



Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 29th October, 2023

30th 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.

St Clare's Hospitality – this Saturday 4th November Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate the 6.30pm Mass in St Clare's Church to mark the 10th Anniversary of the founding of St Clare's Hospitality and we extend an invitation to everyone who has supported us in any way over the years.

Founded in November 2013, St Clare's Hospitality began by handing out food parcels in the local community. At the beginning, St Clare's was supplying 30 parcels per week. The need for these food parcels grew significantly over the next 12 months with approximately 200 food parcels being provided by the end of 2014.

It was at this point that the idea of The Kitchen came to fruition. Basing the idea on Brother Kevin's Capuchin Day Centre in Dublin, members of the board of management began to put plans together for a food kitchen based in Carlow Town. After much hard work & generosity by local people building merchants & local businesses, St Clare's Hospitality Kitchen opened on 13th May 2015.

Since then, The Kitchen has been serving anywhere between 80 – 160 meals a day, 5 days a week and continues to deliver over 80 food parcels every Thursday. There are many within our community who are considered "food poor". This may mean that they have the means to pay their mortgage & their utilities but only by cutting down on their food. This is where St Clare's Hospitality helps. By lessening the burden on middle-income families & providing hot meals to them, they will then hopefully become better equipped to meet payments & provide for themselves & their families.

Feast of All Saints: this Wednesday 1st November is a Holy day of Obligation. Masses are at 10.15am in Holy Cross & 11.30 am in St. Clare's. The special memory candles in our sacred space, to remember parishioners who died in the past year, will be lit at all our Masses on this Special Feast Day. **(NB: there will be no evening Mass).**

November Dead List:- the month of November gives us the opportunity to remember our dear departed when we enter their names on the Altar List of the Dead. If you would like to include names, please write them on a sheet of paper and drop them into the parish office or place them in the envelope provided in your box of church envelopes. These lists are placed in our sacred space and all deceased loved ones will be remembered at our Masses during the month of November.

Newly Baptised: this week we welcome 7 new members into our parish community.

**Patrick Laurence Stokes-Keelin John McEvoy-Summer Faye O'Brien
Odhran Paul Doogue Reamsbottom-Molly May Mary Murnane
Hannah Grace Keane-Charlie John Vaikuls**

Feast of All Souls: Thursday 2nd Nov. Mass at 10am in St Clare's

All Souls-Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed-Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, **"Father, those whom you gave me are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me."** We remember this proclamation particularly on the Feast of All Souls. On this day we remember all those who have died. We remember their kind deeds, the things they did for us and for other people; we remember how we loved them and how they loved us, and we pray we will be united with them again on the last day. We also pray for those who have died that we never knew. We pray for those who have died for our freedom, and we pray for all those who have died alone with no one to remember or pray for them. By remembering those who were loved, they are never really gone from us.

Rosary will be recited every Thursday for the month of November at 3pm in St Clare's for the Holy Souls and for all the people killed in the conflict in the Middle East and Ukraine.

Don't forget the clocks go back 1 hour at 02:00am on Sun 29th October

Graiguecullen Bingo
on Tuesday 31st October
St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 44 numbers €1,220
Double number €1,160
Lotto €2,850

First Friday:- this Friday 3rd November. 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.

Family Masses: There will be special family Masses next Sunday 5th November at 10.15am in Holy Cross Church and 11.30am in St. Clare's Church. We particularly welcome the children preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion and their families to these Masses.

Sacred Space for November: will contain candles for all our Parishioners who died during the past year. These candles will be lit at Mass each Sunday & will be presented to the families at our **Annual Bereavement Mass on Friday 24th Nov at 7.30pm.**

