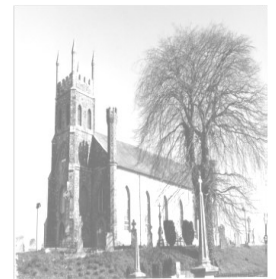


Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 17th December, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent



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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

CHRISTMAS MASSES: -

Anniversaries for Christmas Masses must be in by Wed. 20th Dec.
@ 12 noon and can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS EVE

Times

St Clare's Church

4pm & 5.30pm
(Specially for families with young children)
8.30pm Mass by Candlelight
10.00pm Mass for the Polish Community

Holy Cross Church

7.00pm
(Specially for families with young children)

CHRISTMAS DAY

St Clare's Church
Holy Cross Church
Tues 26th—Fri 29th Dec.
Mon 1st Jan
Sat 6th

9am & 11.30am
10.15am
Morning Mass at 10.00am in St. Clare's Church
New Years Day Mass @ 11.30am in St Clare's Church
10.15am & 11.30am **Feast of the Epiphany**

Please note as Sunday 24th is Christmas Eve there will be no morning Masses in St Clare's or Holy Cross Churches. The 4th Sunday of Advent will be celebrated at our Saturday evening Mass on the 23rd December at 6.30pm in St Clare's Church.

The Invitation to Reconciliation- at all our Masses this weekend

Advent focuses our attention on Christ's birth, while anticipating Christ's death and resurrection. During this season we celebrate God's invitation to reconciliation, but this is only the beginning, for as a people reconciled to God we become a people commissioned to "love the Lord God with all our hearts" and to "love our neighbours as ourselves." The birth of Christ, gives rise to hope and joy regardless of the circumstances of our times. When we accept God's invitation, we receive a call to discipleship, a call to spread the good news of reconciliation to others in a spirit of faithfulness, forgiveness & love.

Reconciliation service at all our Masses this weekend 16th/17th Dec.
St Clare's Church Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 9am & 11.30am
Holy Cross Church Sunday 10.15am
Saturday 23rd Dec 10am – 11am – Opportunity for Individual Confession (St Clare's Church)

Askea Church – Reconciliation Service Wed. 20th Dec. @ 7pm
Carlow Cathedral – Reconciliation Service Thurs 21st Dec. @ 7.30pm

Parish Envelopes:- boxes of envelopes are available at the church doors and we ask each family to take a box and use the envelopes to make your contribution to our Parish Development Fund and other special collections. We need your financial support to continue to upkeep and maintain our beautiful churches and parish buildings and to develop our pastoral initiatives. The work of the parish is greatly helped by your regular Financial Support.

Newly Baptised: this week we welcome 1 new member into our parish community.
Hannah Louise Geraghty

Parish Carol Service:- this Monday 18th December at 7pm in St Clare's Church. All parish choirs and Killeshin Pipe Band will be taking part. Admission is free but a collection will be taken up to support the local St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Christmas Prayer Box: we invite Parishioners to write any special prayers or intentions for Christmas and place them in the box beside the crib in St. Clare's. They will be placed in the crib for Christmas.

Priest's Christmas Collection:- this quarterly collection for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Special envelopes are provided in the envelope boxes or alternatively envelopes are available at church doors.

PARISH CENTRE:- will be closed from 1pm on Friday 22nd December and will re-open on Thursday & Friday 28th & 29th from 10am-12noon both days. Notices for newsletter for Sun 31st can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com.

Christmas Coffee Club morning this week takes place on Thursday 21st December after 10am Mass. Come and enjoy a glass of mulled wine.

Graiguecullen Bingo

Tuesday 19th Dec.

St.Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.

Over €8000 in prizemoney to be won in time for Christmas!
Jackpot on 43 numbers €1,090
Double number €460
Lotto €3,250

FREE PINK SHEET with every book (2 free with double book)
Chocolates left & right of the winner.

