



Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 15th October, 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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In GK Parish, we value and encourage the participation of young people and vulnerable adults in all parish activities. We uphold the utmost standard of safeguarding to create a safe environment for all.

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated over the weekend of Sunday 22nd October. The theme for this year's celebration of Mission Sunday is: "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" (Luke 24: 13-35). Right now, missionaries desperately need your help. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America missionaries are serving on the front line. They already do so much, walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and after any emergency. You can show missionaries you care by supporting World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and generosity will change lives.

Graiguecullen Bingo
on Tuesday 17th October
St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 42 numbers €960
Double number €1,020
Lotto €2,750

A Liturgy Group Meeting will take place on Thursday 19th October @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

On Friday 20th October 2023 @ 11am RehabCare are hosting a coffee morning in aid of Carlow Resource Centre in Graiguecullen. Your support on the day would be gratefully appreciated, all welcome.

AGM of Graiguecullen / Killeshin Parish Finance Committee will take place on Wed 15th November @ 8pm in Graiguecullen Parish Centre.

'Forever Young' active retirement are celebrating their 10th anniversary this year. Join us on Friday October 20th to celebrate with Mass at 7:00pm in Holy Cross Church Killeshin followed by refreshments and entertainment in Killeshin Community Centre. Contact Geraldine at 086 0551025 for information.

Must Try Harder!

Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.

Newly Baptised: this week we welcome 3 new members into our parish community.
Michael Thomas Anthony Darcy
Ruby Maureen Byrne
Jacob Micheal Shannon

Second book of writings of the late Fr John Cummins -Following the 'runaway success' of the first book, the family of **Fr John Cummins** have issued a second publication in his memory. **This new book, also named "My Life in Your Hands"**, contains more sermons of Fr. John's. The new publication is an accompaniment to the initial book which contained the sermons for Sundays in Year A of the 3-year liturgical calendar. This second volume contains Fr. John's sermons for Year B and Year C of the church cycle. It also contains reflections for secondary school students, tributes by friends and numerous photographs.

The late Fr. Cummins was known for his good humour and easy manner as well as his preaching skills. As a young priest, he spent five years in Rome studying for his doctorate in Celtic Spirituality. Fr. John spent most of his priestly ministry in Carlow town where he was chaplain in the then Regional College and Administrator in the Cathedral. A native of Newbridge, he earlier served in Naas. He became PP of Abbeyleix and Ballyroan only 18 months before his death. The homilies of Fr. John are rooted not only in scripture, but also in the everyday issues of contemporary Ireland. They will be useful for personal reflection at any time and will be valued by anyone with an interest in religion and spirituality. "My Life in Your Hands" retails at €15 and all proceeds after printing costs will be donated to the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. Both books are available in the parish office.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Sat 14th 6.30pm (Mary Farrell, 41 St Fiacc's Tce)-(Patrick O'Reilly, 79 Maher Rd) (Johnny Corcoran, Whitney Place also his wife Lizzie (**100th Birthday Rem**), their daughter Betty & daughter-in-law Chrissie) Joe & Joan Kelly, Ballyharmon

John Lowry, Avondale Drive
Minnie & Pat Regan, Church St

Sun 15th 9am Elizabeth Kinsella, Keelogue

10.15am Sarah & James McCartney, 27 St Fiacc's Tce & deceased family

Mass for the children of the parish in memory of Cillian Tynan

Ollie Rowan, The Strand & Knockroe, Maganey

Denis Dempsey, Coolhenry also his son Christy, Ashgrove

Billy Dunn, North Berwick, Scotland

11.30am Michael Lynch, Ballickmoyler Rd

Eileen Dowling, St Clare's Rd (**Birthday Rem**)

(Thomas & Molly Byrne, Ballybar their sons Séan & Charlie & daughter Peggy Olwill & her husband John, Colclough Ave)

(Frank Gillen, 67 Heatherhill Close))

