



# Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

*Sunday 12th November, 2023*

*32nd 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.

**Parish Team: Fr. John Dunphy, Cathriona Kelly & Suzanne McWey**  
**Priest on Call for Carlow Area: (Emergency Only) Phone: - 087/2588118**

## Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow

We 'know not the hour nor the day', and when death finally catches us out, we can all too often be filled with regrets and 'if-onlys'. "If only," we say after the death of a loved one. If only we'd spared our ageing parents more time. If only we'd made up that old family rift. If only we'd told our children that we loved them. And what of the deceased themselves? Every day people die unexpectedly. Every day people die in road accidents, as the result of violent crime, sudden illness or as the result of natural disaster. Thousands of people wake up every morning not suspecting that this day might be their last. Death is the final curtain by which time we must be prepared to meet our maker. It's a message we've heard over and over .... so why don't we heed it?

Life is full of deadlines. We have deadlines by which we must finish essays, complete projects, submit job applications, apply for loans or make payments. Life is always demanding that we make preparations. We make preparations for work, for exams, for holidays, for visitors, for weddings, birthdays and a hundred and one other occasions. But for the greatest test of all, that of meeting our maker we are curiously unprepared. Deep down we all know that we could be better Christians. Deep down we know there are things that we should be getting round to, but somehow we never do. Those great deeds we are planning can always wait until tomorrow, after all, unexpected death is only something that happens to other people isn't it? Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow!

The five foolish virgins in today's gospel were caught wanting. When the bridegroom they were awaiting arrived unexcitedly in the middle of the night, they were caught unprepared. Their lamps were empty. In a panic they tried to borrow oil from the five wise virgins, but the five wise virgins were unable to help. The message here is that we cannot borrow our way into heaven; we can only enter the kingdom by our own merits. Today's gospel promotes urgency. We must not put off until tomorrow what we can do today. Do we make the most of opportunities to do good deeds as and when they arise? Do we make the right choices conscientiously on a daily basis? Do we live every day as though it were our last? If we are doing all of these things, we have no need to fear the unexpected.

**Graiguecullen MONSTER CHRISTMAS Bingo.**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 3pm in St. Fiacc's Hall (R93PO30).**  
**Great prizes to be won. Chocolates left and right of the winner.**  
**In-house Lotto draw for Turkey & Ham, plus 3 books.**  
**Great prizes, bring a friend.**

## **EVERGREENS CHRISTMAS DINNER**

In The Talbot Hotel on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2023 @ 1pm sharp  
Tickets available from the Pool Office from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday  
17<sup>th</sup> November between 10am- 1pm.  
Each person must only collect their own tickets please.

**JP2 Award Parish Celebration**-On Tuesday 14th November @7.30 we will hold our Annual Parish JP2 Award Ceremony in St. Clare's Church to present our young people with their medals and certificates. We look forward to celebrating with all 30 recipients and their families next week. All are very welcome to attend or tune in via webcam.

**Newly Baptised: this week we welcome 2 new members into our parish community.**  
Pippa Breda Bolger  
Fiach Thomas Murphy

**Graiguecullen Bingo**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.**  
**St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.**  
**Jackpot on 46 numbers**  
**€1,480**  
**Double number €390**  
**Lotto €2,950**

**Confirmation Preparation Programme:** There will be special Masses next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10.15am in Holy Cross and 11.30am in St. Clare's. All young people preparing for Confirmation and their families are invited to attend.

**Copies of the financial accounts for 2022 are now available at the church doors.**  
We invite everyone to attend the AGM of Graiguecullen/Killeshin Parish Finance Committee which takes place on this Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November @ 8pm in the Parish Centre.

**St Fiacc's House Christmas Draw takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> December @ 7.30pm.**  
Cards are available from St Fiacc's House Monday – Friday 9am-5pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Christmas Mass Bouquets:-** are now available from the parish centre. Cards cost €5 with €4 from each card going to St Clare's Hospitality & St Vincent de Paul.

**Amazing Christmas Gifts now available in our parish centre shop.**

**Pre-Baptism Meeting** – our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** (First Anniversary) Joseph Patrick (Pat) Murphy, Fr Byrne Pk (Paul Hennessy, Sunset View)-(Gerald Duggan, 60 St Clare's Rd) John Gaffney, Killeshin also his parents Robert & Winifred Byrne, Moone



Ollie Brennan, St Martin's, Sleaty also his granddaughter Emma John & Bridget Kearns, Sleaty Road their sons & daughters Deceased members of the Legion of Mary, Graiguecullen (Pat O'Gorman, Athy)-(Jane Dooley, Duggan Ave) Mary Williamson, Avondale Drive Joseph Lawler, 68 St Fiacc's Tce (**Birthday Rem**) Mrs Doyle, Bray

