

Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 4th September 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Calculating the Cost

We hear a lot about calculating the cost of discipleship, but how many people actually sit down and do exactly that calculate the cost.

We certainly do our calculations if we're paying a visit to the bank manager for a loan. We certainly start calculating if we're down to small change and there are two long weeks left to pay day. Today Jesus tells us that calculating the cost of discipleship should be no different. "For which of you intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?"

Discipleship means different things to do different people at different stages in their lives. Discipleship might mean deciding how best to use our gifts to help people at home and in the work place. Discipleship might mean coming up with a plan to transform a local community or some kind of global project. Whatever our vision we will need to sit down and plan it. Inevitably this will involve personal cost and if we don't calculate that cost, we are setting ourselves up to fail before we have begun. Will we be able to accomplish our plans alone or will we need help? How will we make time to achieve our goals and will this involve an element of sacrifice? Do we have enough money to realise our ideas or will we need to fundraise? Do we have the necessary skills or will we have to step out of our comfort zones in order to learn something new?

In today's gospel Jesus says, "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Discipleship is demanding. Jesus is looking for a full-time commitment. Discipleship is not something that can be slotted easily and comfortably into our existing life styles. Discipleship involves cost, and today's invitation is to sit down and calculate whether that cost is within our means.

Would you like to join our Parish Liturgy Group?-A Liturgy Group Meeting will take place on Thursday 8th September at 7pm in the Parish Centre. New members are welcome to this very special ministry. The parish liturgy group and parish team work closely together to prepare the Sunday liturgy as well as the different highpoints of our liturgical year – Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. While we celebrate the same feasts, year after year, in Church, it is important to remember that the community who celebrates these feasts is ever changing. The birth of Jesus might strike someone anew because they have had a new baby, or because they have lost a child. Jesus' passion, death and resurrection take on a different significance when we have been bereaved. The work of the liturgy group is to allow the mysteries of each season be experienced, anew and afresh.

EXAM RESULTS: When you look at the people who make the world go around, you may be surprised at the exams that they did or didn't manage to pass. As you get older you realise that it isn't the exams in themselves that were important but how you moved forward from that point. This of course is difficult for teenagers to believe when the importance of exams has been drummed into them from their early years. We offer our prayers this week for all those who have just received their leaving certificate results. We praise their efforts, and we support them in whatever they want to do next.

OUR CHOIRS ARE RETURNING!

Graiguecullen Ladies Choir

Returning on Tuesday 6th September.

Practice: every Tuesday from 7-8pm in the parish centre

St. Fiacc's Male Voice Choir

Returning on Thursday 8th September.

Practice: every Thursday from 7.30-8.30pm in the parish centre

New members always welcome.

Holy Cross 200 years - To bring to a close the bicentenary celebrations a special Family Mass will be celebrated next Sunday 11th September at 10.15am in Holy Cross Church, Killeshin. All families are invited to this special celebration.

Communion to the Sick:- Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound during the coming week.

The Thursday Club Coffee morning resumes this Thursday 8th Sept after 10am Mass. All welcome

**Graiguecullen
MONSTER Bingo**
on Tuesday 6th SEPTEMBER

St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 nos €2,910

Double number €670

Lotto €2,250

Great prizes, bring a friend.

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island, Wexford on Thurs 8th September leaving from Askea car park. Contact 086 1577190


Study Theology Online-The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. See prioryinstitute.com

St Clare's Hospitality urgently need donations of non perishable food items for food parcels. If you can help in any way we would be very grateful. We are currently delivering 70 parcels to families who cannot get down to the Food Kitchen and the numbers are increasing weekly. Thank you again for your generosity.

St Clare's Altar Society: we are drawing up a new rota for this very special ministry of people who look after our Church so beautifully. If you have an hour or two to spare on a Thursday at 10.30am to help clean the church please contact our sacristan Catherine Ryan or telephone the parish office at 0599141833.

ANNIVERSARIES

(Please note all Anniversaries can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com)

