

# 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](http://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.



### Ash Wednesday:

This **Wednesday 1st March**. Discipleship is about giving to the poor, prayer and fasting ... and Lent (meaning Spring) is the time we are given to examine how well we have embraced that discipleship. The ashes on our foreheads remind us that time is short and we learn again to face this grim reality with truthfulness and courage. Blessing and distribution of ashes during Mass @ **10am in St Clare's** and Service & distribution of ashes @ **7pm in St Clare's & 8pm in Holy Cross**.

### Things To Do For Lent:

**Holy Hour:-** each Wednesday 9th/23rd/30th March @ 7pm in St Clare's Church.

This year's theme is **'A Listening Lent'**

**St Clare's Hospitality:-** food appeal continues – food can be placed in the Barrels at Church Doors or in the Parish Centre.

**Trocaire Boxes:-** are available at Church doors. Families are asked to take one to make their contribution to the needy of the Third World. Trócaire's appeal highlights the impact that climate change and Covid-19 has on people's lives in Zimbabwe and how your love and generosity can give families a chance to build a better tomorrow.

## Laying Down Stones:

God looked down from Heaven and rolled the Stone away! All of us carry burdens that cause us to walk through life with some experience of pain. We all have different times in our lives when these burdens can weigh heavy on our minds, our hearts and our souls. These burdens may come from any area of our lives; family, work, health or finances. Sometimes the weight of these burdens is too much for us to bear alone. God doesn't want us to carry our burdens alone. He asks us to lay our burdens down at the foot of the cross. He wants us to surrender our heavy load to him.

During this season of Lent we invite you to lay down your stone, your burden, on the strength of the Lord. Please take a stone from the sacred space in the palm of your hand and lay upon it the burdens of your life. Place the stone on the pathway to the cross. In this way we are laying down our weights to be carried by Jesus and rolled away like the stone which revealed the empty tomb.

Our Novena takes place during the Easter Season. We also invite you to write your burden, that the stone represents, on a piece of paper and place it in the petition boxes. We will then, through the prayers of our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, ask Our Lord to relieve our burdens as he himself overcame his cross.

## Parish Calendar of Events:

**Parish Calendar of Events** – is now available at the church doors. Please take a copy per household.

## Communion to the Sick:

**Holy Communion** will be brought to the sick and housebound the **week beg. 7th March**.  
(NB change of date).

## First Friday:

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

## Graiguecullen Monster Bingo:

In St. Fiacc's Hall on Tuesday 1st March. Jackpot on 50 numbers €3,430 White Sheet Double No. €670. Lotto 850.

## 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**.

## Graiguecullen/Killeshin Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage:

Graiguecullen/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: **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](mailto: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.

## **Ireland's Greatest Voices 'The Three Tenors' in Concert:**

In St. Clare's Church Graiguecullen, Carlow on **Friday 8th April 2022**. Doors opening at 7.30pm with concert beginning at 8pm. A Perfect Gift! **UPLIFTING SONGS FOR EVERYONE - SPECIAL COLLECTION OF POPULAR HITS** from The Dubliners to Andrea Bocelli. Tickets available from the Parish Office, Hennessy's Filling Station and Dora in Killeshin Stores.

## **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/)

## **St. Patrick's Day Parades:**

Great news! both Killeshin and Graiguecullen Parades will go ahead this year on St Patrick's Day. A meeting to organise the Graiguecullen parade will take place this **Monday 28th February at 7pm in Graiguecullen Parish Centre**. We invite all our parish community groups/clubs to send a representative to the meeting please. Everyone welcome. We look forward to getting back to celebrate St Patrick's Day together.

## **Confirmation:**

Next **Sat 5th March** the young people from **St Fiacc's NS** will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in St Clare's Church during two ceremonies at **11am & 12.30pm**. We ask God's Blessings on the young people and their families & we thank the teachers and all who have helped them to become full members of the Christian Community.

## **As part of the Day of Remembrance:**

A memorial service to remember all those who have died from our parish during the pandemic and to thank all those who worked on the front line to keep us safe will take place on **Friday 18th March at 7pm in St Clare's Church**. All families who have lost a loved one and all front line workers are invited to attend.

## **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.

## **Listening Lent:**

The Kandle online synod survey will go live on [www.kandle.ie/synod/](http://www.kandle.ie/synod/) on Ash Wednesday. If you can't make it to a local in person listening session during Lent you might like to complete this survey instead, individually or as part of a group. You might also share it with those you think might not have a chance to attend in person. The Synod Committee wants to leave no voice out of this listening – the lived experience of every person matters and counts. Humility in listening must correspond to courage in speaking: Everyone has the right to be heard, just as everyone has the right to speak. Synodal dialogue depends on courage

both in speaking and in listening. It is not about engaging in a debate to convince others. Rather, it is welcoming what others say as a way by which the Holy Spirit can speak for the good of all (1 Corinthians 12:7).

