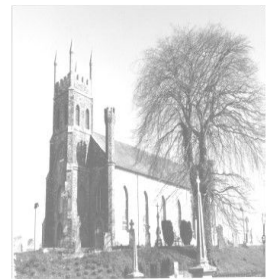


Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 12th May 2024 Feast of the Ascension



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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 12th May 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 is: David Walsh
Co Founder of Netwatch & more recently Halo Care,
strategic thinker and vocal advocate of entrepreneurship



A native of Castleisland, Co Kerry, David moved to Carlow in 1989, and in 2003 he co-founded the technology security firm Netwatch. As CEO he grew it from humble beginnings to a truly global organisation employing 560 staff, serving 250,000 customers across four continents. David attributes the success of Netwatch to the quality of people in the organisation and the importance of developing a culture based on Christian values.

A vocal advocate of Entrepreneurship, David has won many local, national, and international business awards. He was voted The Boston Journal Businessperson of the Month, The Irish Times Businessperson of the Month and he was awarded the inaugural National Enterprise Outstanding Achievement Award by the Irish Government.

In January 2020 David established another company called HaloCare with a mission to use technology to empower older people to live independent and healthy lives in their own homes. HaloCare presently employs 28 staff and is growing rapidly.

Jesus' Prayer for Us

Today we hear of Jesus' prayer for us. As Jesus was sent, so too we are sent to continue his mission and spread his love. Key to continuing Jesus' mission we are told that although we are of this world we must not to be possessed or tied down by worldly concerns.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact for most of us it just seems impossible.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe over two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their drive and passion. So how can we capture some of that motivation?

For most of us, the day to day job of putting meals on the table takes up more of our time than the vital job of continuing Jesus' mission. Yet we all know someone who manages to strike that all important balance. We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, change is not beyond any of us.

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Graveyard Masses are as follows:

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

Graiguecullen Bingo

Tuesday 14th May.

St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 40 numbers €700.
Double number €1,090
Lotto €1,200.

Carlow Cathedral Parish are organising a bus for the Pilgrimage to Knock, leaving Myshall and it could stop at Muinebheag and Leighlinbridge on the way if there are any people from these parishes interested. The bus will also collect people from Carlow, Askea & Graiguecullen from St Leo's at 8am, cost €30. Particulars and to book, please contact Cathedral Parish Office.

Newly Baptised: this week we welcome 1 new member into our parish community.
Jack Leon Doran

Please note: If you are housebound and would like a visit from a priest once a month please contact the parish centre 05991 41833.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Sat 11th 6.30pm (Months Mind) Billy Nolan, Coon West & Graiguecullen
(First Anniversary) Owen O'Neill, Marymount, Church Rd
Paddy Branagan, 15 St Fiacc's Tce
Richard (Dick) Ryan, 2 Oakley Crescent



Thank you Mass for sympathisers to the family of the late Tom Dormer (Willie (Racey) Byrne, Duggan Ave also his granddaughter Nicola & deceased family)

(James & Kitty Lacey, Killeshin also their sons Tommy & Paul & nephews Oliver, Anthony & Ger)
Eilish Murphy, 2 Henry St

Sun 12th 10.15am (Seamus McGuire, Keelogue)-(Bill O'Reilly, Cooperhill)
Frank Brennan, Cappalug

11.30am (Months Mind) Frank Callinan, Bestfield

(Months Mind) Dinny (Denis) Whitney, 9 Chapel St
Pierre Wall, The Forge, Chaplestown
(Annie Lyons, Roncalli Place)-(Arthur Hade, 58 St Clare's Rd)
(Patricia Hughes, 82 St Clare's Rd)-(Patsy Keating, Fr Byrne Pk)
Michael & Chrissie Coogan, Church St & deceased family
Ellen & Ciss Haughney, Sleaty St

Wed 15th 10am Laurence Dowling, St Fiacc's Tce (80th Birthday Rem)

