



Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 10th March 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent (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

THINGS TO DO FOR LENT:

Holy Hour:- each Monday Mar 11th & 18th @ 7pm in St Clare's Church

Stations of the Cross:- @ 10am on Mondays in St Clare's Church followed by Holy Communion

St Clare's Hospitality:- food appeal continues – food can be placed in the barrels at Church doors or in the Parish Centre

Trocaire Boxes:- are available at Church doors. Please take one.

A Parish Finance Committee Meeting will take place in the Parish Centre this Thursday 14th March @ 8pm.

Our Holy Hour continues this Monday 11th March at 7pm in St Clare's Church through prayer, silence, images & music. When we make a Holy Hour, we remain and stay awake with Jesus. It's a powerful and beautiful way to grow closer to Him. God takes our small efforts and does great things with what we give Him. His generosity is incomparable.

Laetare Sunday-"Happy Mothering Sunday"-The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday, a celebration very much like Gaudete Sunday in Advent. Both also announce to us that we are drawing ever closer to the feast for which we are preparing (Christmas for Gaudete Sunday, and Easter for Laetare Sunday). This day has also come to be known as 'Mothering Sunday'. Four hundred years ago, people made a point of visiting their nearest big church (the Mother Church) on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Young girls and boys 'in service' were only allowed one day to visit their family each year, and this was usually Mothering Sunday. Often the housekeeper or cook would allow the maids to bake a cake to take home for their mother. Sometimes a gift of eggs; or flowers from the garden was allowed. A day to show our mothers our appreciation. **Happy Mothers Day!**

Graiguecullen Bingo
Tuesday 12th March.
St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,520
Double number €390
Lotto €700
Save the Date: Monster Easter
Bingo Sunday 24th March @ 3pm.
Easter eggs left & right.

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

Danny Martin Casey

Training of New Eucharistic Ministers: If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Parish Office 059941833. Training will take place before Easter.

Too Late for Lent? So you haven't got round to doing anything for Lent and wonder if it's too late? Are you thinking that you might as well forget about it now and try it next year instead? The answer is that it's never too late to do anything for God. Even if there is only one day left to do something, it's worth the effort because, after all, an effort made even if it is small and late, it is still an effort God will see. It's not too late to do something for Lent and one of the places we might start is to say we are sorry, whether to God or to another person.

Laying Down Stones:- God looked down from Heaven and rolled the Stone away! All of us carry burdens that cause us to walk through life with some experience of pain. We all have different times in our lives when these burdens can weigh heavy on our minds, our hearts and our souls. These burdens may come from any area of our lives; family, work, health or finances. Sometimes the weight of these burdens is too much for us to bear alone. God doesn't want us to carry our burdens alone. He asks us to lay our burdens down at the foot of the cross. He wants us to surrender our heavy load to him.

During this season of Lent, we invite you to lay down your stone, your burden, on the strength of the Lord. Please take a stone from the sacred space in the palm of your hand and lay upon it the burdens of your life. Place the stone on the pathway to the cross. In this way we are laying down our weights to be carried by Jesus and rolled away like the stone which revealed the empty tomb. Our Novena takes place during the Easter Season. We also invite you to write your burden, that the stone represents, on a piece of paper and place it in the petition boxes. We will then, through the prayers of our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, ask Our Lord to relieve our burdens as he himself overcame his cross.

St Patrick's Day Parades:
Graiguecullen parade begins in Carlow Town Park. All participants must assemble inside the grounds of the town park at 10.30am sharp. The parade will leave the Town Park at 11am and proceed through the streets of Graiguecullen via Colclough Ave, St Clare's Rd, Pearse Rd, Maher Rd, '98 Street and Maryborough Street finishing at St Clare's Church on the Leighlin Road side arriving for 11.30am Mass in St Clare's. **We are inviting everyone to attend this very special Mass to celebrate the faith, language, music sport and culture of our parish community.**

Please contact Jackie on 086 3988548 if you have any questions or to let her know if you will be joining the parade.

Chrism Mass: Bishop Denis invites you to join him for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. It will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Carlow on Monday, 25 March at 7:30 pm. At this diocesan Mass, the holy oils are blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year and the priests of the diocese renew their priestly promises. The diocesan choir will lead us in singing, for the first time, the newly composed Mass of St Brigid by Fr Liam Lawton.