ANNIVERSARIES

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

	<p>Sat 28th 6.30pm (Peter Redmond, Fr Byrne Park)-(Nora Gordon, Church St) Paddy & Molly Alsybury, 103 Church St (Patsy O'Rourke, Lr Rossmore)-(Joe Walsh, Lower Rossmore) (Pat Kennedy Ardenteggle also his wife Agnes, son PJ & granddaughter baby Helen McHugh & deceased family) (John & Ellen Kirwan)-(John Flanagan)-(Intention Mass) (Thomas & Elizabeth James, Montgomery St also their daughter Margaret & grand-daughter Donna)-(Christina Ryan, Chapel St) Loretto Sibano, Long Island (Birthday Rem) Baby Gemma Marie Horohan, Rochfort Manor (10th Anniv) (Patrick O'Brien, Springhill)-(Kathleen McHooch (née Cullen), Wicklow & Canada)</p>
	<p>Sun 29th 9am (Months Mind) Bernie Morgan, Bluebell, Dublin (Natas Budrys, Lithuania)-(Alice Grant, 122 St Clare's Rd also her husband James) (Bill Kelly, Radharc Oisín & The Rushes also his parents Josephine & Bill, brothers Dan & Jimmy & sister Mary)</p>
	<p>11.30am (First Anniversary) Christy Lawler, Duggan Ave (Kitty Courtney, Oakley Park)-(Dymphna McKenna, 186 Colclough Ave) (Mary Byrne, Mortarstown)-(Eileen Webb, Oakley Park) Nancy Hutchinson, 1 The Poplars (Birthday Rem) (Jim Power, Coolenaugh)-(Michael & Mary Horahan, Coolenaugh)</p>
	<p>Tues 31st 10am Ellen O'Reilly, 79 Maher Rd Eamon Hand, Fr Byrne Park (Birthday Rem)</p>
	<p>Wed 1st 11.30am (First Anniversary) Ann Nolan, Ballyhide (Paddy & Stasia Lawler, Staplestown Rd also their grandson Keith O'Neill)-(Vincent Harvey, College Street)</p>
	<p>Thurs 2nd 10am Seamus Nelson, 142 Sleaty St also his wife Annette</p>
	<p>Sat 4th 6.30pm (Frances Delaney, Castlehill (60th Birthday Rem) also her mother Sheila Delaney (45th Anniv) Patrick (Paddy) O'Sullivan, Duggan Ave (Joe Fitzpatrick, Sleaty St)-(Cian Delaney, 3 The Poplars) Martin & Josephine Doyle, & Esther Teehan, St Fiacc's Tce (Eamon Doyle, Rathbawn, Tullow)-(Mae Norris, 17 Church St)</p>
	<p>Sun 5th 9am Thomas Watchorn, 10 St Clare's Rd</p>
	<p>10.15am Michael Heffernan, Rossmore, Bilboa Annie Claire Kehoe, Killeshin also her mother Ellen Kehoe, Springhill (Mick, Johnny, Miley & Sheila Kehoe also their sister Anne McNeice)</p>
	<p>11.30am (Kathleen Brophy, Duggan Ave)-(Ned Hughes, 82 St Clare's Rd) (Gerry Bradley, Maryboro St)-(Tom Balfe, Ballyhide & Rush) Patrick Fitzpatrick, Ballyhide also his parents</p>
	<p>Mary Kavanagh, Mount Clare Court, formerly Midleton, Co. Cork James (Jimmy) King, 31 St Fiacc's Terrace, Graiguecullen Colette Callinan (née Foley), Monread Heights, Naas, formerly Pacelli Ave Nancy Connerney (née Byrne), Rathasker Court, Naas <i>R.I.P.</i> Elaine Buggy (née Dunne) of Tolerton, Ballickmoyler, <i>R.I.P.</i> Alan Lyons, Burrin St., formerly Staunton Avenue, Graiguecullen Jim (James) Dowling, 41 Dereen Heights, Tullow Rd. Carlow Tim Rowan, England formerly Killeshin Road</p>

Weekly Collections 21st/22nd Oct.
Red Bag: €1,062
Blue Bag: €1,841
Direct Debits: €233
Tap Donations: €48
Donations: €330
We thank you for your support.

Carlow Day Care Centre for the elderly are holding their annual table quiz in Graiguecullen GAA Club house on November 3rd @ 8pm. Table of 4 costs €40. Amazing prizes to be won on the night.

Carlow Flower Club-Our
October/Halloween
Demonstration is by Therese O'Reilly from Naas Flower and Garden Club, Tuesday 31st October at 8.00pm Woodford Dolmen Hotel. All arrangements will be raffled on the night.
Competition for all classes will be an arrangement in a Pumpkin. Visitors welcome, visitors fee €10. There will be a plant sale on the night.

Alcoholics Anonymous will hold an Open Public Meeting on the 4th November 7pm-8.15pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow. All welcome.

Lunchtime in the Library (Talks and Recitals in Carlow Central Library – Autumn 2023) returns to Carlow Central Library
Four Local Poets Friday 3rd Nov
Music from the Movies (Carlow College of Music) Friday 10th November
Author Lissa Oliver Fri 17th Nov
Author Emilie Pine Friday 24th November
Fridays 1.05pm to 1.45pm – Admission is free but places are strictly limited.
Email library@carlowcoco.ie to reserve your seat

Love Love Love

In that inimitable pop song, the Beatles tell us, “All you need is love...,” but is that just a sentimental ideal? Don't we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and safe society?

In today's gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” It's another ‘loaded’ question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

It is difficult to think of a human situation that can't be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. “It's easy.....” sing the Beatles. Well not a first perhaps... It's sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Loves sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us.

Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.