### **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): €860 | **Red Bag**: €720 | Direct Debits: €223. | Donations: €242.

**We thank you for your support.**

### **Carlow Institute open day:**

Join us in Carlow Institute of Further Education & Training on **Thursday March 3rd**, between the hours of **11am-3pm & 5pm-8pm**, come and see the courses that we have on offer starting **September 2022**.

### **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:**

Carlow Active Retirement Association next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Cathedral Parish Centre on **9th. March at 2:30p.m.** We welcome new members.

### **Askea Senior Citizens:**

Askea Senior Citizens-after a long time we are working to get back to having our activities again. We are hoping to get our monthly social nights up and running again for **Wed. 30th March**. The first of our holidays to the Clonakilty Park Hotel will take place from **Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June**. Bookings to **Marian 0599143010**.

### **Killeshin Set Dancers Weekend:**

Killeshin Set Dancers weekend in the Pier Hotel, Mullaghmore, Co Sligo **Thursday June 9th for 4 nights**. Cost €500 all inclusive. Name + €200 deposit to be in before 1/4/2022. Contact: **Eddie Whelan 086 8173843**

# ANNIVERSARIES



**Saturday 26th Feb - Sunday 6th March**

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

- Sat 26th 6.30pm** Patrick & Elizabeth Slater, Granby Row & deceased family  
Seamus Branagan, 15 St Fiacc's Tce  
(Noel Nolan, 23 Heatherhill Ave)-(Jim Crowley, Pollerton Little)  
Maura Duggan, 60 St Clare's Rd  
Paddy Brennan, Curragh Cottage & deceased family
- Sun 27th 9am** Michael Lyons, Oak Park Rd also his wife Mai  
**10.15am (Months Mind)** Michael O'Rourke, Clogrennane  
Martin O'Reilly, Cappalug also his son Eamon  
Deceased members of the Delaney family  
Michael Scully, The Strand, Ballickmoyler  
**11.30am** (Mary Lacey, 47 Heatherhill Ave)-(Donal Purcell, Donegal)  
June Connellan, Browneshill Rd & Clonakilty  
John Dooley, Duggan Ave
- Tues 1st 10am** Pauline Gavigan, Roscommon
- Wed 2nd 10am** John McAssey, St Fiacc's Tce  
Tommy Whitney Snr, 9 Chapel St also his son Tommy, Killeshin Rd  
(John Joe Cullen, Hollywood)-(John Harte, 2 Sleaty St)  
(Elizabeth Maher, Cullenagh)-(Anne Brennan, 69 Pearse Rd)  
(John Kinsella, Keelogue)-(David Doyle, Kyleshane, Palatine)  
Azuncena Carrera, Phillipines
- Thurs 3rd 10am**
- Fri 4th 10am** Joe Kelly, Kilkenny
- Sat 5th 6.30pm** **(Months Mind)** Derek Scully, 1 Maryboro St  
**(First Anniversary)** Michael Darcy, 83 St Clare's Rd  
Tom Whelan, Ardenteggle  
Hans Brooker, Stewards House, Hollymount **(Birthday Rem)**  
John McDermott, Clonmore, Killeshin
- Sun 6th 9am** John Kinsella, Keelogue  
David Doyle, Kyleshane, Palatine  
Azuncena Carrera, Phillipines  
**10.15am** (Bridget Kehoe, Springhill)-(Johnny Kelly, Rossmore)  
Helen O'Neill, Regent St, Bagenalstown  
John McDermott, Clonmore, Killeshin  
Margaret McGee, Killeshin Rd  
Thomas & Bridget Cummins, Kilree, Bagenalstown & deceased family

**Sun 6th 11.30am** Margaret Brennan, 42 Oakley Park  
Baby Calum Nolan, Leighlin Rd (**Birthday Rem & Anniversary**)  
Noel Murphy, Green Rd  
(Paddy Brennan, Mullins Lane also his daughter Nina Harney & son-in-law  
Pat Harney, Kingsland, Co Kildare)  
Tommy Whitney Snr, 9 Chapel St also his son Tommy, Killeshin Rd

**R.I.P.**

Paddy Maddock, 173 Maher Road formerly Hollymount  
Gaby Grant, (née McKenna), St. Fiacc's House formerly Killeshin Road