

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESBIN

- Parish Link -

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Find us on Facebook: Graiguecullen Parish.

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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.



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).

Priests Christmas Collection:

This quarterly collection for the support of the priests of the parish can still be left into the parish office. Special envelopes are provided in the envelope boxes or alternatively envelopes are available at church doors.

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: **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!

GRAIGUECULLEN KILLESWIN PARISH:

Are currently recruiting for the following positions on our Community Employment Programme:

- + Support / Workers
- + Swimming Pool Attendants
- + Maintenance Workers Caretaker

These positions are 19.5 Hours per week. If you are interested or want to check your eligibility, please Call **059 / 9182882** or **085 / 8584187**.

Putting Unwanted Gifts to Good Use:

At this time of year our local charities are urging us to donate our unwanted Christmas presents. **Charities** are on the lookout for any un-needed items to sell on to fund vital work. Every year people receive presents that are the wrong size, or just not to their taste. These unwanted presents can make an **extraordinary difference** to our charities. Don't leave your **unwanted gifts** to gather dust, put them to good use.



Is the One who "baptized you with the Holy Spirit" asking you:

To consider a call to serve as a priest, a deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or your **Diocesan Vocation's Director**, or email the National Vocations Office on **info@vocations.ie**

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

As Graiguecullen/Killeshin Parish is a registered charity, we qualify under the Tax Consolidation Act for Tax Relief on donations received of €250 or more in any one year. **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP.** The rules are not complicated and our parish has received money from claims already made from a small number of parishioners who have signed up to this scheme. This is a fantastic financial boost for our parish and will go towards the ongoing upkeep of our parish churches halls, services. More importantly it also helps us to keep our various ministries going so that we can continue to serve our parishioners.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

If you or any member of your household pay tax, we would ask you to complete a **CHY4 Form** which is available from the parish centre or at the church doors. Complete this form and sign it making sure you have put your **PPS**. No in the box provided. Completed forms are then returned to the **Parish Office**. If you have any queries regarding this scheme, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office and we will be happy to assist you.

IN NO WAY WILL YOUR OWN PERSONAL TAX BE AFFECTED

Bluebird Care:

Bluebird Care are currently hiring experienced **Care Assistants and Nurses** for Graiguecullen/Killeshin and surrounding areas to work with clients in their own home. We offer flexible part/full time hours to work around your lifestyle including weekends only, mornings only, evenings only, and specific days. If you are interested in finding out more about our opportunities, please email your CV to ckw@bluebirdcare.ie or call **056 7789952**.

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 w/e 12th Sept:

Blue Bag (Envelopes): €490 | **Red Bag**: €406 | Direct Debits: €85 | Donations: €230. Donations €250.

We thank you for your support.

Safeguarding Children:

Our parish values and encourages the participation of children and young people in parish liturgies and activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, social and intellectual development and will work in a partnership way with parents at all times. Everyone in the Church has an obligation to ensure that the fundamental rights of children are respected. Our Parish is committed to working in partnership with the **civil authorities** to ensure that all aspects of **child welfare** are managed promptly, professionally and justly. Further information is available on noticeboards at all church doors or on our website www.graiguecullen-killeshin.com. Diocesan policy and procedures are set out in the publication – **‘Kildare & Leighlin Diocese: Safeguarding Children Policy & Procedures’**. This document is available on the diocesan website – www.kandle.ie

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.

Preparing To Change:

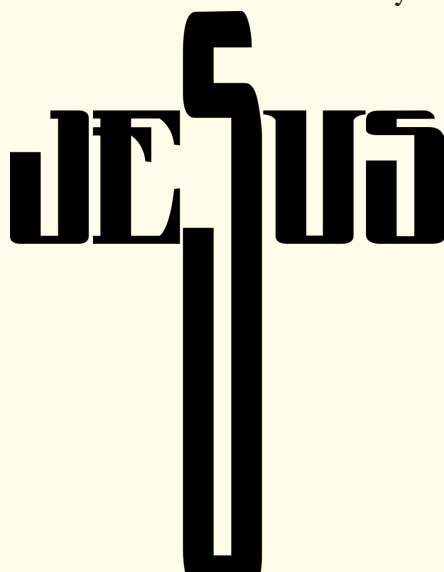
What does Jesus' baptism say to us? Jesus' thirty years of Preparation before his public baptism remind us that it takes time to get ready for God's mission. How many countless hours did Jesus spend in prayer?

What study, what thought, before appearing in front of never too late for any of us to January is a time for new beginnings. The Baptist was an expert on repentance and life changing all about. But anyone who has spent their lives avoiding confrontation?

Can we really become kinder thinking of our own needs? that remain stubbornly unchangeable? who were baptised by John to change from their old ways,

if we have spent our whole lives only All of us can point to parts of our life changed year in and year out. Those were baptised as a sign of their intent but knowing how difficult change can be, we can't help wondering how successful they must have been. Perhaps John appreciated this too when he said "I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

We are told that the same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus at the outset of his ministry, is the same Holy Spirit that is given to us in our baptism. This is an inspiring thought. Validating our baptism anew every day, knowing that we are filled with the Holy Spirit perhaps change isn't beyond us after all.



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ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday 8th Jan - Sunday 16th Jan

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

- Sat 8th 6.30pm (First Anniversary)** Agnes Kennedy, Ardenteggle also her son P.J.
Baby Conor Cleere. 88 Feltham Hall
Tommy & Rita Lyons, Staunton Ave.
Sarah Kate Jordan, "Everton Hse", Old Derrig
James Doyle, Leagh, Sleaty
(Mary & Michael Heary, Granby Row)-(Olive Kennedy, 6 Oakley Pk)
- Sun 9th 10.15am** Christopher Nelson, Killeshin
Michael O' Regan, Killeshin Road
- 11.30am** Dick (25th Anniv) & Kathy Ryan, 3 '98 Street
John, Elizabeth & Nellie Pluck, Sleaty Rd
(Matthew & Bridget Callinan, St. Fiacc's Tce also their daughters
Mary & Noeleen)-(Pat & Mary Gillen, Tinahely)
Patrick Broderick also his son Michael & daughters Mary Ann & Chris
Andy & Sarah Whelan, Ballyharmon
- Tue 11th 10am** Edward (Ned) Doogue, Ballinakill, Ballickmoyler
Liam & Margaret Byrne, Bagenalstown & Ardattin
- Sat 15th 6.30pm** Simon Lacey, Manchester & Brownhill (Birthday Rem)
Tommy Clarke, St. Clare's Rd
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
Sean Hurley, Chapel Street
- Sun 16th 9.00am** John Joseph Byrne, Lower Rossmore
James (Jim) Mc Wey & Fr John (Jack) McWey, Sleaty House
- 11.30am (Months Mind)** Eric Ene, Heatherhill Square
(First Anniversary) Joe Rame, Gorey
Una & Frank Norris, The Arches, Crossneen

R.I.P.

Anne Dwyer (née Lawlor), Knocknaboley, Hacketstown
May Breen (née Grant), 52 St Fiacc's Tce
Frances Mulhall (née Redmond), England & late of St Fiacc's Tce