



Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 28th January 2024

Fourth 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
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Lessons to be Learned

How many people, years after their driving test can still hear their driving instructor loud and clear in their mind's ear every time, they take a corner. "Slower.... Slower.... Slower... Whoa! Slow it right down!" A good teacher is very powerful. The words of a good teacher are with us forever. A good teacher opens our eyes and helps us to understand. A good teacher adds something to our world and changes us forever. Today Mark tells us how Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. He tells us how amazed the people were at how he taught and at the authority in his teachings. His authority was powerful enough to expel demons even. You'll notice that Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus taught but only how he taught and the impression he made. He taught in a way that was to change all our lives. It is testament to his skill as a teacher that news of him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. We do not have the benefit of listening first hand to Jesus' teaching, but it is testament to his authority that we still read his words twenty centuries after he spoke them. There are still demons in our lives, and Jesus' teaching still has the authority to drive them out. There are still lessons to be learned for those who believe Jesus can add something to our world and change us forever.

Graiguecullen Bingo

Tuesday 30th January.

St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm
Jackpot on 46 numbers €1,740
Double number €810
Lotto €3,500

Confirmation Preparation

Meetings: Our next Confirmation preparation meeting will take place in St Clare's Church on this Tuesday 30th January @ 7.00pm for the confirmation candidates from both St Fiacc's NS and Killeshin NS and their parents. **Please note the change of date and time.** We look forward to seeing you all then.

Celebrating our Catholic Schools – this weekend we welcome students from all our local schools who have come to celebrate the end of Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year was '*Catholic Schools: Communities of Service*'. In Catholic schools, as we study and look to Jesus Christ as our role model and Teacher, we come to a greater understanding of the depth of Christian service. All our ministries will be undertaken by school students who are very active in our parish and we thank them for all their work.

First Friday:- this Friday 2nd February. There will be a special penitential service during the 10am Mass in St Clare's.

Communion to the Sick: Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound during this week.

Feast of St Brigid's Thursday 1st Feb:- Next weekend we will be focusing on the 1500th Anniversary of St Brigid at all our Masses. **Crosses will be blessed and will be available at our 10am Mass on Thursday and after all Masses next weekend.** A big thank you to all the people who collected rushes for us and to all those who came into the parish centre to make the crosses or made them at home and donated them to us. All proceeds go towards the youth ministry in our parish and helps subsidise retreats and pilgrimages.

Presentation of the Lord & Candlemas-Friday Feb 2nd

Candlemas is a traditional Christian festival that commemorates when Mary brought the baby Jesus to the temple forty days after His birth and met Simeon. It is called 'Candlemas' because that was the day on which the year's supply of candles for the church were blessed. **If anyone would like candles blessed for use in their home, you are welcome to bring them to the 10am Mass or they can be left into the parish office.**

Celebrating St Valentine:- we invite all couples to a special Mass in St Clare's Church on Saturday 17th Feb at 6.30pm to receive a special blessing. Any couple who is celebrating a special milestone anniversary this year and would like it celebrated at the Mass are asked to contact the parish office.
If you have a copy of a photo of you on your wedding day that we can display on screen please contact Cathriona at 085 1450321.

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. (0599141833)

Feast of St. Blaise:- this Saturday 3rd February. St. Blaise is the patron saint of throat illnesses. Blessing of throats will take place at the end of the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday evening.

Be Safe In Your Community-St Fiacc's House are hosting a Garda workshop focused on supporting the older person to protect them from crime on Wednesday 31st Jan in the activity centre at 11:30am.

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.

Family Masses: There will be special family Masses next Sunday 4th February at 10.15am in Holy Cross Church and 11.30am in St. Clare's Church. We particularly welcome the children preparing for First Penance and First Holy Communion and their families to these Masses.



