



Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 17th March 2024 Fifth 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
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THINGS TO DO FOR LENT:

Holy Hour:- continues this Monday 18th @ 7pm in St Clare's Church
Stations of the Cross:- @ 10am on Mondays in St Clare's Church followed by Holy Communion

Happy St Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote: "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same.

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision that he was being called back to Ireland. The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftan and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 2024

This is the 19th year of our Parish Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Petition boxes are available in St Clare's and will be prayed for during the Novena.

Our guest speakers this year are:

- 08/04/24 **Rev PJ Madden**- Former General Secretary of the INO-Retired paris priest from New Orleans diocese and served 5 years in K& L Diocese
- 15/04/24 **Rachel Doyle** - founder of Arboretum. A qualified horticulturist and author of a new book 'My Tree of Life'
- 22/04/24 **Ben Scallan** - Senior political correspondent with [@GriptMedia](#) - Irish journalist and Commentator
- 29/4/24 **Mick Galwey** – All Ireland Senior Football Championship medal winne Irish Rugby Legend and Sports Commentator
- 06/05/24 **Geraldine Mullan** – Geraldine's story of how faith hope and love have carried her since her life changed dramatically in 2020 when her husband & 2 children tragically died
- 13/05/24 **David Walsh** – Co Founder of Netwatch & more recently Halo Care strategic thinker and vocal advocate of entrepreneurship
- 20/05/24 **Derek McGrath** – Former centre-forward and previous manager of the Waterford senior Hurling team
- 27/05/24 **Prof Jim Lucey**- Inspector with Mental Health Commission - writer, broadcaster and public speaker.
- 03/06/24 **Elma Walsh** – Founder of the 'Live Life Foundation' in memory of her son Donal who died aged 16 years

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 19th March.

St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,650
Double number €460
Lotto €750

Save the Date: Monster Easter
Bingo Sunday 24th March @ 3pm.
Easter eggs left & right.

**Training for New Ministers of Holy
Communion: will take place in
St Clare's Church on Wednesday 20th
& Wednesday 27th March @ 7-8.30pm.**

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Parish Office via Whatsapp 085 1450321.

**Palm Sunday:- next weekend 24th
March. Palms will be blessed and
distributed at all Masses next weekend.
Palm Sunday is the Sunday before
Easter that begins Holy Week. It is
when we remember and celebrate the
day Jesus entered Jerusalem as Saviour
and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into
the town of Jerusalem a large crowd
gathered and laid palm branches and
their cloaks across the road, giving
Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of
people shouted "Hosanna to the Son of
David! Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord! Hosanna in the
highest heaven!"**

An Invitation to Reconciliation- During this season of Lent we celebrate God's invitation to reconciliation. There will be a brief **penitential reflection at all our Masses next weekend 23rd/24th March.**

Pope Francis spoke about the importance of the gesture. "Without that initial impulse, the person would not be there. Their being there is testimony to the desire for change. Words are important, but a gesture is explicit". In light of this people will be invited to take part in a gesture of reconciliation by approaching the altar for a brief cleansing rite followed by general absolution.

