



Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 11th June 2023 Corpus Christi



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Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Final night this Monday 12th June at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church

GUEST SPEAKER for the final night is:

Anne McClean-Retired HSE Director of Nursing and currently a Visiting Director with Manresa, Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, Clontarf.

Anne comes from Co. Wexford. She is a retired HSE Director of Nursing. Anne has a passion for contemplative practices which helped her enormously during her busy working life and continues to anchor her prayer life, enabling her to find balance between being and doing. She is deeply committed to helping people encounter the Divine through serving on retreats and through the ministry of spiritual direction. Anne has a BA in Theology, Spirituality & Pastoral Ministry as well as an Adult Education Diploma in Spirituality from the Milltown Institute of Theology & Philosophy.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ-Where Else Should We Go?

Jesus tells us that he is the bread of life, that he provides the only food which truly nourishes, that he gives us his own self to sustain us on our journey, that we are to eat his flesh and blood in order to abide in him. For many of Jesus' disciples this was just too hard to understand and they walked away.

It would be too easy for us to write these lapsed disciples off as fools, as lacking in faith, or as lazy and stupid. We have to remember that up until this point, these men and women had been faithful disciples. To have found a stumbling block too great to overcome must have been a sad and painful moment for them. It would have been interesting to know how many of them might have returned to Jesus at a later date, or how the lapsed had found an alternative way to fulfilment. The real point is that the stumbling block that finally proved too great for those early disciples could face any one of us, and what we need to address, is how we as disciples should cope with the same kind of difficulty.

Key to loyal discipleship is to ask what made Peter and his fellow disciples different from the ones that gave up. They were just as human as the others; they probably had just as many doubts as the others and no more in the way of courage or intellect. The answer has to lie in Peter's simple, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" The 'twelve' might have struggled with doubts and understanding, but they never doubted where they should be looking for answers. Quite simply, they didn't take their eye off the ball. They knew that they should trust Jesus even if some of his teachings were over their heads.

Every day we are faced with the same decisions. Do we follow Jesus' blueprint for living exemplary lives? Do we look to Jesus as the Son of God and the key to eternal life? Do we join in Holy Communion believing in Jesus' real presence.... or do we turn our backs and look for answers somewhere else?

Newly Baptised: this week we welcome three new members to our parish community.



Kody Murnane Murphy
Delilah Brennan Brady
Olivia Lynn Gavigan



Priests Summer Collection: this quarterly collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend. Envelopes are provided in weekly envelope boxes or alternatively envelopes are available at church doors. We thank you for the wonderful support you continue to give.

St. Vincent De Paul: Local Conference – St. Fiacc's. Tel: 086-1592775

Family Masses: There will be special family Masses this Sunday 11th June at 10.15am in Holy Cross Church and 11.30am in St. Clare's Church. We particularly welcome all the children from the parish who have received their First Holy Communion in the last few weeks.

Pre-Baptism Meeting – our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on Monday 24th July 2023 at 7pm in the parish centre. All parents who are presenting their child for baptism in the next few months are invited to attend.

Graveyard Masses are as follows:

Leagh-Wed 14th June @ 7.30pm

Sleaty-Friday 16th June @ 7.30pm
St. Mary's-Mon 10th July @ 7.00pm

Graiguecullen Evergreens Holiday:- leaving Swimming Pool Carpark next Sunday 18th June @ 11am. We wish them every blessing for an enjoyable holiday.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: takes place from 28th July to 2nd August.

The final date for payment of the balance of money due for the Lourdes Pilgrimage is Fri 23rd June. All payments to Ursula Hayden or the parish office please.

Wheelchairs: if anyone has one of our wheelchairs out on loan can we ask that they return it to the parish office please or if you happen to have a wheelchair you would like to donate to us that would be great also.

Congratulations to Megan Hosey who received the CEIST Award in her school for dedication to the faith community of her school and local parish. We are blessed that Megan is so involved in our parish.

Graiguecullen Bingo

on Tuesday 13th June
St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 43 numbers €1,090
Double number €1,090
Lotto €1,850
Come along & bring a friend.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Sat 10th 6.30pm** (First Anniversary & Birthday Rem) Martin Comerford, Castlecomer & St Fiacc's Hse)
Tommy Dowling, 76 Pearse Rd also his parents Edward & Mary, Tinryland (John & Jane O'Shea, 29 St Fiacc's Tce)-(Jim Carr, Crossneen)
- Sun 11th 9am** (Elizabeth Byrne, Lr Rossmore)-(Declan Horahan, 22 Rossmore View)
Nell Kinsella, Crossneen
- 10.15am** Matthew Nelson, Killeshin
Eileen O'Regan, Killeshin Rd & deceased family
Annie Byrne, Springhill
- 11.30am** (Months Mind) Owen O'Neill, Marymount, Church Rd also his wife Rita)
(Kathleen Lanigan, The Lock also her daughter in law Betty & deceased family)-(Liam Dunphy (Birthday Rem))
(Nancy & Johnny McDonald, 22 Pacelli Ave also their sons Noel & Jimmy & daughter Margaret)
- Tues 13th 10am**
- Thurs 15th 10am** Mary Maher, Chapel St
- Fri 16th 10am** (First Anniversary) Peter Brophy, USA & Bagenalstown
Bridie Murphy, Mount Clare Court
- 7.30pm** Ger Murnane, Portlaoise Rd (Birthday Rem)
Liz Bolton, Duggan Ave
- Sat 17th 6.30pm** (First Anniversary) Seamus Donohoe, Ballyconnell, Co Cavan
Bridie & Benny Murphy, Mount Clare Court
Hannah O'Connor, Carlow & Dublin
(Maisie Dowling, '98 Street)-(Henry Dowling, 25 St Fiacc's Tce)
(Thomas Byrne, 64 Maher Rd)-(Lily Dowling, Sleaty St)
Brigid Coady, Graigueamanagh & St Clare's Rd
Joan Nightingale Looney, Gosport, England
(Liz Bolton, Duggan Ave)-(Dinny Byrne, Pacelli Ave)
Róisín Jowett (Birthday Rem)
Betty Culleton, Roscommon & Whitney Place
- Sun 18th 10.15am** (First Anniversary) Bernie Nolan (née Dempsey) Rossmore View
(Stephen Arnold, Coolane)-(Paul Dowling, Coorlaghan, Killeshin)
- 11.30am** (First Anniversary) Martina Murphy, Springhill
Elizabeth, John & Nellie Pluck, Sleaty Rd
Peggy (Margaret) Brennan, Hillview, Crossneen
Sarah (Sadie) Callinan, The Field, Pollerton Little



