

# GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESHIN

## - Parish Link -

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*St. Clare's Church*



*Holy Cross Church*

**Church Services and Events for this week. Services can be viewed via our webcam [www.graiguecullenkilleshin.com](http://www.graiguecullenkilleshin.com)**

**Mass:-** Monday to Friday @ 10am  
**Vigil Mass:-** Saturday @ 6.30pm  
**Sunday Masses:-** @ 9am & 11.30am in St Clare's  
& 10.15am in Holy Cross.



### 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:** IE12BOFI90653123322221).

### St Brigid's Crosses:

Due to current restrictions our **youth group** are unable to get together to make Crosses for the parish this year. If you would like to help by making St Brigid's Crosses in your home and donating them to the parish we would be very grateful. **June Farrell, Killeshin** has kindly produced **4** on how to make a cross and this is now available on our parish website for those who don't know how to make crosses but would like to become involved.

## **St. Vincent De Paul:**

Local Conference - St. Fiacc's. **Tel: 086-1592775**

## **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.**

## **Please Note:**

If you are feeling nervous about coming to Mass but would like to receive Communion please contact the **parish office** and leave **your name and address** and we will organise it for you.

## **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.

## **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!

## **Sunday School:**

Although we are unable back to to take children out of Mass into the parish centre for Sunday school we will begin next weekend to give out at all our Masses an activity sheet for children up to second class. The children will be asked to bring their completed sheets

Mass the following weekend and these will be displayed on a board in the church for everyone to see

## **Sunday of the Word of God (23rd Jan. 2022):**

In 2019, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. He said 'may the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. Regular reading of sacred Scripture and the celebration of the Eucharist make it possible for us to see ourselves as part of one another. As Christians, we are a single people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. We should always keep in mind from the Book of Revelation: the Lord is standing at the door and knocking. If anyone should hear his voice and open for him, he will come in and eat with them. Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred

Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain with us forever.'

### **Pre-Baptism Meeting:**

Our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on **Mon 31st Jan @ 7pm in St Clare's Church** for all parents who will be presenting their child for baptism in the next few months.

### **Rushes/reeds for making St Brigid's Crosses:**

We are giving a big shout out to all the **farmers/land owners** in the community or anyone who loves a walk in the country and has the energy to go out and collect **rushes/reeds** to make crosses. Rushes can be left into the parish office.

### **New Course for those interested in becoming a Minister of the Word in our Churches:**

God speaks to us through the proclamation of the Scriptures. Ministers of the Word have the honoured task of being the mouth piece of God and their function is to provide the congregation with a meaningful encounter with the Word of God. If you would like to join this very special ministry, please contact the parish office **0599141833** or express interest on our website at **www.graiguecullenkilleshin.com**.

### **St. Fiacc's National School:**

Is now accepting application forms for Admission to **Junior Infants for the 2022-2023** school year. Please call to the office for an enrolment pack or phone **059-9132444**. Applications will be accepted until **February 3rd 2022**.

### **Killeshin Ladies Football Club:**

**Get Fit - Fun Run/Walk**

At the waterworks, Killeshin At 12noon for 6 Sundays from **Sunday 9th January to Sunday 13th February**  
Cost: €2 per person. Contact **Chloe 083 8967979**

### **Clothes Recycling:**

Catherine Nolan and Vera Smith, **Niall Mellon Educate Volunteers** are holding a Clothes Recycling Collection all year round in aid of their forthcoming trip to South Africa to help build schools in Capetown. Old clean clothes, shoes, bags, bed linen (no duvets or pillows please) curtains can be dropped at any time to Terry Smith Kitchens, Sleaty Road, Graiguecullen or collection can be arranged by contacting **Vera at 086 8317940** or **Catherine at 086 8709846**. Mobile phones also accepted. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Weekly Collections 8th/9th Jan:**

**Blue Bag** (Envelopes): €790 | **Red Bag**: €952 | Direct Debits: €435. | Donations: €230. | Donations €250.

**We thank you for your support.**

### **Synod News:**

Did you know that there is a dedicated page given to the synod on our diocesan website? Find out more about the universal synod and the synodal pathway for the Irish Church at **www.kandle.ie/synod**. This page will continue to be added to as we move deeper into the synod journey.. Under Synod Resources you will find a very short video explaining the synod as well as three longer videos looking to: Synodality – What does it mean? How does it work? Why does it matter? The prayer for the synod can be found on this page and we very much hope people will say this prayer in their homes.

### **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**.

## **Carlow Active Retirement Association:**

Will hold their **AGM** on **Jan. 12th at 2.30pm** in the **Cathedral Parish Centre**. Members and intending members welcome. For enquiries contact **Eilis Kelly - 087 205 4666**.

## **Samaritans:**

We hear from men and women of all ages who feel stressed, lonely, bereaved, have family or financial worries, or are suicidal. Please don't suffer in silence. Tel freephone **116 123** or email **jo@samaritans.ie**.

## **Graigucullen Swimming Pool:**

### **Adult Swimming Lessons**

6 week course - Tuesdays @ 10am

Starting Tuesday 18th Jan – 22nd Feb Beginners / Improvers / Advanced

~ Experienced Instructors ~ Work on your strokes, breathing & fitness~

You must fill in a booking form at the pool office with full payment required. Contact **059 9140330**

### **Water Aerobics**

Mondays@ 8.15pm (except Bank Holiday)

Wednesdays @ 10am

Fridays @ 12 noon

No need to pre book.