Thursday morning club – please note there will be no coffee morning next week.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Sat 16th 6.30pm** (First Anniversary) John Lennon, Leighlin Rd
Breda Grant, 34 St Fiacc's Tce
Larry Dowling, Whitney Place also his wife Rita
(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 (**BirthDay Rem**)
Paddy Nolan, 62 St Fiacc's Tce (**BirthDay Rem**)
(Michael & Cely Nolan, Johnstown)-(John O'Connell, Abbeyleix
(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)
(Patrick Hayes, Aughanure, Oakpark)-(Larry Joyce, Ballyhide)
Siobhan, Bobby & Phyllis Ryan
(Eamon Hand, Fr Byrne Pk)-(Peg & Michael Duffett, Oakley Grove)
Sadie & Ken Usher, New York & their son Tony
Fred Byrne, 1 St Fiacc's Tce
- Tues 19th 10am**
Wed 20th 10am
Roísín Moran, Keelogue (**BirthDay Rem**)
Michael Carolan, Levitstown
(Tom Bohanna, 24 Pacelli Ave (**BirthDay Rem**) also his sister
Gretta Bohanna, 32 McGamhna Rd and his nephew Dessie Whitty)
- Sat 23rd 6.30pm**
Carmel Pierce, 54 Mount Leinster Pk
Kathleen & Patrick Bolton, The Strand
Jenny Wall, The Forge, Chaplestown
Jimmy O'Neill, Mountrath
(Jimmy McDonald, Pacelli Ave also his parents Nancy & Johnny, his
brother Noel & sister Margaret)
- Sun 24th 10.15am**
11.30am
(Denis (Dinny) Hennessy, Springhill Rd)-(Joe Whelan, Ardenteggle)
Paddy Whelan & Denis & Margaret Tuohy, Graiguecullen
(**Months Mind**) Edward (Ned) Comerford, Sleaty Rd
Christy & Sheila Bolton, Clogrennane
(Martin & Annie Fitzpatrick, Coolenaugh also their daughter-in-
-law June Fitzpatrick, Wexford)
Jim & Denis Moran, 196 Whitney Place

R.I.P.

Baby Izadora Vera Rita Connolly

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Vincent de Paul Carlow. Can you help? Tesco Fairgreen Carlow, we are hosting our three-day **Easter Food Appeal** on *Friday 22nd Saturday 23rd Sunday 24th March* between 11am and 6pm. They are asking their customers to purchase an items of non-perishable food which will be donated to a local charity. They are giving all the food donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Carlow. Vincent de Paul are looking for helpers to sit and supervise the collection trolley at Tesco on the above dates. If you are available for an hour on any of the dates please text Gerry at 085 1518160 and he will contact you to arrange a time. Thank you.

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock: Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in the Kildare & Leighlin Diocese for the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14th April 2024. Please ring 086 1637311 (Barbara Kinsella) to enquire or book a seat. Full bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie.

Newly Baptised: this week we welcome 3 new members into our parish community.

Lucy Lowry
Bea Brennan
Ella Luna Moran Burnett

Junior Infant Enrolment. Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Green Lane, Carlow September 2024. Scoil Mhuire gan Smál is an all-girls primary school from Junior Infants to Sixth Class located in the centre of Carlow town with a long standing tradition of providing a holistic education for its pupils. Enrolments for Junior Infants for September 2024 can be made by phoning the school (059/9242705), by emailing the school (smgscarlow@gmail.com) or via the school website (smgscarlow.ie). You can also call into the school office to collect an enrolment form, (R93 FP57). See our Twitter (@smgscarlow) and Instagram (@scoilmhuiregansmal) pages for an insight into Scoil Mhuire.

Weekly Collections 9th/10th Mar

Red Bag: €725
Blue Bag: €1,518
Direct Debits: €135
Tap Donations: €70
Donations €90

We thank you for your support.

Daffodil Day Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre 10.30am-12.30pm Friday 22nd March. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Carlow Day Care Center for the elderly are Hosting a Coffee Morning and cake sale in aid of the Centre on Wednesday March 27th @ 10 am until 12.30 pm. Please come and support this worthy cause. Donations welcome.

Peace Mass in Carlow Cathedral on Thursday 21st March. Starting at 7p.m. With Rosary, Divine Mercy followed by Mass. Our World needs Our Prayer at this time. "I Have No Hands But Yours"

Daniel O'Donnell in concert in Lyrath Hotel Kilkenny Wednesday 1st May 2024. Tickets available from Carmel Dawson 0872221434

Askea Senior Citizens Holiday to Westport on 8th April. There are a few rooms available for non members twin rooms or double no singles rooms left. Contact Marian 059 9143010.

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

Carlow Flower Club for March will be a treat with a demonstration from entertaining and renowned horticulturalist and flower arranger Malcolm Kitt from Cobh. The competition for all categories on the night will be "An Easter Basket". Demonstration will take place in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel on Tuesday 26th March at 8.00pm Non-members fee €10.

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