

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

- 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.graiguecullenkillesbin.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:



We invite all couples to a special **Mass in St Clare's Church on Monday 14th February at 7 pm** to receive a special blessing. Any couple who is celebrating a special milestone anniversary this year and would like it celebrated at the Mass are asked to contact the parish office. 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**

Feast of St Brigid's 1st February:

St Brigid is also known as Mary of the Gael or Muire na nGael aka Our Lady of the Irish. She is one of the Patron Saints of Ireland, along with St Patrick and St Columcille. Making a St Brigid's Cross is one of the traditional rituals in Ireland to celebrate the beginning of Spring 1st February. The crosses are made of rushes that are pulled rather than cut. They are hung by the door or in the rafters to protect the house. St Brigid and her cross are linked together by the story that she wove a cross at the death bed of a man who upon hearing what the cross meant asked to be baptised. **Crosses will be blessed at all Masses this weekend and will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and at the 10am Mass on Tuesday.** A big thank you to all the people who collected rushes for us and to all those who came into the parish centre to make the crosses

or made them at home and donated them to us. All proceeds go towards the youth ministry in our parish and helps subsidise retreats and pilgrimages.

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.**

First Communion Preparation Meetings:

Our next Communion preparation meetings will take place in **St Clare's Church on this Thursday 3rd February @ 7pm** for the children from **St Fiacc's NS and their parents** and at **8pm** for the children 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: **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.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO:

We are excited to welcome back all our loyal bingo players to **St. Fiacc's Hall on Tuesday 1st February.** To celebrate, we will have a **Monster Bingo** with great prizes Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,910-White Sheet Double No. €390- Lotto €650 & a **FREE DRAW** with every Lotto ticket. Bingo will commence at 8.30pm sharp.

Table Quiz:

Table Quiz in aid of **Graiguecullen/Killeshin Lourdes Invalid Fund** will take place on this **Friday 4th February @ 8.30pm in The Thatch, Graiguecullen.** Table of 4 €40. **Our annual draw** will take place on **25th March.** Draw cards will be available on the night. This year's parish pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **29th July to 3rd August.** Cost of trip €779 all inclusive.

Catholic Schools Week:

As we come to the end of **Catholic Schools Week** we welcome all our young people who are attending our Masses this weekend. As Irish society changes, it is important that we reflect on the unique contribution of our Catholic schools. Each of them shares an ethos that is inclusive, welcoming and vibrant. This means that they work towards helping each child, irrespective of background, ethnicity or creed reach their full potential academically, spiritually and socially. We thank all those who helped us to celebrate during the past week especially the **children, principals, teachers and parish community.**

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.

Communion to the Sick:

Communion will be brought to the **sick and housebound** during this week.

First Friday:

This **Friday 4th February**. There will be a special penitential service during the **10am Mass in St Clare's**.

Presentation of the Lord & Candlemas-Feb 2nd:

Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough. **Candlemas** is a traditional Christian festival that commemorates when Mary brought the baby Jesus to the temple forty days after His birth and met Simeon. It is called '**Candlemas**' because that was the day on which the year's supply of candles for the church were blessed. Christians were observing '**Candlemas**' in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century A.D. By the middle of the fifth century, candles were lit on this day to symbolize that **Jesus Christ was the light, the truth and the way**. If anyone would like candles blessed for use in their home, you are welcome to bring them to the **10am Mass** or they can be left into the **parish office**.

Liturgy Group:

Liturgy Group Meeting this **Tuesday 1st February @ 7.00pm:** (Please note change of time) the 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 7.00pm in the Parish Centre**.

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 22nd/23rd Jan:

Blue Bag (Envelopes): €1,350 | **Red Bag**: €868 | Direct Debits: €247. | Donations: €180.

We thank you for your support.

Meeting:

A meeting to organise the bi-centennial celebrations of **Holy Cross Church** will take place in **Killeshin Community Centre** on this **Wednesday 2nd February** at 7pm.

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**.

Feast of St. Blaise:

This **Thursday 3rd February**. **St. Blaise** is the patron saint of throat illnesses. Blessing of throats will take place at the end of the **10am Mass on Thursday** and at a short service at **6.00pm in St Clare's**.

Oisín Park, Rossmore:

A meeting will be held **Thursday 3rd Feb. in Oisín house @ 8pm** to discuss next steps after lockdown. Any-

one interested in future of house is welcome to attend.

Graiguencullen 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.

Killeshin Community Centre:

Killeshin Community Centre AGM will be held **on February 7th @ 7pm** in new building. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul:

Would like to thank everyone who gave to our Christmas appeal. The magnificent sum of **€3,843** was donated. We will be resuming our monthly collection on the **first weekend in February** Again thanks to all for your support.

