

# 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.



### Happy St. Valentine's Day:



In his document on The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia), Pope Francis refers directly to Saint Valentine's Day as an opportunity to make the most of traditional religious practices and invites couples to grow in love and help their children to prepare for their future married life.

**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 this Monday 14th February @ 7.00pm in St Clare's Church** to celebrate and pray for you at this particular time on your life journey.

### Confirmation Ceremony of Reconciliation, Pledge & Giving:

This ceremony for the **children of Killeshin N.S.** and **their families** will be held on this **Tuesday 15th Feb** at 7pm in Holy Cross Church and on this Wednesday 16th Feb at 7pm in St. Clare's Church for the **children of St. Fiacc's N.S.** and **their families**.

### 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**.

## **Graiguercullen/Killeshin Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage:**

Graiguercullen/Killeshin Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from **Fri 29th July to Wed 3rd August**. Cost of trip €779 all inclusive. Bookings can be made by calling to the **Parish Centre between 11am – 12 noon this Monday & Wednesday**. Contact **Ursula on 085 1794664** for further information.

## **Lourdes Invalid Fund Draw:**

Lourdes Invalid Fund Draw will take place on **Friday 25th March at 8pm in The Thatch Bar**. Cards available from The Parish Centre and the Thatch Bar. New promoters always welcome. Your support is much appreciated.

## **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: **Graiguercullen 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 VALENTINES BINGO:**

Tuesday 15th February @ 8.30pm in St. Fiacc's Hall.

**FREE PINK SHEET WITH EVERY SINGLE BOOK**

Jackpot 50 numbers €3170 | Double number €530 | Lotto €750

## **Pre-Baptism Meeting:**

Our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on **Mon 28th March @ 7pm** for all parents who will be presenting their child for baptism in the next few months.

## **Diocesan Pastoral Council:**

If you want to learn a bit more about the Diocesan Pastoral Council head to the dedicated page on the diocesan website: [www.kandle.ie/pastoral/diocesan-pastoralcouncil/](http://www.kandle.ie/pastoral/diocesan-pastoralcouncil/)

## **Choirs:**

**Children's Choir Practice** resumes every Saturday @ 3.45pm – 4.45pm 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** NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME! Practice every Thursday 7-8pm in the parish centre.

## **Thank You:**

**A big thank you** to everyone who contributed towards the cost of the Candles to be used in the church throughout the year. These were blessed on **Candlemas day (2nd Feb)**. A total of **€320** was donated.

## Synod News:

**A Listening Lent across Kildare and Leighlin:-** Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about the reality of being part of the People of God right now. He wants us to have a conversation about how we are journeying together and with God in our local parishes. He wants us to dream dreams together about our future. And he wants everyone's voice to count.

During Lent 2022 there will be many opportunities for people to take part in our listening phase of the synod. In the coming weeks look out for details of parish based listening sessions as well as the online survey and a dedicated email address where anyone is welcome to make their own submission. Why not make attending one of these listening sessions in person part of your Lenten journey this year?

[www.kandle.ie/synod/](http://www.kandle.ie/synod/) will continue to be updated as we get closer to Lent

## Used sports jerseys and used football boots appeal:

Catherine Nolan and Vera Smith from Graiguecullen will travel later this year to work in a Street Boys Rehabilitation Centre in Mukuru Slums, Nairobi, Kenya run by Irish Sister of Mercy Sr Mary Killeen. Vera and Catherine have been working with Sr Mary over the past seven years. Sets of jerseys most welcome but please clean jerseys and boots would be appreciated. Any donations can be made by contacting **Catherine** on **086 8709846**. Collection can be arranged.

## Graiguecullen Community/Text Alert:

An information and sign-up meeting for Graiguecullen Community/Text Alert will take place in the Parish Centre on **Monday 21st February from 6.30pm – 8pm**. Sign up cost is €10 per year. Garda representatives will be in attendance to advise on safety in the home/community.

## 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): €940 | **Red Bag**: €935 | Direct Debits: €203. | Donations: €1,000.

**We thank you for your support.**

## Eist:

Éist Cancer Support Centre is now open at **46 Idrone Park, Tullow Road, Carlow**. The Centre provides practical and emotional support to people with a cancer diagnosis, their families and friends. Mobile: **085 866 1499** | **0599139684** Email: [reception @eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](mailto:reception@eistcarlowcancersupport.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 Holiday:

To Great Northern Hotel, Donegal. From: April 24th for 4 nights. Cost €331.00 including coach from Carlow Town and return. For further information please contact: **Delia Kelly 0863268375**.

