

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

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



St. Valentine's Day:



THE PARISH COMMUNITY EXTENDS A WARM INVITATION TO ALL COUPLES particularly those celebrating A special **ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR** to join us for our Valentine's Mass on **Monday 14th February @ 7pm in St Clare's Church** to celebrate and pray for you at this particular time on your life journey. If you have a copy of a photo of you on your wedding day that we can display on screen please email it to gkparish@gmail.com.

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**.

Liturgy Group Meeting Tuesday 1st February @ 7.30pm:

Liturgy Group is another special ministry in our parish. Good liturgy doesn't happen by chance. It happens when a parish takes serious responsibility for it. If you would like to become involved in this very special ministry you are invited to attend our next Liturgy Group Meeting which will take place on **Tuesday 1st February at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre**.

Confirmation Preparation Meetings:

Our next Confirmation preparation meeting will take place in **St Clare's Church on this Thursday 27th January @ 7pm** for the confirmation candidates from **St Fiacc's NS and their parents** and at **8pm** for the candidates from **Killeshin NS and their parents**. We look forward to seeing you all then.

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: **Graigucullen 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): €1,035 | **Red Bag**: €726 | Direct Debits: €253. | 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**.

Killeshin GAA:

Will have their AGM on **Monday 24th January**. Mass for deceased members and their families at 7pm in Killeshin Church, followed by **AGM at 7:45pm** in the clubhouse. Please follow Covid guidelines.

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.

Ballon Business & Training Service – Courses in 2022:

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

Get your booster cert printed out and keep safe in a holder: email your cert to **ballonbts@gmail.com** or call in and we will give you a document holder to keep it safe and crease free.

Get your garden spring ready course starting **Monday 24th January at 2pm for 6 weeks. Cost is €50**, call to book. Sewing class starts **7th February at 9.30am for 4 weeks. Cost is €50**, call to book. Manual and computerised Payroll ONLINE **Wednesday 2nd February 9.30am - 12.30pm 10 weeks via ZOOM. Cost is €300**. Manual and computerised Book-keeping ONLINE **Tuesday 1st Feb 9.30am - 12.30pm 10 weeks via ZOOM. Cost is €300**.

Thursday Morning Club:

Resumes after 10am Mass **this Thursday in the parish centre**. All welcome.

Great Words:

Everyone loves listening to a great orator. Everyone appreciates an orator's ability to captivate and inspire audiences with powerful and motivational speeches. Great speeches create a sense of purpose and continuity. Successful orators recognise that great truths can be remembered best by one small quote. Keeping things short and succinct will make one's words more memorable than a great big rambling speech. Then of course it takes a big personality to put the weight of truth and integrity behind his or her words.

When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he reads, "... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down. Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus' listeners respond to his claim? Today's reading doesn't give us the listeners' response so we have time to imagine what our own response would have been. Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus' exciting new leadership? Can we hear the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later?

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 22nd Jan - Sunday 30th Jan

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

- Sat 22nd 6.30pm (First Anniversary)** Michael Murphy, 113 New Oak Estate
(Mona Walsh, Limerick)-(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
Joe & Mary Curry, Upper Cottages, Borris
John & Mary Trodden, 114 St Mary's Park & deceased family
- Sun 23rd 9am** (Mary Brennan, 4 St Lazerian's Tce also her husband James & son Francis)
10.15am (Months Mind) Patrick (Paddy) Kehoe, Springhill
Margaret Dunne, Monure, Killeshin Rd
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)
- Mon 24th 10am** (Mick & Joan Byrne, Maher Rd, their daughters Mary & Joan, sons Joseph
& Michael parents, brothers, sisters and Granddaughter Caroline Malone)
(Dick & Margaret Malone, Raheendoran)-(Christy Byrne, Dublin)
- Wed 26th 10am** Kathleen (Kitty) Kelly, Lower Rossmore
- Thurs 27th 10am** Jim Dunne, Dublin Rd also his children Eilish & Sean
Frank Hayden, Ballickmoyler Rd
Deceased members of the Hayden & Walsh Families
- Fri 28th 10am** Mick Roche, Silver Pines, Tullow Road
- Sat 29th 6.30pm (Months Mind)** Mary (Marie) Byrne, Ballyhide
(First Anniversary) Shay Lawlor, 3 The Downs, Pollerton
(Tommy Keating, 2 Chapel St)-(Paddy Farrell, 8 Granby Row)
(Anna Abbey, Garryhondon)-(Tom Dunne, Tolerton)
Alice Bradley, Maryboro Street
(Bridget Ramsbottom, 5 The Numbers)-(William Murphy, 2 Henry St)
- Sun 30th 9am (First Anniversary)** Sinead Ní Nualláin, Barrowvale
Mickey Webster, The Lock
10.15am (Jimmy Kehoe, Killeshin)-(Henry O'Neill, Portlaoise Road)

11.30am Jim Ryan, Crossneen (Birthday Rem)
Ann & Edward Wynne, Old Leighlin & deceased family Francis Kiernan, Dublin
Kathleen (Kitty) Kelly, Lower Rossmore

R.I.P.

Bridget (Molly) Graham (née Hogan), Turra, Ballickmoyler
Angela Kavanagh, Marian Ave. Portlaoise