation service at all our Masses

Mon 20th Dec 7.00pm

Christmas Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE

Times

St Clare's

2pm & 4pm

(specially for families with young children)

6pm & 8pm

6pm

Holy Cross

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 Masses:

A big thank you to everyone for their patience over the past week. All our Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are now fully booked and the tickets must be collected this **Tuesday in Graiguecullen Parish Centre between 9-1 and 2-5pm**. There will be 1 ticket per booking and please note you will need to produce the ticket before entering the church.

NB: If for any reason you cannot attend your chosen Mass or the numbers you booked for have changed, please let us know as soon as possible as we have a waiting list of families looking for seats..

Youth Choir:

Welcome back to the **Youth Choir** who return after almost 20 months with old and new members.

An Invitation to Reconciliation:

There will be a brief penitential reflection at all our **Masses next weekend 18th/19th Dec.** **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.

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:

Carol Service this Monday 20th December @ 7pm Please join us via our front Webcam at www.graiguecullenkilleshin.com for this special night filled with music, reflection & Christmas spirit!

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY:

For any young person who would like to get involved in our **PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY** Please see **graiguecullenkilleshin.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:** BOFIIIE2D **IBAN:** IE12BOFI90653123322221).

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

For Expectant Mothers:

Traditionally, the **Fourth Sunday in Advent** is the time of year we pray for expectant mothers. We pray that mums-to-be have all the support and help they need. We pray particularly for expectant mothers who are filled with **anxieties and uncertainty**. We also pray for couples who are experiencing the pain of not being able to conceive, and for those who have lost a child.

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): €1,035 | **Red Bag:** €883 | Direct Debits: €290 | Donations: €300.
We thank you for your support.

Ballon Business & Training Service – Courses in 2022:

Tel: 059-915-9447 or ballonbts@gmail.com

Get your garden Spring Ready-Mon 24th Jan 2-4pm x 6 weeks €50 | Relax and Paint-Tues 18th Jan 11.30am - 1.30pm x 6 weeks €50 | Manual and Computerised Payroll-Mon 17th Jan 7-10pm x 10 weeks €300 | Watercolours with Breda-Wed 19th Jan 2pm - 4pm x 6 weeks €50 | Manual and Computerised Book-keeping - Thurs 20th Jan 7-10pm x 10 weeks €300 | Food & Friends-Wed 2nd Feb 10 - 12pm x 6 weeks €75.

Carlow Family Support Group - You Are Not Alone:

Drugs and Alcohol abuse affects families regardless of status in life. Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease call **085 7872730**.

Killeshin NS:

Killeshin NS Calendar 2021/22 is now available and can be purchased from the **school** or **Killeshin Stores**. The cost of the calendar is **€10 for one or 2 for €15**.

Synod – what is it all about?:

A 6 minute video, ‘All you need to know – synod on synodality’ can be viewed on www.kandle.ie/synod at the bottom of the page in the dropdown box ‘synod resources’. Please take this Advent – Christmas time to pray for the synodal journey we are setting out on in the months ahead.

Believing in Promises:

It’s easy for us to take promises with a pinch of salt. Whilst growing up, we’ve learned that promises are easily made and easily broken. We make promises of our own with varying degrees of commitment. In short, promises are not always made to be kept, and our faith in a promise is seriously undermined. No wonder the promises we read in the bible don’t always make us jump for joy.

Does a promise made to us by God carry any more weight? If we were truly convinced that God was making us a promise then it probably would. There’s a saying that goes, “We question all our beliefs, except for the ones we really believe, and those we never think to question.” It seems that belief is key in getting excited about a promise. Mary obviously had no doubts; this is illustrated in her promptness to act on God’s commands. We might not confess to doubts, but if we really don’t harbour any doubts, why then do we hedge our bets? Why do we squash God into a small corner of our busy lives and get on with other things?

Mary is a perfect role model for us all. She believed in God’s promise. She acted on God’s commands. She didn’t push God into a small corner of her life God was her life. “Blessed is she,” writes Luke in today’s gospel, “who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Today’s gospel is an invitation for us to take God’s promises to heart, to make them real in our minds, and act on them.

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 18th Dec - Sunday 26th Dec

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

- 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 Mary Brennan, Curragh Cottage & deceased family
(Patrick & Hannah Fenlon, The Numbers also their grand-daughter
Clare Walsh)-(Christopher Bolton, Ballickmoyler)
(Norman Haughney, Oakley Pk)-(Jacinta Haughney, Old Dublin Rd)
(Margaret Nolan, 1 Morrin's Lane)-(Mary Farrell, 18 Chapel St)
- 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 **(1st Anniversary)** Anthony Burke, Killeshin & England
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)
Christina Dempsey, Lower Rossmore (Birthday Rem)
- 11.30am Kenneth Howard, 21 Oakley Crescent
(Bridie Gaule, 90 Pearce Rd also her husband Billy her daughter Eileen &
deceased family)-(Mattie Kearney, Keelogue)
(Ian Byrne, Birmingham)-(Kathleen Foley, Sleaty St)
- Mon 20th 10am **(First Anniversary)** Elizabeth Byrne, Killeshin
(Johnny Callinan, 7 '98 St (Birthday Rem) also his mother Elizabeth and
brother Paddy)
Martin, Nancy & Lily Dowling, Sleaty St

Tues 21st 10am Peter Judge, Longwood, Co Meath also his parents Norah & Jim Peig O’Gorman, Athy **(Birthday Rem)**
Seany Brennan, 28 Avondale Drive **(Birthday Rem)**

Wed 22nd 10am Owen & Kate Maughan, Co Mayo
(Cathriona Deevy, Brotherton)-(Kitty Nolan, Tullow)
Philomena, Catherine, Thomas and Paddy Joe Hartnett, John, Hannah, Jack, Ellen, Seamus & Paddy Danaher
Joan Tobin & Tommy Farrell
Sr. Frances Xavier (Polly) **R.I.P.** Wales and Kildare

Thurs 23rd 10am **(First Anniversary)** Hans Brooker, Stewards Hse, Hollymount
(Joe Hennessy, Chapel St)-(John Hayden, 10 New Oak Estate)
Matt, Nancy, Geraldine, Denis & Annie Farrell
(Annie Dunne)-(Julie Ann, John & Niamh Hyland)
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day will be listed on our website

Sun 26th 10.15am John McDonald, Clonmore
11.30am (Breda Woods, Tolerton)-(Kathleen Joyce, Ballyhide)
(Ann Kinsella (née Pierce), 147 Heatherhill Downs & Leighlinbridge)

R.I.P.

Eric Ene, 2 Heather Hill Square
(Marky Purcell, Raheendoran) – (Sr. Frances Xavier, Wales & Kildare)
Fergus Slattery, 34 Millstream, Blackbog Road
John Sheridan, Clement Court, Brown St formerly Strawhall, Carlow