



# Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 21st January 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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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**

### Change of Heart

“Wanted:- Men and women willing to leave behind their old way of life and become fishers men.”

Can you see job applicants queuing round the block? Would we respond to Jesus’ call with the same immediacy as those first disciples? Probably not! Chances are we’d hesitate long and hard. A hundred and one questions would hold us back. What would being a disciple involve? Would we be up to the job? What would we have to leave behind? What would we have to give up? Would part time discipleship be okay ... after all we’ve got lots else to do! Would candidates be permitted to serve two masters, giving up one’s own agenda is surely too much to ask!

There would be lots of questions we would ask, but sadly no easy answers. There is no one answer that is right for everybody. But the one important message for us today is that discipleship usually means a major shift in direction; a change that involves leaving behind things that get in the way of our relationship with God. It is left to each of us to decide what our particular mode of discipleship might be, and what stands in the path of our new direction. Our new direction has to start with some good hard soul searching, and a change of heart.

### Graiguecullen Bingo

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

St. Fiacc’s Hall @ 8.30pm.  
Jackpot on 46 numbers €1,610  
Double number €740  
Lotto €3,450

### Killeshin Choir

Practice is on Wednesdays @ 7-8pm in Holy Cross Church. New singers and musicians are always welcome!

**Our parish Youth Choir** practice on Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm in the parish centre.

Open to those in 6th class up to young adults. New singers and musicians are always welcome!

**Training for New and existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion-**A day long training will take place on Saturday, February 10 in the Cathedral Parish Centre, February 17 in Newbridge parish centre and February 24 in Emo National School. Training will be led by Julie Kavanagh and Fr Tom O’Byrne. Names can be given to Cathriona or to Parish Office.

**St. Fiacc’s National School** is now accepting application forms for Admission to Junior Infants for the 2024-2025 school year. Please call to the office for an enrolment pack or phone 059-9132444/9164672.

### Help with our St. Brigid's Crosses

All are invited to join us after Mass each morning on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January for a cup of tea while helping to make our St. Brigid’s Crosses or preparing the rushes. Any beginners will of course be shown how to make the crosses. Crosses will be sold on St. Brigid’s Day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb and after all Masses that same weekend. All proceeds go towards our parish Youth Ministry.

**Pre-Baptism Meeting** – our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Newly Baptised:** this week we welcome 2 new members into our parish community.

Aoibhinn Síona Mahon

Evan Luke Thompson



A sentimental crucifix was lost at Christmas time in the area of Topline Doyle’s in Graiguecullen. It’s silver and black with a medal attached to it. If you have it please contact the parish centre.

**EVERGREENS HOLIDAY 2024**-to the 4\* Garryvoe Hotel, overlooking Ballycotton Bay, Co. Cork. €495 per person sharing for 4 night, 5 days.

Limited single rooms available, €595 per person.

Leaving Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June and returning Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Included in the cost: Bed & Breakfast and dinner each day, entertainment, tours and refreshments to and from Cork.

Please give names with **€150 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT** per person to the Swimming Pool office. Limited places available for one bus.

St Clare’s Hospitality would be very grateful for any unwanted Christmas gifts to help towards our fundraising campaign. Items can be left into the parish centre.

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** Tommy Clarke, St Clare's Rd  
(Alice & Phil Kehoe, Avondale Drive)-(Dot Hutton, 4 The Poplars)  
Kathleen Lawler, 152 Duggan Ave also her son Shay Lawler, The Downs



**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 9am**

**10.15am**

**11.30am**

Kieran Lawler, Duggan Ave (**BirthDay Rem**)  
Pat O'Meara, Barrowhouse (**BirthDay Rem**)  
Agnes Kennedy, Ardenteggle also her son PJ & deceased family  
(Bridget Ryan, Chapel St)-(Loretta Sabino, Long Island)  
Nancy Anderson, Kentucky  
Sarah Doyle, Athy also her husband James & sons James & Thomas  
Mary Brennan, 4 St Lazarians Tce also Francis & James Brennan  
Mickie Webster, The Lock  
Margaret Dunne, Monure, Killeshin Rd  
Tommy Brennan, Springhill  
Maggie Carpenter, Farnans, Crettyard  
Baby Killian Shannon, Hollymount  
Paddy Mahon, Graiguenamanagh  
Richard Mahon, Molly & Pat Cahill, Marie Mahon, Graiguenamanagh  
Aisling Nolan McDonald, Graiguealug & Leighlin Rd (**BirthDay Rem**)

