



Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 3rd March 2024 Third 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 & Sarah Aylesbury
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THINGS TO DO FOR LENT:

- Holy Hour:-** each Monday Mar 4th/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. Families are asked to take one to make their contribution to those in need.

Graiguecullen MONSTER Bingo

on Tuesday 5th March,
St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,390
Double number €320
Lotto €650
Save the Date: Monster Easter
Bingo Sunday 24th March @ 3pm.
Easter eggs left & right.

Living Temples

Once a year at Passover, Jews visited the Temple and offered a sacrifice to God. At this time of year the number of visitors to Jerusalem swelled and the moneylenders, with their eye to business, took to operating a scam. When visitors came to the Temple they were able to purchase animals or doves to offer as sacrifices. Because the Jews considered Roman coinage bearing Caesar's head as idolatrous, they were given the opportunity to exchange their Roman coins for Temple coinage. The idea was originally a good one, but the moneylenders were operating an unfair exchange rate for over-priced animals. What had started out as a good idea had turned into an abuse. and this in God's name! Was it any wonder that Jesus was so angry?

To see Jesus angry enough to take a whip and drive out the villainous traders might surprise us. We are brought up with a vision of a Jesus as both meek and mild. In our modern times, where disputes have to be settled over a table and those who display temper are sent off for anger management counselling, the story might even make us raise a disapproving eyebrow. But what this story makes us realise is that there are situations that warrant our righteous anger. Jesus simply could not tolerate injustice, and neither should we.

What injustices do we need to drive out of our society today? We don't have to look far. How can we claim to be Christians yet settle for injustices that Jesus would not have settled for? Can we really sit back and allow rich countries to profit greedily at the expense of poor countries? Can we really condone the unfair distribution of our planet's resources just for our own convenience? Can we continue to let governments ride roughshod over those who cannot speak up for themselves?

What has to be driven out of our lives and communities because instead of bringing us closer to God they prevent us from meeting him? Today's story is not about protecting a sacred building. God after all does not live in a building. Each of us is a living temple. God lives through us.

First Confession:- the children from Killeshin NS will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on this Tuesday 5th March @ 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church and the children from St Fiacc's NS will celebrate the Sacrament on this Wednesday 6th March @ 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church.

Join us for praying the Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Communion on this Monday 4th March at 10am in St Clare's Church. Praying the Stations of the Cross helps inspire deep prayer. God gives us the grace to contemplate the suffering of Jesus and feel deep empathy and love for Him. As we meditate on the events, they become more vivid and take root in our hearts.

Our Holy Hour continues this Monday 4th 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.

Online Retreat. The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE Easter Triduum retreat 'Bright Sadness and Solemn Joy: The Easter Triduum'. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com to register/find out more.

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.

St. Vincent De Paul:
Local Conference –
St. Fiacc's.
Tel: 086-1592775

Note re: 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.

ANNUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE-This year's trip will take place from 7th to 12th August and we will be staying at the Astoria Hotel as usual. The cost of this year's pilgrimage is €960. The single room supplement is €175. We only have 80 seats this year and many of these seats are needed for sick people and carers. If you are interested in travelling with us this year, contact Ursula on 085 1794664. Many thanks for your continued support.

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. Closing date for applications is 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Sat 2nd 6.30pm**  **(Months Mind)** PJ Keating, 2 St Lazerian's Tce & Shankhill
(First Anniversary & Birthday Rem) Pat Hennessy, Church St
 Noel Nolan, Heatherhill **(10th Anniv)** (Mick Darcy, 83 St Clare's Rd)
 John Joe Cullen, Hollywood, Co Wicklow
 June Connellan (née Donovan) Browneshill Rd & Clonakilty
 (Paddy Brennan, Mullins Lane also his daughter Nina & son-in-law
 Pat Harney, Kildare) - (John McAssey, St. Fiacc's Tce)
 (Alan Doyle, St Fiacc's Tce)-(Lily McDonald, Maher Rd)
 Deceased members of the O'Shea & Kealy families
- Sun 3rd 9am**
 Michael Lyons, Oak Park Rd also his wife Mai
 (John Kinsella, Keelogue)-(David Doyle, Kyleshane, Palatine)
 Azuncena Carrera, Phillipines
- 10.15am** (Margaret McGee, Killeshin Rd)-(Mary Patricia McDonald, Clonmore)
 Mick Scully, The Strand, Ballickmoyler
 Dick Fitzpatrick, Crossleigh & his parents Tom & Mary Anne
- 11.30am** (Margaret Brennan, Oakley Park)-(Noel Murphy, Green Rd)
 June Connellan (née Donovan) Browneshill Rd & Clonakilty
 Anne Brennan, Pearse Rd
- Tues 5th 10am** (Matthew Nolan, 65 St Fiacc's Tce) - (Intention Mass)
 Michael & Elizabeth Dowling, St Fiacc's Tce
 Jim & Philly Byrne, Sleaty St 
- Wed 6th 10am** Hans Brooker, Hollymount **(Birthday Rem)**
- Thurs 7th 10am** Infant Conleth Jowett **(Birthday Rem)**
 (Roisin Jowett)-(Elizabeth Maher, Cullenagh)
 John Harte, 2 Sleaty St
- Fri 8th 10am** (Elizabeth Callinan, 7 '98 St **(Birthday Rem)** also her husband
 Frank & sons Johnny & Paddy & daughter-in-law Collette
- Sat 9th 6.30pm** **(First Anniversary)** Kathleen Malone, Coolane
 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)
- Sun 10th 10.15am** Josie Dempsey, Killeshin
 Josephine Twomey, Killeshin Rd **(10th Anniversary)**
 Johnny Kelly, Rossmore, Killeshin
- 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)**