Great prizes, bring a friend.
Bingo will resume 2nd January 2024.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Sat 16th 6.30pm** **(First Anniversary)** Timothy Gleeson, 112 Beechwood Park (Paddy Nolan, 62 St Fiacc's Tce)-(Annette Nelson, 142 Sleaty St) (Jean & Seany Abbott, Knocknagee)-(John Nolan, Killeshin Rd) Mattie Kearney, Keelogue also his wife Pauline
Thomas & Frances Ryan, 65 Maher Rd also their daughters Clare & Carmel Gary Lawlor Hearn, 4 Heatherhill Square
(Jimmy Murnane, 80 Maher Rd)-(Norman & Jacinta Haughney, Governey Sq)
Liz Bolton, Duggan Ave **(Birthday Rem)**
(Harry & Elizabeth Clarke, Maher Rd)-(Intention Mass)
Enda Smyth, Pembroke, St Fiacc's Hse & Tinryland
Mary Brennan, Curragh Cottage & deceased family
Enda Smyth, Pembroke, St Fiacc's Hse & Tinryland
Elizabeth Byrne, Killeshin
Mary Waters (née Loughman), Sleaty Rd
Margaret Hennessy, St Mary's Park also her son Michael
- 10.15am** **(First Anniversary)** William (Billy) Doran, Ballickmoyler
Paddy Maguire, Clonmore, Killeshin
Joseph & Elizabeth Cummins, Springhill
(John & Nora Fitzgerald, Coolane)-(Kitty Brennan, Coolnariska)
Jimmy Dunne, Tullow St & Killeshin Rd
Christina Dempsey, Lower Rossmore **(Birthday Rem)**
- 11.30am** **(First Anniversary)** Mary Fenlon, St Anthony's, Pembroke
James Dooley, 14 St Joseph's Tce, Tinryland
Paudge Murphy, Knockbeg
Molly Burke, Killeshin
(Bridget Gaule, Pearse Rd, her daughter in law Una & deceased family)-(Kenneth Howard, Oakley Cres.)
Enda Smyth, Pembroke, St Fiacc's Hse & Tinryland
Bridie Donnelly (née Kenna), Leighlin Rd also her husband William
- Tues 19th 10am** **(First Anniversary)** William Malone, Coolcullen, Co. Kilkenny
Elizabeth Hickman, Kilkenny
(Mary Behan, Arles)-(Máire Behan, Clogrennane)
Philomena, Catherine, Tommy & Paddy Joe Hartnett
(Tom, Jack & Ellen Danaher, Kim Quigley & Joe & Mick Roche)
(Teresa Wynne, Mount Clare Court)-(Elizabeth Byrne, Killeshin)
(Johnny Callinan, '98 St **(Birthday Rem)** also his parents, Frank & Elizabeth, his brother Paddy & sister-in-law Colette)
Christine (Spotty) Almond, Drayton, England
Christopher Bolton, Ballickmoyler
(Peter Judge, Longwood, Co Meath)-(Jim Burke)
(James & Margaret Nolan, Ann & Tom Kirwan, Margaret & Patrick Nolan, Tony & Cathy Stewart & Paddy Lanigan, Tullow)
- Fri 22nd 10am** Noel Cash, Pearse Rd **(50th Anniversary)**
Cella & Pat Corcoran, Duggan Ave also their granddaughter Zoe
Dan Hayden, New Oak Estate
- Sat 23rd 6.30pm** (Hans Brooker, Hollymount)-(Joe Hennessy, 4 Chapel St)
(Elizabeth Kinsella, 7 Oakley Park also her husband Billy & deceased family)
(Nellie & Jim Nolan, Henry St their sons, Ted, Paddy & Maurice & daughters Margaret & Elizabeth & granddaughter Sinead Nolan)
(Peggy & Denis Byrne, St Clare's Rd also their sons Jim, John, Tommy, Patrick & Dinny & granddaughter Sinead Webber)
Mary Fenlon, St Anthony's, Pembroke
Matt, Nancy, Denis, Geraldine & Annie Farrell
(Anne Dunne & Mrs Dunbar)-(Denis & Mrs Moran)
Julieann, John & Niamh Hyland

R.I.P.

Fr Terry Murray OMI, London

Simon Ronan, 10 Shillelagh Grove, Tullow, Co. Carlow

R.I.P.

All Anniversaries for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day will be displayed on our church notice board and will be prayed for at all our Masses.

Rainbows Spring Programmes-Twice yearly, Carlow Rainbows offers a nine-week programme for young people aged 7 to 16 who have suffered the loss of someone close to them, or, the separation of their parents. **A NEW PROGRAMME is now being offered for those aged 13-16.** Held in Askea Parish Community Centre, the programmes are free to participants and will commence on February 5 2024. For further information contact Anne on 0876636499 or email carlowrainbows@gmail.com.

Weekly Collections 9th/10th Dec.

Red Bag: €1,128

Blue Bag: €1,720

Direct Debits: €103

Tap Donations: €48

Donations: €314

We thank you for your support.

GRAIGUECULLEN SWIMMING POOL

ADULT SWIMMING LESSONS

6 Week Course - €60

Work on your strokes, breathing & fitness

Starting Monday 8th January @ 11am.

Fill in a booking form at the pool office. Limited spaces.

PH: 059 9140330

Divine Will Retreat, Carlow Saturday 13th January 2024 11am-6pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Speaker Daniel Shiels. Registration Fee €20. Pre booking essential. Contact Maria 086 1020741.

Home help wanted for gentleman in Killeshin recovering after a stay in hospital. Help needed with moving around the home, cooking, light transport and taking a short walk. Own transport required. 2 full days / nights per week. For further information contact 087 6520888.

Copies of the Book, "Holy Cross Church and its Community" are still available from Pat Whelan @ 086 1657435 and the Parish Centre. An ideal Christmas gift for your friends at home and away.

Give Blood, Save a life! 1 in 4 of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime. There is an opportunity to give blood at:-
Talbot Hotel Carlow on the following dates:- Monday 18th – Thursday 21st Dec from 15.45pm – 20.00pm & Saturday 23rd Dec from 11.00am – 14.30pm
Please call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment. For more info please visit:-www.giveblood.ie

Pre-Baptism Meeting – our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on this Monday 29th January at 7pm in the parish centre. All parents who are presenting their child for baptism in the next few months are invited to attend.

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