Fri 17th 10am (Annie O'Neill (née Kavanagh), The Numbers also her sister
Una McCluskey (née Kavanagh)
Mary & Michael Butler, Graiguenamanagh
Danny Doogue, 84 St Clare's Rd

Sat 18th 6.30pm (Months Mind) Sheila Ramsbottom, Sleaty St
Thomas & Brigid Murphy, 1 St Lazerian's Tce
(Danny Doogue, 84 St Clare's Rd)-(James (Jimmy) Scully, 50 Fr Byrne Pk)

Tom & Annie Quinn, Monavea & deceased family
Pauline Fitzpatrick, Rochfort Manor
Eddie Malone, Coolane also his parents James & Anastasia
Maudie Brennan, Mullins Lane, Crossneen

Patrick & Ellen Brennan, their son Michael & daughter Connie, Ballycarney
Katie Moore, Mullins Lane, Crossneen

Sun 19th 9am Harry O'Brien, Crossleigh House
10.15am Mary (Molly) Hearn, Clonmore, Killeshin
Breda Maguire, Clonmore, Killeshin
Catherine Fitzgerald, Coolane



R.I.P. James (Jimmy) Mullins, Bagenalstown formerly Graiguecullen **R.I.P.**
Kathleen (Kay) Rankin (nee Redmond), Old Knockmay Rd, Portlaoise

Understanding Our Natural Environment - Training Opportunity-Carlow Climate Action Team is organising Citizen Science training in conjunction with Wild Works training organisation on May 14th and June 11th in Myshall Community Centre and surrounding countryside. At the training, attendees will learn to recognise; wild flowers, songbirds, recording pollinators, identifying significant tree species, and how to do a kick sample to identify aquatic invertebrates. We will also learn how to share these skills with other people in our community. If interested in attending contact:

Aine Byrne on byrnea@carlowcoco.ie

County Carlow Environmental Network Free Film Event-County Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN) in partnership with The Visual Carlow are showing the film "The Seeds of Vandana Shiva" on the 29th May 2024 at 7 pm. A visually stunning film which shows how Vandana Shiva brought her scientific expertise and principles of non-violent resistance to support the struggles of poor Indian villagers. This film is free but booking is required: <https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/the-seeds-of-vandana-shiva>
Email: info@ccen.ie if any questions.

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Accord Carlow Marriage Preparation Programme Places available on the following dates 6th & 7th September 2024, 11th & 12th October 2024, 8th & 9th November 2024. Book your place today on www.accord.ie

Weekly Collections 4th/5th May

Red Bag: €800
Blue Bag: €1,500
Direct Debits: €170
Tap Donations: €51
Donations: €140

We thank you for your support.

The next Killeshin community clean-up will take place Saturday 25th of May at 10am. Meeting outside Killeshin community centre, gloves, bags and litter pickers provided. For queries text Eoin Barry 087-742748

Padre Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy on Saturday 1st June from 11am to 5pm. Contact Anne 085 1696189 for information.

Kilgorey, Crettyard Graveyard Mass takes place on Sunday 19th May @ 3pm.

Killeshin Ladies Football are hosting a Table Quiz on Friday 24th May 2024 in The Glenside, Killeshin (R93 Y239) @ 9pm. €40 a table/ 4 per table. Raffle and great prizes on the night. Your support would be greatly appreciated. For more information contact: Bernard 087 2332933 or Cathy 087 2227560.

Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Click [here](#) or visit our website prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day on Saturday 25 May.

Annual Day of Prayer & Reflection for Deacons takes place on Saturday 22nd June at Knock Shrine. The day is open to anybody that would like to attend, in addition to deacons, aspirants and their families. Fr. Declan Hurley will speak on "A Synodal Approach to Diaconal Ministry". To confirm your attendance please contact Deacon Tony Larkin at deacontony17@gmail.com or 0857392473

Monthly meeting in Uisin House on Tuesday 14th of May at 8pm and update on projects in the pipeline.

Pre-Baptism Meeting - our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th 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.