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 9am** (Deceased members of the McDonald Family)-(Intention Mass)  
**10.15am** (Nancy Scully, The Strand)-(Phil & Leo Slattery, Navan)

**11.30am**

Mary Catherine Dunne, Monure, Killeshin (John Keating, Derrymoyle also his wife Mary & son Paddy Joe Keating)-(Brian Barr, Burtown Big, Athy) John Purcell, Quinagh also his parents Margaret & Pat (**First Anniversary**) Joe Nolan, Leighlin Rd Ellen & James Scully, St Fiacc's Tce (John Brophy, Duggan Ave)-(Pat Gleeson, Sleaty Street) Ann Lowry, Rose Cottage, Clogrennane

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> 10am**

Noel & Joan Power, Sleaty St Kathleen Finnegan, Barrack St Laurence O'Rourke, Ballyhide Tommy & Catherine Brennan, '98 Street Jack Doyle, Pearse Rd & deceased family Jim & Philly Byrne, Sleaty St & deceased family



**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> 10am**

Jimmy Byrne, St Fiacc's Tce Jack & May Brennan, Pacelli Ave

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> 10am**

John Barcoe, Killeshin Rd & deceased family

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm**

Seamus Walsh, 23 Church St Rita Dowling, Whitney Place also her husband Larry John Barcoe, Killeshin Rd & deceased family

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 10.15am**

Rebecca, John & Johanna Ryan, Ballyhide Brigid & Mary Gaskin, Cappalug (**Birthday Rem**) Mark Attride, Lower Rossmore Edward (Eddie) Moran, Clonaloo also his parents Patrick & Norah Stephen & Julie Doran, Keelogue Michael, Kate & Josie Moran, Keelogue (Mary Fitzpatrick, Cappalug also her parents John & Margaret Fleming, Bennekerry)



**11.30am**

(**Months Mind**) Frank Callinan, 7 '98 Street (**Months Mind**) Colette Callinan, 184 Monread Heights, Naas Esther Farrell, New Oak Est Michael O'Driscoll, Blackrock, Co Cork

**R.I.P.**

Kathleen Byrne (née O'Reilly), Buena Vista, Clogrennane  
Bridie Burke, Red Cross, Co Wicklow  
Infants Mia & Zoe Fitzpatrick, 3 Borlum Wood, Carlow

**R.I.P.**

**All-Ireland Pollinator Plan**-There are over 2 million domestic gardens in this country. Just imagine the difference it could make if 2 million gardens became biodiversity friendly! Gardening for Biodiversity also has advantages for human health and wellbeing. For gardens to be good for pollinators, they need to provide food in the form of flowers, shelter for nesting and safety from chemicals. [pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

**TOTUS TUUS SCRIPTURE CONFERENCE 2023 IS LIVE ON RADIO MARIA IRELAND ON SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER FROM 2PM.** Speakers include FR. JOHN RYAN (CLOYNE DIOCESE), FR. LUKE DEMASI (HOME OF THE MOTHER), FR. JOHN MCENEANEY (WATERFORD & LISMORE DIOCESE), FRANCES HOGAN (SCRIPTURE SCHOLAR). **Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277**

Askea Senior Citizens Our Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party is on Sunday 26th November in Seven Oaks Hotel at 1 pm. Members need to give in names and money by November 15th Contact Marian 0599143010 .

Weekly Collections 4th/5th Nov.  
Red Bag: €1,443  
Blue Bag: €1,705  
Direct Debits: €193  
Tap Donations: €54  
Donations: €100  
We thank you for your support.

Killeshin NS Parents Association have begun preparations for their annual Christmas Hamper Draw and are looking for baskets that could be used for the Hampers and/or if they would like to donate any items for the Hampers they can be left into the school or given to any committee member.

**ART EXHIBITION  
CHROMA ART GROUP  
LENNONS AT VISUAL  
9th NOV TO 31st Dec 23**

**Theology Online Open Evening, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Email [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) to find out more about our Online Open Evening on Wednesday 29 November.**

**Team Hope Christmas Shoeboxes appeal Boxes can be dropped off to Callinan's shop opposite Graiguecullen church, or to Killeshin stores. Thank you for your continued support**

St Clare's Hospitality urgently needs tea, pasta sauce or any non-perishable foods for our food parcels which we deliver every week. We deliver approximately 80 parcels every week with the result our supplies run down very quickly. We are very grateful for anything we get.

Killeshin GAA AGM will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Killeshin GAA Clubhouse. Mass for deceased members @ 7pm. All welcome.

Exploring The Mass Join us to watch and discuss Bishop Robert Barron's 'The Mass' for 3 evenings in the Cathedral Parish Centre 15th, 22nd and 29th of November at 7pm (food served). All welcome

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