



Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 19th November, 2023

33rd 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.

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No Pain No Gain

The third servant in today's parable was trying to bury a responsibility that he wished to avoid. The treasure he had been given was an opportunity for him to invest and please his master, but instead of putting himself out, he buried the treasure where he could forget about it and go about his own affairs. Buried deep, the treasure was no longer an uncomfortable reminder of his master's expectations. Meanwhile, the other two servants, realising that there is no gain without pain, risked everything on their master's account. They invested and multiplied their gifts, and their master was pleased by their efforts.

Like the three servants in this story we too have been given talents and gifts, and with those talents comes a responsibility to use those talents as an opportunity to make the world a better place. Our talents are varied, some great some small but we are all gifted in some way. Some have high profile and very obvious talents ... there are those who are great musicians, surgeons, sports people and scientists.

The rest of us might have less obvious talents. We might have a talent for caring, listening, speaking, growing things or solving practical problems. Whatever our particular gift we are urged to step out with it ... stick our neck on the line and invest our gifts in God's cause. God will not be so impressed if we are too afraid, embarrassed or lazy to use our talents. Ever heard the expression 'Use it or lose it.' If we ignore our gifts long enough, there will come a time when we can no longer rely upon them. This is what happened to the third servant.

One of the excuses that the third servant made for not investing his gift was that he was fearful of losing it. But the message today is not to be fearful. God never asks us to do something we are not capable of doing, and he is not judging us by our levels of productivity. The master in the story did not judge the third servant for producing nothing from his gift, but rather for being lazy and for his bitter indifference to his master's generosity.

The master would not have judged him harshly, if he had tried his best but failed. Today we are invited to look again at what gifts we have been given and how we are using them for the benefit of all. We are asked to examine what gifts we might be ignoring because we are too embarrassed or afraid, and we are asked to live a little dangerously and invest more of ourselves in God's cause.

Graiguecullen MONSTER CHRISTMAS Bingo.

This Sunday 19th November 2023 @ 3pm in St. Fiacc's Hall (R93PO30).

Jackpot on 47 numbers €1,610

Double number €460-Lotto €3,000

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.

Bingo as normal Tuesday 21st November @ 8.30pm.

We wish to inform our parishioners that we have been asked by Bishop Denis that audits of Mass attendance should take place on 25th & 26th November and 2nd & 3rd December in all parishes in the diocese.

Synod News – Bishop Brendan Leahy and his experience at the Synod–Bishop Denis is delighted to announce that Bishop Brendan Leahy will give an account of his experience as a delegate at the recent synod assembly in Rome. Bishop Brendan will join us on Saturday morning, 25 November from 11-12.30 in Mount St Anne's, Killenard, County Laois. Anyone who would like to hear from Bishop Brendan is very welcome to join us for this free event, hosted by the diocese.

Parish Lourdes Invalid Fund Committee wish to thank Billy Murphy, Fr Byrne Park who completed the Dublin City Marathon and raised €1,710 for the Lourdes Fund.

Pre-Baptism Meeting – our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on this Monday 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.

Newly Baptised: this week we welcome 5 new members into our parish community.
Éabha Annie Dempsey
Méabh Sinead Mulhall
Cayde Páuric Sweeney
Nelly Mae Fleming Charasz
Rose Beth Roche

Bereavement Mass:- Our annual Mass to remember all parishioners who died during the past year will be celebrated on **this Friday 24th November** at 7.30pm in St. Clare's Church. During the Mass we will be inviting family members to come forward and light a candle and place their candle on the cross in front of the altar. Every family member present is welcome to come forward and light a candle. Candles will be available at the church doors, and all donations will go towards Cancer Research.

Table Quiz in aid of the Lourdes Invalid Fund will be held in the Thatch Bar on Friday 8th December at 9pm.

A huge thank you to the Gillen Family again this year for the very generous donation of €1,550 following the Frank Gillen Memorial pool tournament held in The Thatch Bar, Graiguecullen. Thanks to Joe and Ursula Hayden for all their hard work in making it such a huge success. The donation is very much appreciated, from Joan & everyone in St Fiacc's House.

