

Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 30th April 2023 4th Sunday of Easter



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Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Continues this Monday 1st May at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church

GUEST SPEAKER for this Monday is:

Dr Halyna Teslyuk-Lecturer in Religious Education at St. Angela's College, Sligo

Halyna Tesluk: Halyna is from Ukraine and she and her two sons are refugees in Ireland since April 2022. She is currently a lecturer in Religious Studies in St Angela's College, Sligo. Halyna Teslyuk is Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine. She holds a Bachelor Diploma in Theology and Philosophy from the Lviv Theological Academy (2000); Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute (Rome, 2004); Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from the Ukrainian Ministry of Education (2017).

Year of Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood: will run from Vocations/Good Shepherd Sunday (Sunday 30th April 2023) for one year with the theme: 'Take the Risk for Christ'. Over the next twelve-months, it is planned to host events in parishes and at pilgrim sites around the country and to provide resources for homes and schools. The 30th April also marks the 60th anniversary of the initiation of the annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations, instituted by Saint Pope Paul VI in 1963 during the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council.

There have been a number of enquiries from adults wishing to be baptised into the Catholic Church. If this is something that interests you, please leave your name and contact information in the parish office (0599141833) or email gkparish@gmail.com

130th Anniversary: This weekend marks the 130th Anniversary of the arrival of the Poor Clare Sisters to our parish. We thank God for their ministry and wish them many Blessings for the future.

The Poor Clare Sisters will recite the rosary at 9.35am Tuesday to Friday for the month of May which is traditionally the month of Our Lady.

Counting On The Shepherd

Today's gospel is for anyone who has ever felt unloved or insignificant. Today's gospel is for anyone who feels his or her life doesn't count for much. At some time or another that probably means most of us.

In biblical days shepherding was a highly dangerous business. Herds might consist of thousands of sheep, and shepherds had to be highly skilled in tending for the sheep and protecting them from wolves and robbers. The shepherd's care and courage were legendary. A good shepherd would not think twice about his own life in protecting his sheep. This is the image that Jesus chose for himself in today's gospel. He is the good shepherd. His leadership is a mixture of tenderness, strength and self sacrifice. Jesus loves us so much that he would lay down his life. That's a powerful belief to take out into the world!

But what if we don't quite believe it? Surely there are too many of us to love and look after individually. People fall by the wayside all the time. We hear tragic stories of elderly people who die alone and are not discovered for days because no one cares enough to visit. We see down and out sleeping in subways because their family and friends have given up on them. Can God really be looking out for each and every one of us? Surely there are too many of us to look after – to love individually. Not so! Jesus we're told would not let even one of his sheep stray without coming to the rescue. He knows each and every one of us by name. If we are one of his, then he will recognise us and take care of us. That's another powerful belief to wake up with. The next time you are feeling lost and forgotten, try looking for the Good Shepherd's love in your life. God's help is always there when we look to him.

Graiguecullen MONSTER Bingo

on Tuesday 2nd May 2023

St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €7,460

Double number €670

Lotto €1,550

First Friday:- this Friday 5th May.

There will be a special penitential 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.

Family Masses: There will be a special family Mass next Sunday 7th May at 11.30am in St. Clare's Church.

The family Mass in Holy Cross has been postponed to Sunday 14th May at 10.15am. (Please note change of date). We particularly welcome the children preparing for First Holy Communion and their families to these Masses.


May Sunday: this year's May Sunday Celebrations will take place on May 7th. The Holy Cross Sodality procession will leave from outside St. Clare's at 10.30 am. led by the Pipe Band to reach Holy Cross Church for Mass at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to walk in the procession. If you are not able for the full journey you are welcome to join in wherever it suits you.

ANNUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

- (Please note the final date for booking is Wednesday 3rd May) This year's trip will take place from 28th July to 2nd August 2023 and we will be staying at the Astoria Hotel as usual. The cost of this year's pilgrimage is €895. This is made up of €856 per person sharing and an additional cost for insurance of €39 per person. Some may already have personal travel insurance and not wish to avail of the group insurance. The single room supplement is €175. If you are interested in travelling with us this year, contact the parish office or call Ursula on 085 1794664. We will be taking deposits for the trip each Wednesday from 11am-12noon in the Parish Office. The deposit amount this year is €300. Many thanks for your continued support.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