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 10am**

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm**



**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 9am**

**10.15am**

**11.30am**

Jack & Kitty Kelly, Lower Rossmore  
Sinéad Ní Nualláin, Barrowvale & Duggan Ave  
Mona Walsh, Limerick also her husband Jack  
Jim Dunne, 8 Dublin Rd also his children Eilish & Sean  
(Paddy Farrell, Granby Row)-(Anna Abbey, Garryhendon, Milford)  
Brendan Brady, Perrystown, Dublin  
(Tommy Keating, 1 Chapel St)-(Tom Dunne, Tolerton)  
(Frank Hayden, Ballickmoyler Rd & deceased members of the  
Hayden and Walshe families)-(Shay Lawlor, The Downs, Pollerton)  
Alice Bradley, Maryboro Street  
Christopher Lawlor, 70 Pearse Rd also his parents Michael & Gretta  
(Henry O'Neill, Portlaoise Rd)-(Jimmy Kehoe, Killeshin)  
Christopher Moran, Keelogue  
(**First Anniversary**) Louise O'Reilly, Mountrath & Bullock Park  
Alice Bradley, Maryboro St  
Anne & Edward Wynne, Old Leighlin & deceased family  
(John & Rosaleen McHugh, Springhill their daughter Clare & baby  
daughter Ann Marie & deceased family)

**R.I.P.**

Joe Geoghegan, 115 St Clare's Rd, Graiguecullen

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Killeshin Set Dancers trip to Westport, staying in the Westport Woods Hotel & Spa – 5 nights – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The cost is €650, which included, bed, breakfast & dinner each evening, lunch en-route and tours each day. Single supplement of €20 per night applies. Deposit of €200 to be paid before the end of March. For more information and to pay deposit contact Eddie Whelan 086 8173843.

*Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).*

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**Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024. €799.00 pps. Price includes 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch/Snack on 2 days. Afternoon Tea at Ashford Castle. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Cong. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 094 9006426 or 087 1890 236 or email [knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com)**

**Learn to Jive/Waltz & more-Adult Beginner Social Dance 5 week course commencing Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 8-9pm at 'The Academy of Dance Carlow', Carlow Youth Centre, Green Lane R93 V327. No partner required, registration and payment in full on first night @€50/person. Booking/Info – 087 27 27 315. Children's ballroom & latin classes age 4+ every Thursday – 0872727315 for more information.**

## Weekly Collections 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Jan

Red Bag: €861  
Blue Bag: €1,912  
Direct Debits: €338  
Tap Donations: €75  
Donations €130

We thank you for your support.

KILLESHIN COMMUNITY HALL celebrates 50 years on Sun 3rd March 2024. Any photos, newspaper articles or stories would be greatly appreciated and can be emailed to [killeshincommunitycentreclg@gmail.com](mailto:killeshincommunitycentreclg@gmail.com) or contact Siobhán 086 3539144.

The A.G.M. of the Holy Cross Sodality and Cemetery Committee will take place after Mass in Holy Cross Church on Sunday Jan 28<sup>th</sup>.

## St. LEO'S COLLEGE NEW BUS FUNDRAISER

"Make a dent with your copper cents".

St.Leo's College is appealing to the community of Carlow for assistance in their fundraising for a New School Bus. We call on all households to donate any copper coins to our appeal. Donations can be delivered directly to St. Leo's College administration office and all will be greatly appreciated.

[www.stleoscarlow.ie](http://www.stleoscarlow.ie)

Rambling night in Oisín House on Friday 26th January 8 pm to 11 song story music a great night's entertainment and refreshments for €5. All welcome, bring a friend.

Rossmore Killeshin Development Association will hold its AGM on the 30<sup>th</sup> January at 8 pm in Oisín House and a drive for volunteers who wish to push the venture forward with the best possible future for the company and the community.

Askea Senior Citizens Monthly Nights out are back Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>. Bingo, Music, and cuppa. New Members welcome Contact Marian.059 91 43010.

Mass on Thursday 25th January in Carlow Cathedral starting at 7 p.m. with Rosary and Divine Mercy for Vocations and World Peace. Followed by Mass.

Catholics in the South East Facebook Group invites you to join our next Book Club Meetup on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Club House Hotel, Book: Theology for Beginners by Frank Sheed. Tel Gissell 087-761-7792.