Jumble Sale in aid of our Parish Youth Ministry on November 25th & 26th-Sat 12-8pm / Sun 9am-2pm in the Parish centre. Ladies clothing & accessories, kids toys, books, homeware, bric-a-brac.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Sat 18th 6.30pm** (Seamus Walsh, 23 Church St)-(Jimmy Daly, Clonmore, Killeshin)
Rita Dowling, Whitney Place also her husband Larry
Nancy Dooley, Pearse Rd (**BirthDay Rem**)
John Barcoe, Killeshin Rd & deceased family
(Michael O'Shea, 99 Maher Rd)-(Jane Tobin, 99 Maher Rd)
Jason O'Shea Noctor, 54 Fr Byrne Pk
- Sun 19th 9am**
Eileen Dillon, Killeshin also her son Adrian
(Bridget (Biddy) Wynne, Staunton Ave also her husband George & son Robert)
- 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)-(Paddy O'Regan, Keelogue)
Eileen Dillon, Killeshin also her son Adrian
Baby Reáltín O'Reilly, Baltinglass
- 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)
(John McAssey, 1 Dolmen Heights)-(Jim Tyrrell, The Elms)
Nancy Dooley, Pearse Rd (**BirthDay Rem**)
- Tues 21st 10am**
(Annie & Martin Curran, Clonmore, Killeshin also their daughter Patricia Buckley)
Molly & Bernie Nolan, St Fiacc's Tee also their son Matthew
- Fri 24th 10am**
Alice Bradley, Maryboro St (**BirthDay Rem**)
(Molly Byrne, Anneville)-(Mick Byrne, Ballyharmon)
- Sat 25th 6.30pm**
Des Coakley, 137 Sleaty St
Fred (Winifred) Scully, Chapel St
Kevin Kearns, Sleaty Rd (**70th BirthDay Rem**)
Peter & Moll Branagan, Mortarstown
Thomas Trodden, 78 St Mary's Pk & deceased family
Brigid McSweeney, 164 Sleaty St & deceased family
- Sun 26th 10.15am**
Henry O'Neill, Portlaoise Rd (**BirthDay Rem**)
Oliver Brennan, Herondale, Leagh
Lucy Lowry, Oakpark Drive
- 11.30am**
(Months Mind) Elaine Buggy, Tolerton, Ballickmoyler
Miley Doran, Fruithill
John Dempsey, Portlaoise & Croydon
Maureen Lawler, Duggan Ave

Weekly Collections 11th/12th Nov.
Red Bag: €810
Blue Bag: €1,638
Direct Debits: €178
Tap Donations: €102
Donations: €370
We thank you for your support.

St Fiacc's NS Parents Association wish to ask all parents of St Fiacc's NS if they can give up one hour a month to meet up to have a chat. At these meetings they will discuss how to help the school in fundraising and to help in events during the year.
Contact parentsassociation@stfiaccs.com

Medjugorje Mass on Thursday
30th Nov in Cathedral Parish Centre. Rosary 7p.m followed by Mass. Our World needs prayer.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages. 24th- 29th May 2024. Spiritual
Director Fr Yanbo Chen. CC. Fr. Tom Dillon CC. 11th Sept. 2024 Fr.Theodore Tomasik. CC. Deposit €200 to be paid before 2nd Feb to avail of discount. Group Leader Noeleen 0862415986.

Carlow Flower Club will hold their Charity Christmas Gala Demonstration on Tuesday 28th November at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. The joint demonstrators on the night will be Marie Laird and Roisin Graham. Entry Fee €10 which includes mulled wine on arrival. Lots of ideas for decorating your home for Christmas and all arrangements will be raffled on the night. The event is in support of the Autism Charity "As I Am". Competition title for all classes "A Christmas Door Ring".

Talks on the Eucharist-Two evenings will be held in the Cathedral Parish Centre for the next two Wednesday evenings. The topic is 'Understanding and reflecting on the Eucharist'. All are welcome to attend. The sessions begin with hospitality at 7 pm and run until 9 pm. Love to see you there.

R.I.P. Emmet O'Brien, Liverpool
Michael O'Neill, Castlecomer

R.I.P.

Killeshin Ladies GFC invite you to our annual 'Christmas Lit Up Tractor Run' fundraiser, which leaves the Leinster Mart on the Killeshin Road on Saturday the 2nd of December 2023 @ 5pm. Prizes for best dressed vehicle (tractor/lorry/cars) on the night. BBQ and live music in the Glenside Lounge following. Please see Facebook page 'Killeshin ladies G.F.C.' for full details or Claire on 0876443352.
Hope to see you there.

Recent Benefit Coffee Morning held on 26th Sept at Greenlane Hse B&B for Lady with facial cancer. Grateful thanks to all who contributed and all who helped and supplied food and prizes. €4,775 has been handed over to the Lady who has started her journey and we wish her every success. Mass has been offered by the ACN charity for all who helped. "Quote St Francis . "For it is given we receive " .

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

Carlow Union of Parishes Advent Talks 2023-Taking place in St Mary's, Haymarket, Carlow on the following dates: Thursday 30th November, Fr Peter McVerry
Thursday 7th December, Leona O'Callaghan, abuse survivor
Thursday 14th December, Carlow Community Choir with Director Mary Amond O'Brien
Sunday 17th November, Bernard Lynch, LGBTQ+ advocate
All talks take place at 7.30pm, admission is free. For more information please contact 086-4113989 or email paulfitz1000@hotmail.com

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

Good Luck to Killeshin NS Girls who are competing in the Cumann na mBunscoil A Final this Wednesday in O'Moore Park, Portlaoise.