Killeshin holds its 38th. Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade this year. All Clubs and Organisations and the general public are asked to assemble down at the new School at 9.15am with Flags and Banners to Parade to Mass for 10.15am.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Sat 9th 6.30pm** (First Anniversary) Kathleen Malone, Coolane (First Anniversary) Yvonne Weston, Drogheda & her sister Dympna Lynch) (John McDermott, Clonmore)-(Thomas Nelson, New Oak Estate) John & Annie O'Reilly, Lower Rossmore also their son John Matthew Nolan, 65 St Fiacc's Tce Christy & Mary Kelly, Coolane (Eileen Looney, 106 Church St)-(Tom Whelan, Ardenteggle) Martin Cleare, 5 The Numbers Baby Calum Nolan, Crossneen **(11th Anniv & Birthday Rem)**
- Sun 10th 9.00am** Martin & Annie Lyons, The Numbers also their son Noel (James Sheehan, Bridget & Joe Kelly, Blackbog Rd also their sons Paddy & Joe & daughter Mary)-(Kevin Lyons, Bestfield) (Ita & Padraig Culliton, Raheenduff, their daughter Ita & her husband Simon & their grandson Oisín Osborn)
- 10.15am** (Josie Dempsey, Killeshin)-(Sean Brennan Jnr, Ballyhide) Johnny Kelly, Rossmore, Killeshin Josephine Twomey, Killeshin Rd **(10th Anniversary)**
- 11.30am** **(First Anniversary)** Eamonn Redmond, Oak Park Road **(First Anniversary)** Aisling Nolan McDonald, Graiguealug, Nurney & Leighlin Rd) Mary Keating, St Fiacc's Tce **(Mothers' Day Mass)** Josie Collins, Bestfield **(Mothers' Day Mass)** Hannah Jones, Dublin also her grandson Paul Keane Maisie & Sidney Ramsbottom, 48 Staunton Ave Intention Mass
- Tues 12th 10am** **Wed 13th 10am** **Thurs 14th 10am** **Fri 15th 10am** **Sat 16th 6.30pm** Jim Ryan, Crossneen & deceased family Simon Lacey, Manchester & Browneshill **(First Anniversary)** John Lennon, Leighlin Rd Breda Grant, 34 St Fiacc's Tce (Eileen Maher, Oakley Pk also her mother-in-law Eileen Maher Tullow & St Fiacc's Hse)-(Liam Shaw, 5 Bridge Street) Ger Nolan, 5 Henry St his parents Stephen & Maisie & deceased family (Charlie Haughney, 5 St Fiacc's Tce)-(Annie Comerford, Duggan Ave) (Elizabeth (Lil) Nolan, Croppy Place)-(Joe Fitzpatrick, Sleaty St) Paddy Nolan, 62 St Fiacc's Tce **(Birthday Rem)** (May Carpenter, Springdale, also her parents Bridie & Paddy & brother Seamus O'Rourke)
- Sun 17th 9am** **11.30am** (Tommy White, The Numbers)-(Special Intention) John & Margaret Walsh, Stanney & deceased family Liam Fleming, 6 Maryborough St Eileen Maher, Oakley Park Margaret Lacey, 32 St Fiacc's Tce

Weekly Collections 2nd/3rd Mar

Red Bag: €948
Blue Bag: €1,570
Direct Debits: €135
Tap Donations: €75
Donations €20

We thank you for your support.

Carlow Union of Parishes Living Faith Series - 'Songs of Prayer, Faith and Praise'. St. Mary's Church, Carlow Friday 15th March 7.30pm with Carlow Community Choir directed by Mary Amond O'Brien with special guests enCORE. Admission is free, donations welcome.

Mass of St Brigid Open Workshop-An open workshop with composer Liam Lawton will take place the following dates: Monday 11th March 2024, St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, Portlaoise @ 8.00 p.m. Thursday 14th March 2024, Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow @ 8.00 p.m. Come and learn a new Mass setting suitable for all choirs. Admission is Free.

Coffee morning In aid of Éist Wednesday 13th March 11.30-1.30 pm In Tullow Parish Centre. Representative from Eist will be there in attendance for emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer in a relaxed environment. Everyone welcome

Monthly meeting in Uisín House on Tuesday night 12th March at 8pm re: up and coming events and up grading of the facilities.

Annual Lourdes Draw will take place in The Thatch on Friday 22nd March. Draw cards are now available from The Thatch and The Parish Centre.

Killeshin Community Hall Committee wish to thank everybody who made the 50th Anniversary Celebrations such a joyous occasion last Sunday. To Fr John Dunphy for blessing the Hall, to Fr Seán Kelly for the great memories that brought everybody back to where it all began. To all who contributed news articles, photos and memories from the early days. The newly refurbished Hall is available for all family and sporting occasions.

R.P.P.

John (Jack) Sheehan, 32 Avondale Drive, Hanover, Carlow
Clare Carroll (née O'Connor), 9 Braganza, Carlow

R.P.P.

Féile na Beatha, Carlow's Spring Festival of Living-March 19th
The Féile will include: **The Annual Famine Walk** from SETU, Kilkenny Rd to the Famine Graveyard on Green Road at 12pm. Learn about the local Workhouse, the impact of An Gorta Mór on the Carlow region and the continuing relevance of the Great Hunger for our world today, through spoken word and music. All welcome.

From Hurt to Healing to Solidarity. A Gathering to reflect on An Gorta Mór, causes of hunger today and the importance of global solidarity. Talk by Dr Iain Atack and music by our very own Eric de Buitléir. 7pm - 9pm. Haughton Building, SETU, Kilkenny Rd. All welcome. More information from Fr Martin at 059 917 5612 or martin.smith@setu.ie

Special Kildare Pilgrimage to Fatima 9th-14th August Ex Dublin. Mass in Santarem where bleeding host took place, visit visionaries' homes, Hungarian Stations of the Cross. Lisbon with church of Saint Anthony where he was born and baptised, seaside excursion.

Payments can be made by instalments. Contact James Treacy 061921470 or email jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

Little Jack Russell Dog with 2 tanned patches on her back missing in the Graiguecullen Area. Contact 087 4150282.

Sleaty Cemetery-people are asked when replacing flowers, plants or holly wreaths etc on your loved ones grave please remove all waste material from the cemetery. No planting of any flowers or shrubs are permitted in the lawn section.