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

Fiach Johnson



ANNIVERSARIES

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

-  **Sat 27th 6.30pm** 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, Garryhundon, 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)
(Bridget Ramsbottom, 5 The Numbers)-(Katie & Paddy Dowling, Crossneen)
Donal & Ollie Brennan, '98 Street
- Sun 28th 9am** (Alice Bradley, Maryboro St)-(Natas Budrys, Lithuania)
Christopher Lawlor, 70 Pearse Rd also his parents Michael & Gretta
10.15am (Henry O'Neill, Portlaoise Rd)-(Jimmy Kehoe, Killeshin)
(Christopher Moran, Keelogue)-(Alice Bradley, Maryboro St)
(John & Maureen Whelan, Keelogue also their granddaughter Sharon
Murphy, 1 Rossmore View)
- 11.30am** **(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)
(Richard & Theresa Shannon, Rathduff, Hollymount also their sons,
grandsons & daughters-in-law)
- Tues 30th 10am** Jim Ryan, Crossneen **(Birthday Rem)**
Wed 31st 10am Sinéad Ní Nualláin, Barrowvale & Duggan Ave
(James & Elizabeth, Loughlin, Moneenroe)-(Nell Hennessy, Chapel St)
Bernie Motley, John Sweeney Park **(10th Anniv)**
- Thurs 1st 10am** (Julia & Philip Seymour, 3 Church St also their sons Melvin, Sean &
great grandson Christopher)
- Fri 2nd 10am** **(Months Mind)** Martina Stokes, 31 The Orchards, Tullow Road
Sat 3rd 6.30pm Peter & Una Hoolan, Pacelli Ave
Conleth Haughney, St Fiacc's Tce
- Sun 4th 9am** Jim Lawler, Oakley Crescent
Chrissie Watchorn, St Clare's Rd
- 10.15am** (Brigid (Patty) O'Regan, Killeshin)-(Tim Rowan, The Strand)
(Michael O'Rourke, Clogrennane)-(Pat Scully, Killeshin)
James Ryan, Edward & Elizabeth Gaskin, Cappelug
Denis & Teresa Doran, Keelogue
Mark Anthony Dunne, Monure, Killeshin Rd
- 11.30am** Samuel Byrne, Mortarstown
Bernie Motley, John Sweeney Park **(10th Anniv)**

R.I.P. Michael Keyes, Staplestown, Carlow
Kathleen Kane (née White), Killeshin Road & Manchester *R.I.P.*
James (Jimmy) Cunningham, Manchester

Eoin Harte would like to thank everyone who bought, sponsored, sold or had anything to do with the making or selling of his 2024 calendar. It was a great success and I couldn't have done it without everyone's help.

The Kilquan players will take to the stage with the production of 'Separate Beds' by Sam Cree. The show will take place in Coon Hall(R93EC89) on 2nd,3rd 4th, 10th and 11th February at 8pm. Entry is €10 on the night. Please arrive early to ensure entry.

Killeshin Set Dancers trip to Westport, staying in the Westport Woods Hotel & Spa – 5 nights – Sunday 30th June to Friday 5th 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.

Cathedral Evening Prayer for St Brigid-February 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese and secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death. Bishop Denis invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on February 1st at 7:30 pm. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

Guitar lessons available for beginners. Provided by qualified primary school teacher with a degree in Music Lessons provided to both individuals and small groups. Please contact 0871340065 or guitarlessons2024@gmail.com for more information.

Weekly Collections 20th/21st Jan

Red Bag: €873
Blue Bag: €1,310
Direct Debits: €100
Tap Donations: €78
Donations €150

We thank you for your support.

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

Home Help required for elderly man in Killeshin. Contact 087 2739951

Rossmore Killeshin Development Association will hold its AGM on the 30th 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.

Coffee morning in the Cabin Cafe at Barrack Street from 10.00 - 12.00 on Tuesday 6th February for people with dementia and their carer. Admission free.

Graiguecullen/Killeshin Lourdes Invalid Fund Committee are hosting a table quiz on Friday 9th February in The Thatch Bar, Graiguecullen at 9pm. Table of 4 €40. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Carlow Flower Club January meeting will be a Flower Arranging Demonstration by Paula Dowling AOIFA Teacher and Demonstrator. The competition for all categories will be "A Romantic Table Centre". All arrangements will be raffled on the night. Visitors fee €10. All welcome 30th January 8.00pm Woodford Dolmen Hotel

Killeshin NS Enrolment for 2024/2025

Killeshin National School is now open to accept enrolments for the 2024/2025 school year.

Admission Forms may be downloaded from the School website www.killeshinns.ie Alternatively, admission forms are available from the school office, Phone number: 0599147852