- Sat 3rd 6.30pm** Mary Nolan, 5 Henry St also her son Stephen (**40th Anniv.**)
(Liam Dowling, 174 Heatherhill Ave)-(Hannah Keating, New Oak Est)
Bridie Murphy, Mount Clare Court (**Birthday Rem**)
Jim & Philly Byrne, 187 Sleaty St
Thank You Mass requested by Kevin Quinn for everyone who helped him
- Sun 4th 9am** (**Months Mind**) Margaret (Rita) Donohoe, 80 Barrowvale
Mary Lawlor, 2 Church Street
Lily Hennessy, 4 Maryboro St also her husband Tommy
Richard (Dick) Byrne, The Numbers & Long Island
- 10.15am** (**Months Mind**) Josephine (Jo) Brennan, Coolane, Killeshin
(John Curran, Killeshin also his wife Bridget their son John Joe & daughter Lila)-(Brenda Moran, Keelogue, Killeshin)
Máire Keating, Derrymoyle also her sister Frances Devoy, Dublin
(Patrick & Mary Hayden, Bridge St also their sons Frank, Pa & Dano & daughter Elizabeth Callinan)
Paddy & Maureen Shanahan, Tipperary
Pa Brennan, Hillview, Crossneen
(Paddy & Betty Walsh, Sleaty also their son Michael, grandsons, Paul Ray & Patrick Walsh, son-in-law Paul Coffey & great grand daughter Allie Byrne)
- 11.30am** 
- Tues 6th 10am** (**Month's Mind**) Margaret (Rita) Donohue, 80 Barrowvale
Mary Lawlor, 2 Church St
- Wed 7th 10am** Patrick & Bridget Dormer, Sleaty their son Richard & daughter Bridget
(Martin & Anne Delaney, Portlaoise also their son Michael & daughter Noeleen)
Gora Usher, Oldcastle
- Fri 9th 10am** Lill Redmond, Oak Park Rd & deceased family
- Sat 10th 6.30pm** Mary Brennan, Cooperhill, Ballickmoyler
Ann Nolan (née Callinan) 'Jay Pearl', Killeshin Rd
- Sun 11th 10.15am** Eamon O'Reilly, Cappalug also his father Martin
Patrick Tompkins, Coolkenno
- 11.30am** Paul McKeivitt, Crossneen
Hugh Keating, St Fiacc's Tce

Declan O'Toole, Bough, Rathvilly

R.I.P. Elsie (Elizabeth) O'Reilly (née Dowling), 6 Radharc Alainn, Arles *R.I.P.*
John (Johnny) Kealy, 6F The Swan, Wolfhill, Co. Laois

Volunteer with ALONE-ALONE provide services to older people living at home. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services: a Visitation and Befriending Service, and a Telephone Support and Befriending Service. Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086 1366539.

Would you like to make a real difference to families in need? Community Connect needs your help! Community Connect is a non-profit that supports pregnant women and new parents in need in a real, practical way by providing the essentials needed for a new baby. They are extremely busy in the Dublin area and need help packing and sorting items such as clothes, cots and buggies to be delivered to families in need, based in their hub in Tallaght. They also need volunteers who would be willing to collect donated items such as buggies on their behalf in their local area. Even two hours per month can make a huge difference to mothers and babies in need! For more info email Dorota at admin@communityconnect.ie or visit www.communityconnect.ie and click on 'Volunteer'.

Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2022: The Alzheimer Society of Ireland have launched *Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2022*, proudly supported by Irish Life, which is taking place nationwide on **Sunday, 18th September** to mark World Alzheimer's Month 2022. Alzheimer's Memory Walk is a *family-friendly* event suitable for all ages and abilities to unite together with their families and communities to raise awareness and funds for dementia supports. To register for the walk please visit <https://alzheimer.ie/register-below-for-memory-walk/>

Carlow COPD Support Group resume weekly exercise sessions on Tuesday 6th Sept from 11am – 12 noon in O'Hanrahan's GFC, Dublin Road. Tel. Anna Corcoran 086 3794613. New members welcome.

Weekly Collections 27th/28th

August

Blue Bag (Envelopes): €900
Red Bag: €806
Direct Debits: €223
Tap Donations: €60
Donations: €200

We thank you for your support.

Rooms for students in Killeshin. Short or long term. 085 7483893.

Dance classes in Éire Óg starting on the 12th Sept. from 11am to 12:30pm. Includes line dancing, jive and waltz. Thursday 15th beginner's class from 10 to 11 and beginners & advanced from 11 to 12:30pm. No partners needed. All welcome.

The Carlow Active Retirement's next meeting will take place on Wed the 14th Sept at the Cathedral Parish Centre @ 2.30pm. "New Members Welcome."

Children's and adult jiving & social dance classes commencing on Thursday 22nd September in Carlow Youth Centre, Green Lane, Carlow (Academy of Dance). No partner required. Contact Fiona @ 0872727315 for more info. Follow Academy of Dance Carlow on Facebook.

Carlow Rainbows Group offer a nine session Peer Support Programme for children aged 7 – 12 who have experienced loss through the death of a close relative or the separation of their parents. Programmes are free to participants. If you are interested, please contact Anne 0876636499. We are now offering similar programmes for teenagers aged 13 to 16. Programmes will commence on Monday, Oct 3rd.

Appreciation: Martin & Teresa Kennedy & family wish to thank Fr John Dunphy, the Poor Clare Sisters, Catherine Ryan, Carpenters Undertakers all their neighbours and friends who supported them during their recent bereavement. Special thanks also to all who attended the funeral and sent Mass cards. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Eco Tip - Pack a Waste-Free Lunch-Use reusable containers, water bottles, and lunchboxes instead of paper bags and disposable water bottles. Refilling your water bottle at the tap or water fountain uses less plastic, saves energy, and saves you lots of money!