Carlow Active Retirement Association:

Will hold their monthly meeting on **Monday, Feb. 7th at 2.30pm** in the **Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre**. Members and intending members welcome. For enquiries contact **Eilis Kelly 087 2054666**.

Children's Choir Practice resumes Saturday 5th Feb:

Every Saturday **@1-2pm in the Parish Centre**. (Please note the change of time). Singers and musicians welcome! Open to children from primary school age up to 2nd Year. Our Youth Choir is back! Every **Saturday @ 5-6pm in the Parish Centre**. Singers and musicians welcome! Open to young people from primary school age up to young adults. Practice for the Men's Choir resumes **Tuesday 1st Feb. NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME!** Practice every **Tuesday 7-8pm in the parish centre**.

From the family of Sinéad Ní Nualláin:

We wish to most sincerely thank our family, friends, neighbours and the wider community of Sinéad's beloved Graigucullen for their kindness. We truly felt each and every one of your prayers. We also thank the parish team, the Poor Clare Sisters, Fr. Lawton and Fr. Dunphy for their unending support.

Synod News: A Listening Lent:

Preparations are beginning across the diocese to open up a variety of listening forums in Lent so that we can listen to people's experience of faith and walking together in faith, of being part of the community of the Church and our hopes for the Church into the future as we seek to bring God's love to the world. Look out for our first video in the coming week inviting you to take part in A Listening Lent

See **www.kandle.ie/synod & www.synod.ie** for more info.

ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 29th Jan - Sunday 6th Feb

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

- 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, Garryhundon)-(Tom Dunne, Tolerton)
Alice Bradley, Maryboro Street
(Bridget Ramsbottom, 5 The Numbers)-(William Murphy, 2 Henry St)
Katie & Paddy Dowling, Crossneen
(Donal & Ollie Brennan, '98 Street)-(Sally Doran, Fruithill) (
Clare Haughney, Governey Sq also her husband Tom & their
deceased sons & daughters)
- Sun 30th 9am (First Anniversary)** Sinead Ní Nualláin, Barrowvale
Mickey Webster, The Lock
Christopher Lawlor, Pearse Rd also his parents Michael & Gretta
10.15am (Jimmy Kehoe, Killeshin)-(Henry O'Neill, Portlaoise Road)
Tim Rowan, The Strand
11.30am Jim Ryan, Crossneen **(Birthday Rem)**
Ann & Edward Wynne, Old Leighlin & deceased family
(Francis Kiernan, Dublin)-(Kathleen (Kitty) Kelly, Lr Rossmore)
Noel O'Shea, Fort Lodge, Phoenix Park
- Mon 31st 10am (First Anniversary)** Sinead Ní Nualláin, Barrowvale
Tues 1st 10am (Intention Mass)-(Julia & Philip Seymour, 3 Church St also their son Melvin &
great grandson Christopher)
- Wed 2nd 10am** Henry Dowling, 25 St Fiacc's Tce **(Birthday Rem)**
Deceased members of the Scully Family, 56 St Fiacc's Tce
- Thurs 3rd 10am** Nell Hennessy, Chapel Street
(John Dunne, John Allen, Mark Brown, Larry Keane, Damien Lammon
John Anderson, Joe, Josie, Annie, Margaret & Michael Foster, Annie &
Michael Keane & James & Bridget Redmond, Athy)-(Paul Day, Arles)-(
Denis & Veronica Ferguson, Dublin)
Tom O'Neill, Castledermot & Gravesend, Kent
- Fri 4th 10am** Nell Dowling, St Fiacc's Tce
Sat 5th 6.30pm Sarah (Sadie) Hennessy, Church St
(Joe Egerton, Church St)-(Patrick & Anastasia Hogan, Church St)
(Denis & Theresa Doran, Keelogue)-(Les Callinan, Springhill)

Sun 6th **9am** (Jim Lawler, Oakley Cres)-(Chrissie Watchorn, 10 St Clare's Rd)
10.15am (Brigid (Patty) O'Regan, Killeshin
 James Ryan, Cappalug
 Edward & Elizabeth Gaskin, Cappalug
 Mark Anthony Dunne, Monure, Killeshin Rd
 Pat Scully, Killeshin
11.30am (Mass for the nurses & staff of St Luke's Hospital, for their kindness
 and care of their Covid patients)

R.I.P.

Margaret Brennan, Arles, Ballickmoyler
Derek Scully, 1 Maryborough Street, Graiguecullen