With Grace \*\*€7\*\* Contact **05991 40330** or **cgswimmingpool@gmail.com** for more details.

## **A Sign of Better Things To Come:**

If you were in Jesus' shoes and you were about to grab the world's attention with your first miracle, what might that first miracle be? Might you reverse global warming or end third world poverty? Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine at the Wedding of Cana. To many it seems a frivolous kind of miracle something akin to a party trick, but John relates the miracle with good reason. John's gospel is quite different in character from the other three. It's written in a very symbolic style, and it doesn't follow the same order, or record the same stories as the others. St John is concerned in showing us signs, which gradually reveal the glory of God through Jesus. The author seems to be mainly interested in the significance of the deeds of Jesus. So what is the significance of this miracle? John writes, "This is written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name." Suddenly confronted with enough wine to swim in, the disciples had no choice but to begin to believe in who Jesus really was. Neither would the symbolism have been lost on the people of the time. It was the people's belief that at the time of salvation God would provide a table for feasting for his servants and a cup that would never run dry. In short, the substance of the sign was of no consequence at all; it was the message the sign conveyed that was all-important.

The symbolism we read in this first miracle speaks of an old religion bogged down with oppressive rules and laws liberated by a new faith governed by love, compassion, joy, generosity, and abundance. Being a Christian is a very serious business, and as Christians we are asked to address life and death issues, but that doesn't mean we should trudge around with long pious faces. Jesus frequently likens the Kingdom of God to a feast, so smile.... the changing of water to wine is a sign of better things to come

# ANNIVERSARIES



**Saturday 15th Jan - Sunday 23rd Jan**

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

- Sat. 15th 6.30pm (First Anniversary)** Loretto Sabino, Long Island, New York  
Simon Lacey, Manchester & Brownhill (Birthday Rem)  
(Tommy Clarke, St. Clare's Rd )-(Sean Hurley, Chapel Street)  
Alice Mallon, St. Fiacc's Tce & deceased family  
Paddy Proctor, Coolenaugh, his wife Brigid & deceased family  
Alice & Phil Kehoe, 39 Avondale Drive, Hanover  
(Dot Hutton, 4 The Poplars)-(Jack Doyle, Pearse Rd)  
Dan Brennan, The Forge, Graiguecullen  
(Eamon Whelan, The Downs)-(Phil Dillon, Killeshin Rd)  
Baby Conor Cleere, 88 Feltham Hall  
Peter & Una Hoolan, Pacelli Ave
- Sun 16th 9.00am** John Joseph Byrne, Lower Rossmore  
James (Jim) Mc Wey & Fr John (Jack) McWey, Sleaty House  
Alice Mallon, 44 St Fiacc's Tce  
Clare & Thomas Foley, 6 Church St also their sons Paddy & Tom
- 10.15am** Eamon Whelan, The Downs  
**11.30am (Months Mind)** Eric Ene, Heatherhill Square  
**(First Anniversary)** Joe Rame, Gorey  
Una & Frank Norris, The Arches, Crossneen  
Myra Murphy, 2 Morrin's Lane  
Baby Killian Shannon, Hollymount  
(Michael & Mary Farrell, Mill Lane & Church St & their sons, daughters,  
sons in law & daughters in law)  
Tommy Brennan, Springhill  
Hannah Jones, Glenasmole, Dublin **(100th Birthday rem)**
- Tues 18th 10am** (Jack Doyle, Pearse Rd)-(Tommy Brennan, Springhill)  
**Wed 19th 10am (Months Mind)** Michael Owens, 48 Kilkenny Street, Castlecomer  
**(First Anniversary)** Pamela Sheehan, London  
Frances Mulhall (née Redmond), England (Funeral today RIP)  
Charles O'Boyle, Killeshin Rd & Fr Brendan Carbury
- Sat 22nd 6.30pm** Kathleen Lawler, 152 Duggan Ave  
Kieran Lawler, Duggan Ave **(Birthday Rem)**  
Hannah Lanigan, Ballyhide  
Sara Doyle, Athy also her husband James and sons Thomas & James

**Sun 23rd 9am** (Mary Brennan, 4 St Lazerian's Tce also her husband James & son Francis)  
**10.15am** Christopher Moran, Keelogue  
**11.30am (Months Mind)** Michael Owens, 48 Kilkenny St, Castlecomer  
Michael Carolan, Levitstown (Birthday Rem)  
(Mary Madden, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Ann Kelly, Elizabeth Bartley,  
Rita Delaney & Paul Day)

### **R.I.P.**

Margaret Lawler (née Byrne), 68 St Fiacc's Terrace Hugh Kane, 144 Rochfort Manor, Graiguecullen  
Hugh Francis (Duxie) Keating, 10 New Oak Estate  
Noel Byrne, 45 Staunton Ave, Graiguecullen  
Mabel McGee (née Callinan), 33 St Patrick's Ave  
Elizabeth (Liz) Lacey, Waterford formerly John Street, Carlow  
Anne Dwyer (née Lawlor), Knocknaboley, Hacketstown  
Matthew Murphy, Scotland