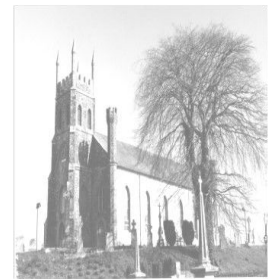


Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 24th March 2024 Palm Sunday (B)



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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

Church Services for Holy Week and Easter 2024

Mon 25th	7.30pm :-	Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral
Thurs 28th March:-		(HOLY THURSDAY)
	10.00am :-	Morning Prayer in St. Clare's Church
	7.30pm:-	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in St. Clare's <i>(All children from the parish preparing for First Holy Communion are invited to attend)</i>
		<i>Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Clare's until 9.30pm</i>
	9.30pm :-	Night Prayer in St. Clare's Church
Friday 29th March:-		(GOOD FRIDAY)
	10.00am :-	Morning Prayer in St. Clare's Church
	12 noon :-	Children's Stations and Veneration of the Cross in St. Clare's Church <i>(All children from the parish preparing for First Holy Communion are invited to attend)</i>
	3.00pm :-	Celebration of the Lord's Passion in St. Clare's
	7.30pm -	Outdoor Stations of the Cross followed by veneration in Holy Cross Church
Saturday 30th March:-		(HOLY SATURDAY)
	10.00am :-	Morning Prayer in St. Clare's Church
	9.30am-10am	Confessions in St. Clare's Church
	8.00pm:-	Easter Vigil Mass in St. Clare's Church <i>(All young people from the parish who have recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend)</i>
Sunday 31st March:-		(EASTER SUNDAY)
	6.30am:-	Easter Dawn Mass at Oisín House, Rossmore
		Masses at 9.00am, 11.30am in St. Clare's Church and 10.15am Mass in Holy Cross, Killeshin
Mon 1st April	10am	Mass in St Clare's Church

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 parish 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
29/04/24	Mick Galwey - All Ireland Senior Football Championship medal winner 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. (Blessing of the Sick takes place at this Mass.)
03/06/24	Elma Walsh - Founder of the 'Live Life Foundation' in memory of her son Donal who died aged 16 years

MONSTER EASTER Bingo

on this Sunday 24th March
St.Fiacc's Hall @ 3pm. R93PO30

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,780

Double number €530

Lotto €800

Over €8,000 in prizemoney!!

Easter eggs left & right of the winner.
Bingo as normal Tuesday 26th March @ 8.30pm

Training for New Ministers of Holy Communion: will continue in St Clare's Church on Wednesday 27th March @ 7-8.30pm. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Parish Office via Whatsapp 085 1450321.

Priests Easter Collection:- the quarterly collection for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up at all Masses over the Easter weekend. Special envelopes are in the envelope boxes or alternatively you can use the special envelopes available at church doors.

DAWN MASS On Easter Sunday 31st March, at 6.30am at Oisín Park/ House, Upper Rossmore. Killeshin. People travelling to the event are asked to arrive not later than 6.15am and where possible to share transport in order to help with the parking. Wrap up warm and bring something to sit on!

Trocaire Boxes: can be returned to the Parish Office or at any of our Easter Ceremonies. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Newly Baptised: this week we welcome 3 new members into our parish community.
Liam Edward Dowling
Cian Cormac Mulhall
Caioimhe Marie Hurley

