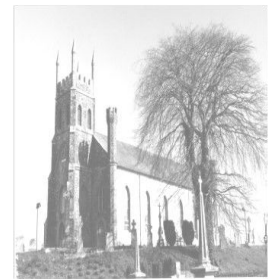


# Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 21st April 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)



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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 McWee**  
**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: Ben Scallan**  
**Political Correspondent & Commentator**

Ben is the son of a Dublin father and Jamaican mother. He converted to Catholicism from Buddhism, and was baptised into the Catholic Church in 2019 at the age of 22. He is new to fatherhood and is now bringing up his family in the catholic faith.

## Counting On The Shepherd

Today's gospel is for anyone who has ever felt unloved or insignificant. Today's gospel is for anyone who feels his or her life doesn't count for much. At some time or another that probably means most of us.

In biblical days shepherding was a highly dangerous business. Herds might consist of thousands of sheep, and shepherds had to be highly skilled in tending for the sheep and protecting them from wolves and robbers. The shepherd's care and courage was legendary. A good shepherd would not think twice about his own life in protecting his sheep. This is the image that Jesus chose for himself in today's gospel. He is the good shepherd. His leadership is a mixture of tenderness, strength and self-sacrifice. Jesus loves us so much that he would lay down his life. That's a powerful belief to take out into the world!

But what if we don't quite believe it? Surely there are too many of us to love and look after individually. People fall by the wayside all the time. We hear tragic stories of elderly people who die alone and are not discovered for days because no one cares enough to visit. We see down and outs sleeping in subways because their family and friends have given up on them. Can God really be looking out for each and every one of us? Surely there are too many of us to look after – to love individually. Not so! Jesus we're told would not let even one of his sheep stray without coming to the rescue. He knows each and every one of us by name. If we are one of his, then he will recognise us and take care of us. That's another powerful belief to wake up with. The next time you are feeling lost and forgotten, try looking for the Good Shepherd's love in your life. God's help is always there when we look to him.

Well done to 18 of our parishioners who have this week completed their course to become an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**.

**Bringing Communion to the Sick & Housebound:** Helen Dunne, Ann Nolan, Ollie Hand, Kevin Savage

**St. Clare's:** Christy Dunne, Mary & Ed O'Driscoll, Seán Savage, Heidi Jones, Ana Salvador, Kathlyn Timmons, Adam Nolan, Anna Crosby, Gabriela Kapusta, Ruby Horahan

**Holy Cross:** Eoin Pender, Luke Hennessy, Laura Hennessy

We wish them every blessing as they undertake this important journey of service in our parish and beyond.

**May Sunday:** On May Sunday (May 5th) everyone is invited to walk in the Procession which leaves Graiguecullen at 11am led by the Pipe Band to arrive at Holy Cross for 12.30 Mass which will be celebrated by Fr. P.J. Madden.

## Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.**  
**Jackpot on 50 numbers €3,430**  
**Double number €880**  
**Lotto €1,050**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations** will be observed on this Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. It is also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because the Gospel is always from John chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as being a caring shepherd. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction when he asked us: Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest. (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

**First Holy Communion:-** The children from Killeshin N.S will receive their First Holy Communion this Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April at two special Masses in Holy Cross 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.

### Graveyard Masses are as follows:

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

**Monthly Peace Mass** in Carlow Cathedral on Thursday 25th April. Starting at 7p.m. With Rosary, Divine Mercy followed by Mass. Celebrant Fr Michael Duffy. OFM Capuchin. All are Welcome.

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

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  
John Kinsella, Ballyhide  
Joe Hutton, Maher Rd  
Sean Lynch, Whitehall, Dublin  
Patrick Barcoe, Coolnamara, Borris & deceased family



Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 10.15am

Denis (Dinny) Dempsey, Killeshin  
Chris Delaney, St Killian's Cres  
Christina Dempsey, Lower Rossmore  
(Sharon Murphy, 1 Rossmore View also her grandparents, John & Maureen Whelan, Keelogue)  
Annie Dempsey, Coolhenry also her grandson Jonathan Dempsey, Ashgrove PJ Purcell, Letterkenny

11.30am

(First Anniversary) Lorraine Kenny, Barrowvale  
(Paddy Hayden, Castle Hill)-(Margaret & John McEvoy, Hollymount)

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> 10am

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm

Liam Dunphy, Ballinakill & St Fiacc's House  
Tom McDonald, Harristown  
Mick Lyons, Sleaty  
Bill Egerton, 20 Pacelli Ave  
Michael Ramsbottom, 5 The Numbers  
Monica O'Dwyer, Dublin



Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 10.15am

(First Anniversary) Eamonn Tynan, Lyrath, Kilkenny  
Lill & Jim Fitzpatrick, Clonmore, Killeshin  
Andy & Mary Dowling, Ardenteggle  
Maureen & Paddy O'Rourke, Hillview, Killeshin

11.30am

Marie Dwyer, Monacurragh  
Julia O'Brien, 114 Rochfort Manor & Gravesend, Kent  
Kathleen Power, 34 Pacelli Ave  
Joe & Kitty Phelan, Ballyhide

*R.I.P.*

Denis (Dinny) Whitney, 9 Chapel St, Graiguecullen  
Patricia (Pat) O'Reilly (née Geoghegan), The Green, Chaplestown Gate  
Billy Nolan, Coon West & Graiguecullen, Carlow

*R.I.P.*

## Weekly Collections 13th/14th Apr

Red Bag: €668  
Blue Bag: €1,357  
Direct Debits: €210  
Tap Donations: €78  
Donations €50

We thank you for your support.

## 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.

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

"Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino. Join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the **Camino Ingles** walking from Ferrol to Santiago in Northern Spain from the 29<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The temperature in this part of northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email [mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie](mailto:mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie)

Carlow Rowing Club are holding a table Quiz in the Seven Oaks Hotel on 2<sup>nd</sup> May starting at 8pm. All welcome. Table of four €40. Raffle and prizes on the night. Please support.

**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

**Carlow Family Support Group - You Are Not Alone-** Drugs and Alcohol abuse affects families regardless of status in life. You did not cause it; you can't control it and you can't cure it. Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease. Call 085 7872730.

## St Patrick's Pontifical University Maynooth Blending Learning Higher

**Diploma/Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy:** This programme is suitable for those interested in:

- An accredited foundation programme in Pastoral Liturgy.
- Training to be involved with Liturgy at a diocesan and parish level
- A better understanding of the liturgical life of the Church, which is the highest expression of Theology in the Catholic tradition

The blended learning format of this programme, combining online classes with some on-campus learning, gives participants the flexibility to fit in learning around their other life commitments.

For more information on this programme, contact the admissions team by email: [cmmadmissions@spcm.ie](mailto:cmmadmissions@spcm.ie) or call +353 (01) 7084778.

**Join Arthritis Ireland for the VHI Women's Mini Marathon:** The Vhi Women's Mini Marathon is just around the corner on the June bank holiday weekend. Arthritis Ireland want to build a strong team of fundraisers to represent us and raise vital funds to support our essential services. Walk, jog or run, the important thing is to take part and show your support for our essential services which are so vital to those living with arthritis in Ireland. Why not get your friends, family and colleagues to join you?? Spread the word to anyone who might be interested.

Sign up today: <https://www.arthritisireland.ie/vhi-womens-mini-marathon-2024>  
Contact the fundraising team on [fundraising@arthritisireland.ie](mailto:fundraising@arthritisireland.ie) or 016618188 if you have any questions.

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare and safety of children or vulnerable adults contact Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Ailish Higgins Ph: 085/8021633  
E-mail-dlp@kandle.ie