R.I.P. Josie (Jo) O'Neill (née Rogers), Barnhill, Castledermot **R.I.P.**
Very Rev. Fr. Gerard O'Byrne PE, Rathangan, Co. Kildare & Ballykealy, Ballon
Fr Pat Travers, California, USA

Carlow Social Prescribing Service & St. Catherines are hosting a SOS Wellness Day in **St. Catherines CSC on Thursday June 22nd Time 9.30am-2pm.**

The SOS wellness workshop is a day for you to take time out for yourself and learn a wide range of practical tips, tools and techniques that you can use in your everyday life to improve your own wellness.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided on the day.

This is a FREE event, book your place on <https://tinyurl.com/WWCSP23>
For further information contact Anne in Carlow Social Prescribing Service on 0864147511.

GRAIGUECULLEN SWIMMING POOL Learn-to-swim Summer Camps. €60 per child.

- CAMP 1: 10am; Mon 3rd July- Fri 7th July,
CAMP 2: 6pm; Mon 3rd July- Fri 7th July,
CAMP 3: 10am; Mon 10th July- Fri 14th July,
CAMP 4: 6pm; Mon 10th July- Fri 14th July,
CAMP 5: 10am; Mon 17th July- Fri 21st July,
CAMP 6: 6pm; Mon 17th July- Fri 21st July,
CAMP 7: 10am; Mon 24th July- Fri 28th July,
CAMP 8: 6pm; Mon 24th July- Fri 28th July,
CAMP 9: 10am; Mon 31st July- Fri 4th Aug,
CAMP 10: 6pm; Mon 31st July- Fri 4th Aug.

**Bookings being taken at the pool office.
Children must be at least 4 years of age.
Limited spaces.**

South East Technological University is promoting SETUStudentPad.ie to homeowners in the Carlow, Waterford and Wexford areas. SETUStudentPad.ie is a website that helps homeowners rent out spare rooms in their homes to students attending SETU. Homeowners who rent out a room can earn up to €14K per year tax free. There is no charge to register your property with this website and you will be helping our students live in the area local to their campus.

Weekly Collections 3rd/4th June
Red Bag: €712
Blue Bag: €1,576
Direct Debits: €133
Tap Donations: €63
Donations: €70
We thank you for your support.

The Ritz Showband are holding a fundraiser for Éist Cancer Support Centre in Woodford Dolmen Hotel on Wednesday 28th June at 8.30pm Tickets €15 available from Woodford Dolmen Hotel and Eist Centre 085 661499/0599139684
info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie
Come along for a wonderful night of song and dance featuring hits from The Irish Showband era of the 1960's. Doors open at 7.30pm. Lots of raffle prizes.

Community Cafe mornings and organic vegetable sales:
Venue: An Gairdin Beo
Dates: Wednesday 21st June and every Wednesday until the end of August Time: 11a.m. – 12.30p.m.
All welcome to enjoy home bake, tea/coffee and fresh organic vegetables.
Bring a friend-Think Globally. Act Locally

Carlow Choral Society presents Johannes Brahms 'A German Requiem' with the RTE Concert Orchestra and internationally acclaimed soloists Ailish Tynan-Soprano, Benjamin Russell-Baritone and Blánaid Murphy-Conductor. Friday 9th June at 8pm in Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. Tickets €25 Accompanied under 16's free. Tickets on Eventbrite.ie, from all choir members and Staplestown Road Post Office

A church gate collection will be held on Saturday/Sunday 17th/18th June in aid of Mellon Educate as Catherine Nolan and Vera Smith from Graiguecullen head back to the townships of Cape Town, South Africa on 10th & 17th trip respectively to help build schools. Thank you for your support in the past. Tel. Catherine 086 8709846 or Vera 086 8317940.

Family Fun Day in Palatine GAA Grounds R93TR24. Sun 18th June 2023 2pm to 5pm. Fun for the whole family. Ice cream, face painting, food stalls, glitter tattoos, field games, cookie decorating, raffle, much more! Please support Bennekerry NS and Palatine GAA.