R.P.P. Edward (Ned) Comerford, "Bridjohn House", Sleaty Road, Graiguecullen *R.P.P.*

Cycle Against Suicide is offering the opportunity to avail of online training in Mental Health Peer-Support. The training provided transcends traditional boundaries, breaks down the stigma associated with mental health discussions. The benefits are profound and far-reaching. Trained Peer-Supporters are attuned to subtle shifts in their community's well-being. This heightened awareness fosters a culture of genuine care and concern. No funding is necessary to do the training. It is offered free to volunteers in a community club, association or who are associated with any part of their community's safety, health and wellbeing in a drive to encourage people to take on this vital role for their own community and help bring Peer-Support to the heart of communities as a critical part of mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Course:
 Cycle Against Suicide Mental Health Peer Support (Buddy) Training
 Details:www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/
 Delivery: Online via Zoom

COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP-DONATE TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED!- SUNDAY MARCH 10TH 3PM-5PM - Askea Church Car Park-Collection trolley will be placed in the parish over the weekend. Help us to gather much-needed essential items for pregnant mothers and families with new babies around the country – just pick up a few extra items in your weekly shop! Welcoming a new baby is a very special time in any family's life, but can be a challenging time for those who are struggling financially. Every donation you make will go directly to a family in need. ITEMS THAT CAN BE ACCEPTED (NEW ITEMS ONLY): Nappies – size 1 to 6, Baby wipes, Nappy Sacks-Baby Wash/Shampoo, Nappy Cream, Baby Sponges, Baby Cotton Wool-Packs of babygros and vests (newborn to 6 months)-Packs of baby hooded towels, Baby blankets, Packs of baby bibs, Baby bottles-Hospital bag items - dark towels, maternity nightdresses, slippers, toilet bags, sanitary towels, breast pads, nipple cream, new packs of dark underwear-Unopened Gift Items for Mothers: hand cream, lip balm, body lotion, body wash, fluffy socks/slippers, etc. (no candles or glass items please)-Financial donations also accepted on the day.For more information see: www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/

Weekly Collections 24th/25th Feb
 Red Bag: €780
 Blue Bag: €1,803
 Direct Debits: €530
 Tap Donations: €96
 Donations €90
 We thank you for your support.

Killeshin Community Hall celebrates its 50th Anniversary on this Sunday 3rd March @ 3pm. Everybody is invited to join in the celebrations with Afternoon Tea and a trip down memory Lane

Urgent Assistance needed: A lady (wheelchair user) living in Mount Clare Court is seeking help to get her young son (age 5) to school in St Fiacc's NS. If there was someone who maybe goes for a walk in the mornings and wouldn't mind collecting the child around 9 each morning and dropping him across the road to school it would be greatly appreciated and make a big difference to us. Telephone is 085 1809980.

Oisín Players Killeshin presents Jimmy Keary's hilarious Three Act Comedy 'Mother Knows Best' in The Glenside Lounge on 8th/9th & 10th @ 8pm. Doors open @ 7pm.

Carlow Lions Club Book Sale in aid of Local Charities
 This week sees **Carlow Lions Club** launch their **Annual Book Sale**. We are based in the **Elaine Curtis Shop**, in the Potato Market, Carlow. We currently have over 4000 much loved books on sale Great value is assured for all readers. The book sale will run for the next 4 weeks until March 23, we take a break for 4 weeks, and reopen until early May, at the same venue. **Miss it and you'll miss out!**

St Clare's Hospitality urgently require drivers with a full licence for their food parcel delivery service on Thursday mornings. Please give your name to the parish office 0599141833 if you can help.