## CHAS:

CHAS invites you to join us for our February lecture on **Wednesday 16 February @ 8pm**. This event will take place in the Seven Oaks Hotel in Carlow, and will also be live streamed over Zoom, and Facebook (details on how to access the event on our webpage). This month our speaker is Courtney Mundt and her lecture will be 'Mapping and Researching the Cillini (children's burial grounds) in Ireland.' We hope you will be

able to join us either in person or online.

### **Sli Aonghusa Retreat Centre - Spirit of Spring:**

An Online event begins this **Sunday 13th February from 7.30 pm – 8.30pm** gmt. A chance to gather for the next four Sundays with kindred spirits from the comfort of your own home. To reserve a place, please send payment through the donate button on website. A zoom link will then be forwarded to you for access to this event. Further details on all courses and events at [www.celticpassage.com](http://www.celticpassage.com).

### **The 'I'm All Right Jack' Mentality:**

“Woe to those who are rich.” “Woe to those with plenty to eat.” “Woe to those who laugh.” “Woe to those who are honoured.” Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well earned pay packet at the end of the month, stock the freezer and put on a cheerful face?

Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a danger that when we are finally making ends meet we can become seriously complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and bottle of Italian red, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed. The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable.

“Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep.” Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but is that a prescription for being poor and hungry in a bid to win Jesus' favour? Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean?

In God's kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread starvation and war. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to shed our “I'm all right Jack” mentality and do something about the “woes” in other people's lives.

# ANNIVERSARIES



**Saturday 12th Feb - Sunday 20th Feb**

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

- Sat 12th 6.30pm** (Months Mind) Francis Keating, 10 New Oak Estate  
(First Anniversary) Norbit Richter, Germany  
(Mary White, Killeshin Rd)-(Michael Hayden, New Oak Estate)  
Peggy Byrne, Duggan Ave (Birthday Rem)  
Mary (Mollie) Hayden, Pacelli Ave also her husband Denis (Dinny) Hayden
- Sun 13th 10.15am** Matt McDonald, Old Derrig  
Annie & Michael Brennan, Coolnariska  
Tom Nelson, Killeshin
- 11.30am** (Months Mind) Noel Byrne, 45 Staunton Ave  
(First Anniversary) Gerry Nash, 200 Maher Rd also his wife May  
(First Anniversary) Ann Kelly, Tierernane, Ballickmoyler also her  
sister Theresa Timmons, Bestfield (10th Anniversary)  
Mary Lanigan, The Lock & Canada also her aunt Evelyn O'Riordan, Howth)-  
(Jack Shiels, Lower Rossmore)  
(Paddy & Betty Walsh, Sleaty also their son Michael, son-in-law Paul Coffey  
grandsons Paul Ray, Pa Walsh & great grand-daughter Ali Byrne)
- Mon 14th 10.00am** Elizabeth Doran, Iveagh Cottage, Fruithill
- Tues 15th 10.00am** Noel Murphy, Killinure
- Wed 16th 10.00am** Rita Doogue, St Clare's Road
- Fri 18th 10.00am** Breda Woods, Tolerton & Pacelli Ave
- Sat 19th 6.30pm** Leo Meaney, Colclough Ave, Governey Park  
(Patrick & Ellen Byrne, 47 St Fiacc's Tce also their sons, daughters & deceased  
family)-(Michael Lawler, Fr Byrne Park also his mother Joan &  
father Michael)-(Catherine McGrath, Oakley Park)  
Paddy Looney, 106 Church St also his parents Eileen & James  
(Rita Doogue, St Clare's Rd also her husband Danny, brother Tommy, sisters,  
Nannie & Maisie & deceased family)
- Sun 20th 9am** (Bridie & Paddy O'Rourke, 116 St Clare's Rd also their son Seamus & daughter  
May Carpenter)-(Essie Webster, The Lock)
- 10.15am** (John & Maureen Whelan, Keelogue also their grand-daughter Sharon Murphy, 1  
Rossmore View)-(Tony Fitzpatrick, Clonmore, Killeshin)
- 11.30am** Josip Dolenec, Croatia

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

Michael Cassidy, Kernanstown, Bennekerry, Carlow

Joe Walsh, Cill an Óir, and formerly of The Numbers, Graiguecullen

Zakari Benazi, Graiguecullen

Michael Lynch, Rawtenstall, Lancashire

Liam Whelan, 14 Green Road, Carlow

John (Seanie) Begley, 9 Mount Leinster Park, Carlow