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

Pre-Baptism Meeting - our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm in the parish centre. All parents who are presenting their child for baptism in the next few months are invited to attend.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Sat 23rd 6.30pm** (First Anniversary) Joseph Lawler, 68 St Fiacc's Tce
Carmel Pierce, 54 Mount Leinster Pk
Kathleen & Patrick Bolton, The Strand
Jenny Wall, The Forge, Chaplestown
(Jimmy O'Neill, Mountrath)-(Thomas Devereux, 162 Duggan Ave)
Bridie Hurley, Rossmore View
Thomas Flynn, Margaret & Denis Helehan, St Fiacc's Tce
- Sun 24th 9am** Joseph (Sonny) Byrne, Killeshin Rd
10.15am (Denis (Dinny) Hennessy, Springhill Rd)-(Joe Whelan, Ardenteggle)
Paddy Whelan & Denis & Margaret Tuohy, Graiguecullen
Joseph (Sonny) Byrne, Killeshin Rd
11.30am (Months Mind) Edward (Ned) Comerford, Sleaty Rd
Christy & Sheila Bolton, Clogrenane
(Martin & Annie Fitzpatrick, Coolenaugh also their daughter-in-law June Fitzpatrick, Wexford)
Jim & Denis Moran, 196 Whitney Place
Joseph (Sonny) Byrne, Killeshin Rd
- Wed 27th 10am** John Kenny, Sycamore Rd & St Fiacc's Tce
Esther Hand, 119 St Clare's Rd
- Thurs 28th 7.30pm** Nancy Dooley, Pearse Rd
- Sat 30th 8.00pm** (First Anniversary) Isabel Serafim, 8 Tommy Murphy Park
Thomas & Margaret Anderson, 60 St Fiacc's Tce
Bernard Keating, 17 Fr Byrne Park
George & Carmel McDonnell, Dublin also their son Declan
John & Annie Maher, Dublin also their daughter Mary
Francis Bextor, Cavan also his son John
Jimmy Byrne, Wexford
- Sun 31st 10.15am** (John Pheasant, Kent)-(Jim Proctor, Raheendoran)
11.30am Michael Bowden, Rathglen (10th Anniversary)
(First Anniversary) Bernadette Mannion, Ballyhide
Ann Pinkney, Raheendoran
(John & Kathleen Hayes, Maher Rd their sons, daughters sons-in-law & daughters-in-law)
Peter & Mary Mannion, Connemara & theirs sons Sean & Bricken
Hannah & Francis Keating, New Oak Est (Birthday Rem)
Aidan Power, 34 Pacelli Ave
(Mary Farrell (née Nelson), 4 Avondale Drive also their sons
Brendan & John)-(Luke Lacey, 47 Heatherhill Ave)
Michael Bowden, Rathglen (10th Anniversary)
Bernard Keating, 17 Fr Byrne Park
Nancy Dooley, Pearse Rd
John O'Reilly, Harristown

R.I.P.

Brigid Reid (née Coogan) Bennekerry

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Weekly Collections 16th/17th Mar

Red Bag: €1,011
Blue Bag: €1,870
Direct Debits: €245
Tap Donations: €69
Donations €150

We thank you for your support.

St Patrick's Day Parades:- A big thank you to all the Groups, Organisations and Businesses who participated in both of our wonderful parish St Patrick's Day Parades and Masses. Special thanks to both organising committees especially Killeshin NS and Pat Whelan in Killeshin and Jackie Malone and all her team in Graiguecullen. These parades would not happen without you.

"The family of the recently deceased Ned Comerford would like to thank the GK community for the support and kindness shown to them following the loss of our beloved dad, grandfather and friend to all. It was of great comfort at this difficult time."

Cemetery Clean Up-All are welcome for a clean-up of St Mary's Cemetery on March 30th 2:00pm - 4:30 pm, cleaning tools will be supplied.

Infinite Tai Chi & Chi Kung for beginners & improvers of all ages. Thursday 4th April 7.30pm-9pm for 6 weeks in Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow. For more info contact bbaichikung@gmail.com

Rathvilly Community Centre Committee presents "The Celtic Brothers" in St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on 28th April @ 7pm (doors open at 5.30pm). Tickets are €25 and are available online or in Brennans Centra, the Post Office or from committee members.

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.

Director of Parish Development: Kildare and Leighlin Diocese is inviting applications for the full-time position of Director of Parish Development. A job description and information on how to apply can be found on www.kandle.ie/director-of-parish-development/. Closing date for applications is 5 pm on 25 March 2024.

This is a very important appointment for our diocese, and we ask your prayers that our search to fill this position will be successful.

Killeshin Set Dancers Summer break to Westport, staying in the Westport 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.

UNDEFEATED: LIVING WITH CANCER-Weekend Workshop at Dromatine Retreat & Conference Centre People living with cancer and their loved ones often report feeling overwhelmed by 'information overload' following the initial cancer diagnosis. Grounded, honest and inspirational, this workshop seeks to help people affected by cancer to separate fact from fiction, feel more able to sit with the uncertainty of their future, build their emotional strength and courage and claim deeper meaning in vulnerability. Friday, 26th April (5pm) - Sunday, 28th April (2pm) 2024 230 Sterling / 262 Euro. Workshop Facilitator Father Hugh Lagan SMA. Fr Lagan is a priest and a chartered clinical psychologist. He has led retreats, workshops and trainings internationally on psychological and spiritual well-being, positive change, trauma, mental health and resilience. Please contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place, TEL: 048 3082 1964