Oliver Byrne, 21 The Numbers & New York

Luke Johnson, Limerick

Dhonner de La Cruz also his parents Romeo & Carmen

Billy Gilhooley, Dublin

Special Intention

Tues 17th 10am (**First Anniversary**) Tom Mulhall, 55 St Fiacc's Tce

Thurs 19th 10am Katie Cullen, Manchester

Fri 20th 10am

Sat 21st 6.30pm

(**Months Mind**) Kevin McEvoy, Killeshin Rd

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Peggy Byrne, Duggan Ave also her son J.J

(Catherine & James Kelly, Harristown, Co Wicklow also their daughter Mary Trayner)-(PJ O'Gorman, Athy)

Kevin Stronge, John Sweeney Park

Triona Harrington, Athy

George Haughney, Sleaty St also his wife Hannah & deceased family

Sun 22nd 10.15am (**First Anniversary**) Margaret Mullins, Coolnariska also her husband Pat)

11.30am (Kitty Grant, 33 St Fiacc's Tce)-(Katie Cullen, Manchester)

James (Jim) O'Neill, St Enda's, Sleaty St

Nicholas Lanigan, The Lock & deceased family

John O'Connell, Abbeyleix

Michael & Cely Nolan, Johnstown

Weekly Collections 7th/8th Oct.

Red Bag: €687

Blue Bag: €1,848

Direct Debits: €218

Tap Donations: €86

Donations: €315

We thank you for your support.

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples-Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Unable to communicate effectively? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next VIRTUAL programme commences 19th - 22nd October, 2023. For information contact Mike - 087 2526812 /Anne - 087 6874658

Killeshin NS Calendar 2023/24 are now on sale in the School Office, Killeshin Stores or from any committee members. The cost of the calendar is €10 (cash payment only) Calendars will also be available for sale outside Mass this Sunday 15th in Holy Cross Church, Killeshin.

Carlow County Museum Visit Carlow County Museum and see our recently unveiled Carlow GAA trophy display featuring the famed Haughney Cup and the Conlon Cup. Also see objects of national and international importance. Open Monday to Saturday, Free Admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059-9131554, www.carlowmuseum.ie

Askea Senior Citizens October night on Wednesday 25th at 7 pm in Askea Parish Centre. Bingo, Music, and cuppa. Contact Marian 059.9143010. Our Annual Christmas Dinner and party is on Sunday 26th November in Seven Oaks Hotel @ 1 pm. Names and money to be given in by end October.

Two nights in KNOCK from Sunday 29th October returning Tuesday 31st October. Contact Josie on 087 2543235

Pre-Baptism Meeting - our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on 20th November at 7pm in the parish centre. All parents who are presenting their child for baptism in the next few months are invited to attend.

R.I.P.

Jim Kennedy, Tenneclash House, Fenagh

Conor Duffy, 50 Kylemore Hill, Rathoe

Ann O'Grady, Parkville, Newry

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CARLOW Little Theatre Society presents its autumn one-act season in the Milford Room of the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow on Tuesday and Wednesday 17-18 October.

Both evenings promise drama and comedy in abundance, with three plays on offer - *Lox and loaded*, the overall winner of Carlow Little Theatre Society's 2023 international one-act playwriting competition; *Heiligenstadt*, the society's entry to the All-Ireland One Act Festivals 2023; and *Writer's Block*, winner of 'Best Irish Play' in their 2023 International One-Act playwriting competition. Performances start at 7.30pm, with tickets priced at €15 (including booking fee). Early booking is advisable as capacity at the venue is limited. The booking link and full details for both plays can be found in upcoming Carlow events on Eventbrite or directly at <https://CLTOneActs.eventbrite.ie>. Audiences can also pay the door (cash only).

The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland wishes to appoint a Chief Executive Officer. For full job description, and further information - please ask for an applicant pack through admin@safeguarding.ie The successful candidate will be located in the offices of the National Board for Safeguarding Children, New House, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co Kildare. To apply, please submit your CV and Cover Letter (maximum one page), outlining how your motivation, experience and skills fit the role for the attention of the Chairperson of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church via e-mail to admin@safeguarding.ie Closing date for receipt of applications: 4.00 pm on 31st October, 2023