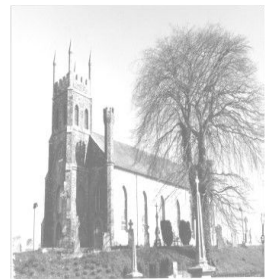


# Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 14th April 2024 Third Sunday of Easter (B)



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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**

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues on this Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church.**

We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St Clare's Church. During our Novena, through the prayers of our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady we will ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry. Rosary recited at 7.10pm and Novena begins at 7.30pm



**GUEST SPEAKER for night is: Rachel Doyle**

Founder of Arboretum. Horticulturist & author of a new book 'My Tree of Life'

Carlow native Rachel Doyle is the founder of the garden and lifestyle retailer Arboretum. Arboretum started in 1977 as a part-time business, run out of Rachel's back garden near Leighlinbridge. Today, as Ireland's first 5-star garden centre, Arboretum sets the standard for garden retailing in Ireland. Rachel's business acumen was recognised in 2018 when she was a finalist in the EY Entrepreneur of the Year awards. In 2019, she was honoured with a lifetime achievement award from Retail Excellence Ireland. Rachel was a long-serving board member of Bord Bia and a former president of the International Garden Centre Association. Rachel's journey has been chronicled in her memoir. "My Tree of Life".

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



**Max Peter Fleming**  
**Sadie Ann McEvoy**  
**Savannah Mary Bolger**



Training for new Eucharistic Ministers continues on this Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April from 7-8.30pm in St Clare's Church.

### Finding the Meaning

Were the other disciples really so very different from Doubting Thomas? When they saw Jesus in their midst, they took some convincing that it really was Jesus and not a ghost that had come to visit them. The gospel outlines four pieces of proof that Jesus uses to convince them that he really has risen from the dead.

They can look at the marks on his hands and feet, they can touch him to check that he is really flesh and bone, and they can watch him eat a meal that they have prepared. The fourth proof is when Jesus opens their minds so that they can understand the prophecies that were made in the Old Testament, and which he has fulfilled by rising from the dead.

We are not as lucky as the first disciples. Two thousand years down the line we do not have the benefit of their first-hand experience. We cannot look at Jesus, we cannot touch him, or share a meal. The fourth proof though, the prophecies in the Old Testament are still there for us to read. The only trouble is, the Bible is not always an easy book to read. We read a passage and fail to understand it.

Sometimes we think we understand the literal meaning but the words fail to offer any significance. It would be good if Jesus could open our minds up as he did for those first disciples when they had trouble understanding the meaning of his death and resurrection. One thing is for sure, understanding the Bible is not going to happen magically, just as it didn't happen overnight for the disciples. We know that everything worthwhile takes effort. We have to apply ourselves to understanding what we read in the Bible. The Bible yields up its greatest treasures to those who persevere.

**First Holy Communion:-** The children from St Fiacc's N.S will receive their First Holy Communion this Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April at two special Masses in St Clare's Church at 10.30am & 12.30 pm. We ask God's blessings on the children and their families and we thank their teachers and all who helped them reach this stage of their faith journey.

Graiguecullen Bingo  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm  
Jackpot on 50 numbers €3,300  
Double number €810  
Lotto €1,000

**Graveyard Masses are as follows:**

Killeshin-Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm.  
Sleaty-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm  
Leaugh-Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm  
St. Mary's-Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm

**March For Life Ireland 2024:** Shining A Spotlight On Ireland's Abortion Law And Calling For Positive Supports For Mothers. Our Next March: Save The Date Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 2:00pm. Marching In Dublin from St. Stephen's Green to Leinster House. Join Us In Advocating For Change, Unity, And Empowerment For Mothers And Their Babies. Be A Part Of Something Bigger – Let's Make A Difference Together. Takes place at 2pm on Monday 6th May in Dublin, marching from St Stephens Green to Leinster House

**Pre-Baptism Meeting** – our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the parish centre. All parents who are presenting their child for baptism in the next few months are invited to attend.

**Donal Walsh LIVELife Foundation:** On the 10th anniversary of Donal Walsh's death, the Donal Walsh LIVELife Foundation are holding Workshops & Mass in the Hub, Knock, Co Mayo on the 11th May 2024. The day starts at 10.00 am and finishes at 3.00 pm. There will be a choice of Workshops available on the day. Students are asked to bring a packed lunch and rain jackets/umbrellas.

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Please note all Anniversaries can be emailed to [gkparish@gmail.com](mailto:gkparish@gmail.com)**

- Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** (Bill Abbey, Garryhondon, Milford)-(John Cullen, 203 Maher Rd)  
 Kathleen Byrne, Ballickmoyler & St Fiacc Tce  
 (Michael Mullins, Coolnariska)-(James Mullins, Toronto)  
 Anastasia Dalton (née Mullins), Rossmore & Dungarvan  
 (Bridget & Christopher Brennan, Sleaty St. & deceased members of  
 the Brennan Family)-(Margaret Kieran, Fr Byrne Park)  
 Jim & Julia Fitzpatrick, '98 Street  
 Seany Brennan, 28 Avondale Drive
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 9am** Betty Hurley, Chapel St
- 10.15am** Dinny & Teresa Doran, Keelogue  
 James & Mary O'Regan, Keelogue, also their son Martin  
 (Patsy Fitzpatrick, Cappalug also his parents William & Mary  
 Clonmore, Killeshin)-(Patrick & Agnes Brennan, Coolnariska)  
 (Michael Mullins, Coolnariska)-(James Mullins, Toronto)  
 Anastasia Dalton (née Mullins) Rossmore & Dungarvan
- 11.30am** (John Kearns, Sleaty)-(Jimmy & Josie Brennan, Staunton Ave)  
 (Seamus Martin, Derrymoyle)-(Maura O'Keefe, Derrymoyle)  
 (Liam Martin, Derrymoyle. **(Birthday Rem)**)-(Sr. Angela & Sr. Fidelis)  
 (Mary Drennan, Mortartown & Killeshin)-(William & Bridget Drennan, Killeshin)  
 (Inez Feehan, Ballickmoyler)-(Angela Amond, Riverside)  
 (Emily Holland, 6 Kennedy St also her sister Anne Savage, Tullow  
 & her sister-in-law Annie Mason, Rhyll, North Wales)  
 Joe Comerford, 17 Rossmore View
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** (Inez Feehan, Ballickmoyler)-(Willie Casey, Tommy Murphy Pk)
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> 10am** Joseph (Joe) Middleton, 30 Pacelli Ave
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> 10am** Intention Mass
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** Mary Jo Barcoe, Avondale Drive also her daughter Mandy  
 Liam Haughney, Sleaty St, his brother Lazarian & deceased family  
 (William & Joan Culleton, St Fiacc's Tc also their sons Michael &  
 Liam)-(Eddie Dagg, Monacurragh)  
 Ernest & Kate Duffett, Maher Rd also their sons & daughters
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 10.15am** Denis (Dinny) Dempsey, Killeshin  
 Chris Delaney, St Killian's Cres  
 (Sharon Murphy, 1 Rossmore View also her grandparents, John &  
 Maureen Whelan, Keelogue)
- 11.30am** (Paddy Hayden, Castle Hill)-(Margaret & John McEvoy, Hollymount)

**R.I.P.**

William (Willie) Casey, Tommy Murphy Park, Graiguecullen  
 Francis (Frank) Callinan, Bestfield, Carlow

**R.I.P.**

**Solas Bhríde Conference:** Following on from our very successful conference in 2023, we are delighted to announce that on April 20th the Solas Bhríde 2024 conference takes place. This year the keynote speaker is Dr. Edel Bhreathnach and the title of her talk is "Why did St. Brigid choose Kildare, the power of a religious landscape". In the afternoon we are celebrating St. Brigid in Music, Song and Dance. There are options to attend the full day or either morning or afternoon sessions, booking through the Solas Bhríde website [www.solasbhríde.ie](http://www.solasbhríde.ie) or by emailing or phoning the centre directly 045 522890 [info@solasbhríde.ie](mailto:info@solasbhríde.ie)

**Burren Outdoor Retreat:** Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora, and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. This retreat takes place Saturday 4th May 2024 to Monday 6th May 2024. Information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Noirin 087 447 911

**SeniorLine-**Would you like someone to talk to? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people, open every day of the year 10.00 am to 10.00 pm, they can be contacted on Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and refer the caller to other helpful services available if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help, phone SeniorLine.

Are You Eligible for a C.E. Scheme? Graiguecullen Killeshin Parish CLG is seeking to recruit participants for our Community Employment Scheme in the Parish Grounds, Swimming Pool, St. Fiacc's House, Rehab Care, Carlow Tourism, Éist, St. Pat's G.A.A, Snooker & Billiards Ireland. People must be in receipt of a welfare payment. If you or you know someone that is interested, please do not hesitate to call to Catherine or Ann Louise at our C.E. Office situated in the Swimming Pool building or just phone: 0599134887 for more information.

## Weekly Collections 6th/7th Apr

Red Bag: €867  
 Blue Bag: €1,580  
 Direct Debits: €255  
 Tap Donations: €97  
 Donations €326

We thank you for your support.

**Trocaire Boxes:** can still be returned to the Parish Office. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Line Dancing Classes will take place in St Fiacc's Hall, on Thursday nights commencing 17<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm-8.30pm beginners and 8.30pm-10pm Intermediate +. €10 per night, pay as you go. Have fun while exercising and socialising. For further information contact 087 9006575.

A Meeting with Laois partnership for sports walking and cycling routes will take place in Oisín House on Wed. 17th of April at 8pm. All welcome

**The Jesuit Centre for Faith & Justice:** The JCFJ Annual Lecture "Enabling Death? Euthanasia from a disability perspective" takes place on 25th April 2024 in Gardiner Street Church, Dublin at 7pm. Tickets are available on Eventbrite, please contact [info@jcfj.ie](mailto:info@jcfj.ie)

**The School House Community & Enterprise Centre Rathvilly:** Rathvilly Community Centre Committee presents the "Celtic Brothers" in St. Patrick's Church Rathvilly on the 28th April 2024 @ 7.00 p.m. (doors open @ 5.30 p.m.). Tickets are €25.00 and are available online or hard copy in Brennan's Centra, The Post Office, The Pharmacy, The Parish Office, and members of the committee.

**All-Ireland Pollinator Plan:** The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is an island-wide attempt to reverse declines in pollinating insects. One third of our bee species are threatened with extinction in Ireland. The good news is that you can help by making your garden pollinator friendly. Every garden, no matter its size, can be a haven for hungry pollinators. See the link below for more information: [pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

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

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