 <p>Sat 29th 6.30pm</p> <p>Sun 30th 9am 10.15am 11.30am</p> <p>Mon 1st 10am Tues 2nd 10am Wed 3rd 10am Thurs 4th 10am Fri 5th 10am Sat 6th 11am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6.30pm</p> <p>Sun 7th 11.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 noon</p>	<p>(Months Mind) Bernadette Mannion, Ballyhide (Kathleen Power, 34 Pacelli Ave)-(Mick Lyons, Sleaty) Tom McDonald, Harristown Charlie & Alice Byrne, Ballyharmon Pat Kehoe, 83 New Oak Est Paschal & Mary Hennessy, Brownshill Philomena Kearns, Paulville, Tullow & deceased family (Thomas Flynn, Margaret & Denis Helehan & deceased members of the Hayden family, St Fiacc's Tee)</p> <p>Elizabeth Byrne, Cappalug (Birthday Rem) (Andrew Ryan, Killeshin)-(Patrick & Agnes Brennan, Coolnariska)</p> <p>(First Anniversary) Marie Dwyer, 32 Monacurragh (Rory Purcell, Doonane & London)-(Kitty & Joe Phelan, Ballyhide)</p> <p>James Hade & Baby James Hade, Fr Byrne Park Josie Phillips, Porthcawl William & Kathleen Byrne, Sleaty Catherine (Kitty) Lowry, Avondale Drive Intention Mass</p> <p>(First Anniversary) Sr Pascal McMeel, Poor Clare Monastery formerly Toombridge, Co Antrim)</p> <p>(Months Mind) Joseph Lawler, 68 St Fiacc's Tee (Months Mind) John Lennon, Barrowside Hse, Leighlin Rd George Ramsbottom, 188 Sleaty St Margaret (Peggy) Lawler, Duggan Ave</p> <p>(First Anniversary) Patricia Hughes, 82 St Clare's Rd (Caroline Malone, Crossneen)-(Dick & Margaret Malone, Raheendoran) (Michael Byrne, Longford)-(Christy Byrne, Dublin) Ellen Doran, Mortarstown (Andrew Ryan, Killeshin)-(Patsy Doyle, Killeshin) Josephine Brennan, Coolane (Birthday Rem)</p>
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R.I.P. Ann Kinsella (née McDonald), Enniscorthy formerly Crossneen *R.I.P.*

Darkness Into Light Carlow 6th May will take place once again in St. Laurence O'Toole Athletic Club. Chairperson of the Carlow Darkness committee, Dolores O'Neill, is encouraging the local community of Carlow to attend. She said, "St. Laurence O'Toole Athletics Club has been incredibly supportive of the event since our first year in 2014. Last year, in excess of 2,000 people took part from the local community, and we would love to see that go up this year. Suicide and self-harm are serious problems in Carlow, and we need to face them together. This unique event begins at 4.15am as participants walk 5km routes around the world and finish as the dawn is breaking, journeying together from Darkness Into Light. Registration for this year's event is now open and will be exclusively online at www.darknessintolight.ie. The committee will be in the Fairgreen Shopping Centre each Saturday in April to help people register. This year is cashless once again so you will need to have an email address and debit card. All T-shirts will be posted this year but to guarantee yours you must register ASAP. For updates please find Darkness Into Light Carlow on Facebook. We are also looking for volunteers to help out on the night. Please contact us on carlow@darknessintolight.ie.

Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please contact Emma on 086 083 4393 or via email emma.heslin@alone.ie *If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.* If you would like to chat things through a little more, please feel free to get in touch with me, on 086 083 4393.

Have your say – Carlow County Council Climate action Plan

Carlow County Council are holding their pre-draft public consultation meetings for their Climate Action plan and are inviting the people of Carlow to Have your say. The climate team are looking forward to meeting everyone in our community to chat about what Carlow County Council can do to support the climate crisis. They will be visiting the following area during the month of May. Carlow County Buildings Athy Road Carlow – Tues. 2nd & Tues. 16th 7 to 9 pm There will also be 2 online sessions on Tuesday 9th, 10am to 12 noon and Tuesday 30th 7 to 9 pm. No booking necessary for the meeting in your area. For further details or to register for the online consultations please email environment@carlowcoco.ie or visit Carlow.ie

Weekly Collections 22nd/23rd Apr
Red Bag: €746
Blue Bag: €1,702
Direct Debits: €293
Tap Donations: €78
Donations: €250
We thank you for your support.

Graveyard Masses are as follows:

Killeshin-Friday 2nd June @ 7.30pm
Leaugh-Wed 14th June @ 7.30pm
Sleaty-Friday 16th June @ 7.30pm
St. Mary's-Mon 10th July @ 7.30pm

Holy Family Parish, Askea wishes to recruit a Sacristan for a 39-hour working week. Salary will be commensurate with experience. A job description is available by emailing office@askeeparish.ie or by telephoning 0871269709. Applications for this post, including current cv, should be addressed to: The Chairperson, Askea Parish Finance Committee, c/o Askea Parish Community Centre, Brownshill Road, Askea, Carlow. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 19th May 2023.

The Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023 will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland this coming Saturday May 6th from 2pm. Speakers include Siobhán Dunnyce, Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins. You can follow the conference by: 1. Going online at www.radiomaria.ie. 2. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet. 3. Listen live via Facebook. 4. Call 01 4373277 and listen live 5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

2023 March for Life-Bank
Holiday Monday 1st May 2023.
Marching from St Stephen's Green to Leinster House @ 2pm. Kid-szone on Molesworth Street-colouring-face painting-balloon making-goodie bags-ice cream van. Bring the whole family. For more information contact 01 6629275 or marchforlife.ie

Accord is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie or call 01 5053112.