



# Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 2nd October 2022

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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## Seeds of Faith

In the face of the seemingly impossible demands of discipleship, it is easy for our faith to falter. This is probably how the apostles felt when they approached Jesus and made the plea, "Increase our faith!" Now if we were hearing this story for the first time, how would we expect Jesus to respond? We'd expect Jesus to work a miracle of course. A miracle would certainly have increased the faith of those who could have witnessed it first hand, but would it have had the same impact for the rest of us? Jesus refrains from working a miracle to increase the faith of his apostles, instead he gives a piece of wisdom which is as inspirational and as motivational for us today as it must have been all those years ago.



Jesus tells us that if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed we have enough. In other words, faith is so powerful that we don't need very much of it to do great things. This is good news for all of us who have long felt our faith is flagging. Suddenly the challenge is not to strengthen or develop our faith, but to have faith in the little faith we've already got.

So how can we use our mustard seed of faith to do great things? Jesus tells us that all we have to do is take our mustard seed of faith and act. We should stop worrying about how little or how much faith we have, and get on with God's work. Like the tireless servant who comes in from the field and prepares his masters' evening meal before his own, so we must live our lives faithful to Jesus' teachings. When we live our lives faithful to God how can we fail to see results, and once we begin to see results how can our seeds of faith fail to grow?

**Masses for the New School Year:-** the opening of the New School year Masses will take place this week as follows:

**Killeshin NS** - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October @ 12 noon in Holy Cross Church

**Knockbeg College** - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October @ 11.30am in Knockbeg College Gymnasium

**St Fiacc's NS** - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October @ 11.30am in St Clare's Church

All families and members of the parish community are welcome to join in praying for God's Blessings on our schools for the year ahead.

**Saturday 15th October is Baby Loss Awareness Day.** Our Annual Remembrance Mass for babies who died before, during or after birth will be celebrated at 6.30pm in St. Clare's Church, together with the lighting up of our Church, weather permitting. If anybody would like to design a patch for our Baby's Remembrance Quilt, you are welcome to do so. The required measurements for the patch are 6"X6" square with a little extra around the edges to allow for sewing onto the quilt. Reminder Graiguecullen/Killeshin have their own Baby Loss Support Group, where parents who have lost a baby before, during or after birth, meet at different times during the year, they organise and participate in Our Babies Remembrance Mass. Contact Graiguecullen Parish Centre on 059 91 41833 /086 3988548.

**Tap to Donate:** The installation of our new Tap to Donate unit is not to put pressure on anyone but only to facilitate people. How many times have you wanted to light a candle or donate to the collections and put your hand in your pocket or your handbag only to realise you have absolutely no notes or coins? People continue to be very generous and supportive to our weekly collections and for this we are very grateful. This is just another convenient method particularly for those among you who are now part of our cashless society.

**Priests Collection:-** the autumn collection for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. This collection is one of four collections each year that goes to support the priests. Special envelopes are available in the collection boxes or there are envelopes available at the church doors. These envelopes can also be left into the parish centre. We really appreciate your support financial or otherwise during these tough times.

**Graiguecullen  
MONSTER Bingo**  
on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers  
€3,430

Double number €460

Lotto €2,450

Great prizes, bring a friend.

**Friday:-** this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

There will be a penitential reflection service during the 10am Mass in St. Clare's.

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

**AGM of St. Fiacc's House CLG**  
will take place on this Wed 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in St Fiacc's House. All welcome to attend

As October is the month of the Rosary, you are invited to pray the Rosary in St Clare's Church every Thursday afternoon at 3pm. We are living in a very troubled world so it would give us an opportunity to unite in prayer. All welcome.

**BLESSING OF PETS:-** To celebrate the feast of St Francis, Patron Saint of Animals and Pets (4th Oct) there will be a special blessing on this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 3pm outside the Parish Centre and a drive thru blessing will take place at 3.30pm (entrance from the Swimming Pool Car Park). People are invited to bring along their pets for this Special Blessing.

St. Fiacc's House are delighted to announce the opening of Sleaty Café starting with a fundraiser on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 11am to 3pm. Enjoy our delicious homemade soup & brown bread/sandwiches, tea/coffee and fancies. Normal opening will then commence on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30 am to 3pm.

## ANNIVERSARIES

(Please note all Anniversaries can be emailed to [gkparish@gmail.com](mailto:gkparish@gmail.com))

- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm**  (Minnie & Pat Regan, Church St)-(Niall Daly, Monasterevin)  
Baby Laura Bradley, Colclough Ave (**40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rem**)  
William (Bill) Kinsella, 7 Oakley Park  
Bridget Proctor, Coolenaugh also her husband Paddy & deceased family  
(Denis Dowling, The Numbers)-(Patrick Walsh, Heatherhill)  
Kathleen Donohoe, 38 St Fiacc's Tce also her parents, brothers & sisters
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am** (Paddy & Bridie O'Rourke, 116 St Clare's Rd also their son  
Seamus & daughter May Carpenter)
- 10.15am** (**Months Mind**) Elsie O'Reilly, 6 Radharc Alainn, Arles  
Kay Young, Lucan & The Strand
- 11.30am** (**Months Mind**) Paddy Brennan, 135 Sleaty St & Hillview  
Nursing Home)
-  (**Months Mind**) Maureen Keilthy, Lacken Rise, Carlow  
(Michael Foley, 189 Sleaty St)-(Intention Mass)  
Catherine Hurley Walsh, 22 Church Street  
(Thomas & Molly Byrne, Ballybar also their sons, Sean & Charley  
& daughter Peggy Olwill & her husband John, Colclough Ave)
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00am** William & Mary Brennan, Ballybrittas also their son Patrick
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am** Maria Wall, Clonpierce, Ballylinan  
(Michael & Eileen O'Brien)-(Eddie Ramsbottom)
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00am** Joan Byrne Ronan, Maher Rd also her niece Caroline Malone
- Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** Jim Byrne, 187 Sleaty St (Birthday Rem)  
Eddie Coady, St Clare's Rd & Graiguenamanagh  
Dakota Fanning, Newtownallen  
Paddy Hennessy, Church Street  
Clare McHugh, Regent St, Bagenalstown & Springhill
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 9am** Lizzie Lawler, 22 St Fiacc's Tce
- 10.15am** (Michael Brennan, Upper Rossmore)-(Myles Kehoe, Springhill)  
Michael O'Toole, Staplestown Road
- 11.30am** (John Byrne, Oakley Park)-(Bridie Scully, Sleaty)

## Weekly Collections 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Sept

Blue Bag (Envelopes): €700

Red Bag: €877

Donations: €100.00

Direct Debits: €243

Tap Donations: €27

We thank you for your support

Woodland Ladybirds-Irish Girl Guide group for 5 to 7 year olds. If your daughter is interested in arts & crafts, games, fun, laughter, making friends then we'd love to have her join our ladybird group. We meet on Thursday nights from 7 to 8pm. Contact Christene on 087-2243408 for further information.

Framed prints of paintings of Killeslin Local Scenes representing the Seven Sacraments and the grotto in Rossmore are now on sale and can be viewed and ordered in the Parish Office. 2 sizes A4 €55 and larger size €75.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:**  
- Sunday school takes place every Sunday at 11.30am Mass in St Clare's. We invite all children aged between 3 yrs to 2<sup>nd</sup> class to take part. Our aim is to introduce the children to the Mass by taking part in activities appropriate to their age. These activities will take place in the Parish Centre. The children will be supervised by a team of adults & students from our second level schools

The Carlow Active Retirement's next meeting will take place on Wednesday the 12th. October at 2:30 P.M. in the Cathedral Parish Centre. New Members Welcome.

Ballinabranna GAA €10,000 giveaway. Grid Games - The Ultimate Ball Drop is taking place on Sunday 9th October in Ballinabranna GAA grounds from 1pm. Food stall, coffee truck, gaming van, face painting and music, lots of entertainment for the entire family. An exciting fundraiser for the club and community. Tickets available from players, committee members and online. Check out social media for updates.

Graiguecullen Swimming Pool  
059 9140330  
*Water Aerobics*  
Mondays @ 8.15pm  
Wednesdays @ 8pm.  
€8: no pre-booking required.  
*Adult Swimming Lessons*  
6 week course  
Fill in a Booking Form at the pool office. €60: limited spaces.

*R.P.P.* Anne Julian, Graigue, Ballylinan *R.P.P.*

**Matt Talbot Mass**-The monthly Matt Talbot freedom from addiction Mass will take place in Carlow Cathedral, at 10:00am on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. At this Mass we pray for all those battling addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction, we also pray specifically for all those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. We welcome you to join us at this Mass to pray for yourself or somebody you may know who has an addiction. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email [vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com](mailto:vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com)

**Transmitting Faith in Contemporary Culture**-In processing the diocesan synodal reports the ACI steering group concluded that no issue seemed of greater concern than the growing absence of young people, including younger parents, from regular weekly liturgies - even before the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic in the spring of 2020. A zoom gathering has been organised by the Association of Catholics in Ireland takes place on Thursday October 6th, 2022 at 8.00 pm. Professor Michael Conway (Professor of Faith and Culture, Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth) will present his own view of the issue of faith transmission today, and will be followed by open discussion. All are welcome to join in. [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85073799955?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85073799955?pwd=V1picXVlUG1mT2FIQXlmc0hVLUwJFpZz09)  
[pwd=V1picXVlUG1mT2FIQXlmc0hVLUwJFpZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85073799955?pwd=V1picXVlUG1mT2FIQXlmc0hVLUwJFpZz09)  
Meeting ID: 850 7379 9955 Passcode: 690623

**My Life in your Hands**- a selection of writings by the late Fr. John Cummins PP of Abbeyleix & Ballyroan and native of Newbridge. A deep thinker, an accomplished preacher and a Doctor of Divinity, God's word and message were central to his vocation. This book reveals Fr. John's gentle sharing of his love of God through his reflections each Sunday and other occasions with the Christian communities of Abbeyleix & Ballyroan, Carlow and Naas. *My Life In Your Hands* will be a useful companion as we journey through the coming liturgical year. For the casual reader, it is an opportunity to engage with the Christian faith. Copies available in the Parish Office Cost €10.

**Workshops for Cantors**-A series of workshops for Cantors will take place around the country during the coming year. We begin the first workshop, in association with the Schola Cantorum, St Finian's College, Mullingar, on Saturday, 12 November, in St Paul's Church Mullingar, beginning at 12 noon and ending at 2.00 p.m.