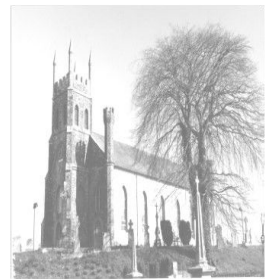


Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 5th May 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

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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
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Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues on this Monday 6th 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

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help -



GUEST SPEAKER is: 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.

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Geraldine lost her husband and two children in a tragic accident in 2020. In 2021 she opened a non-profit centre of well-being based at her husband's gardening business in Moville in their memory. John, her husband was all about family and community, a loving husband and father and a big part of the community. Her children were "full of life, love and joy" and were also very involved in the community. The hub serves as a centre for community groups and other events and is a place for people to gather and engage with each other.

Love is the Answer

Young couples in love promise each other that their love for each other will never die. Older onlookers may urge caution. Of course, there are lots of older couples in our community who are still very much in love after years and years of marriage, but for every marriage that succeeds another falls by the wayside. The problem with our love for each other is that subconsciously it can be conditional. We can love a partner who is young and beautiful, but will our love survive when that partner is old and toothless and out of shape? We can love a partner who is successful and dynamic and rich, but will our love stagnate when that same partner is out of work, weary and penniless? We might love a partner who is always cheerful and makes us smile, but will our love fade if that partner becomes clinically depressed or seriously ill? When problems rear their head, does love walk out of the door? We wouldn't like to admit it at the outset of a relationship, but human love can be conditional.

God's love of course is unconditional ... or is it? In today's gospel Jesus says, "If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love..." does that sound like a condition? Are we being told that whilst we are keeping God's commandments God will love us, but as soon as we are sinful that love will be withdrawn?

The important thing for us to understand is that God's love cannot be fickle in the same way that ours is. Human love, especially if we are a little immature, can be something we simply bestow on each other. God's love is a state of being. God's love is simply there and doesn't go away. It's us that chooses whether or not to accept or reject God's love by the way we choose to live our lives. We can choose to live good lives and by doing so we will remain in a loving relationship with God, or we can make poor decisions and step out of that loving relationship. Living by God's commandments isn't about following a list of strict rules in return for God's love, it's about sharing the joy God plans for us by living in a certain way.

Those of us who have fallen out of that loving relationship with God haven't done so on purpose. Few of us consciously make poor decisions... we are all human after all, and we all make mistakes. For those of us who are in danger of losing their way in life, Jesus give us one important guideline "This I command you ... to love one another." The next time you have a tricky decision to make or a dilemma to solve, ask yourself the all-important question. "Is God's love for me, and my love for neighbour pointing out the answer?"

Knockbeg College Darkness into Light and Service of Remembrance:

- Knockbeg College Past Pupils Union invites the Knockbeg community to join us in our inaugural event. 5km walk concluding with a prayer service to remember loved ones on **Saturday 11th May @ 4.15am** in Knockbeg College grounds. Blessing for all deceased at 5.30am.

Graiguecullen MONSTER Bingo

on Tuesday 7th May
St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 50 numbers €3,690
Double number €1,020
Lotto €1,150

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

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

May-the month of Our Lady

For the month of May instead of the usual Communion Service the Rosary will be recited followed by Holy Communion on Monday mornings at 10am.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine-

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock Sunday 2nd June. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Sat 4th 6.30pm (Months Mind) Joseph Walker, 6 St Patrick's Ave
(Months Mind) Tom Dormer, Sleaty Rd
Margaret (Peggy) O'Sullivan, Duggan Ave
Pat Kehoe, New Oak Est (10th Anniversary)
(Mary Walker, 2 Church St also her husband Ned, son Noel & daughters Phyllis & Mary)-(Seamus Conlon, Armagh)
George Ramsbottom, 188 Sleaty St
Sun 5th 9am May McDonald, Clonmore, Killeshin
11.30am Sr Paschal McMeel,



Poor Clare Monastery & Antrim
(Caroline Malone, Crossneen)-(Christy Byrne, Dublin)
Dick & Margaret Malone, Raheendoran
Michael Byrne & Baby Ellie May Flynn, Longford
(Ellen Doran, Mortarstown)-(Catherine (Kitty) Lowry, Hanover)
(John & Annie Walsh, St Fiacc's Tee also their son Michael & grandson Paul)

12.30pm Josephine Brennan, Coolane (Birthday Rem)
(Patsy Doyle, Killeshin)-(May McDonald, Clonmore, Killeshin)
Kathleen O'Regan, Killeshin

Wed 8th 10am Brendan Hand, 119 St Clare's Rd
Patricia Hughes, 82 St Clare's Rd

Thurs 9th 10am Joseph Kenny, 59 St Fiacc's Tee
Joseph Lawlor, 59 St Fiacc's Tee

Sun 12th 10.15am Seamus McGuire, Keelogue
Bill O'Reilly, Cooperhill



11.30am (Months Mind) Frank Callinan, Bestfield
(Months Mind) Dinny (Denis) Whitney, 9 Chapel St
Pierre Wall, The Forge, Chaplestown
Annie Lyons, Roncalli Place

R.I.P.

Arthur Hade, 58 St Clare's Rd
Patricia Hughes, 82 St Clare's Rd

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Care for Our Common Home

On the 1st May we traditionally pray for the stewardship of the planet and for the work of human hands. Here are a couple of top tips for caring for the planet and for saving money.

- If you have a clothes dryer, there's a good chance it uses more energy than anything else in your home. Grab a clothes rack, set up a clothes-line outside, or just hang wet laundry on clothes hangers around the house.
- Pay your bills online. Not only is it greener, it's a sanity saver
- Schedule your errands back-to-back to save petrol.

"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 29th July to 5th 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

Healthcare Chaplaincy Symposium 2024-This is a symposium for everyone involved in Healthcare Chaplaincy or thinking about Pastoral Care which is taking place on Tuesday 25th June (9.15 am - 4 pm) in the Gibson Hotel, Point Square, North Dock, Dublin 1. The theme this year - The Caring Heart: Professional and Passionate, it is free to attend, registration is required in advance to attend, by contacting Jenny Collins - jcollins@bonsecours.ie.

Catherine Nolan and Vera Smith continue to hold our clothes recycling collection in aid of our ongoing trips to South Africa to help build schools in the townships in Cape Town with Mellon Educate. All bags can be dropped to Terry Smith Kitchens, Sleaty Road, Graiguecullen Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.30am - 4.30pm. Please no duvets, pillows, cushions, or toys. We accept old clothes, shoes, handbags, towels, bed linen, curtains. It costs us money to dispose of duvets etc. Collection can be arranged by contacting Catherine 086 8709846 or Vera 086 8317940. Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Collections 27th/28th Apr

Red Bag: €884
Blue Bag: €1,620
Direct Debits: €240
Tap Donations: €39

We thank you for your support.

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.

Killeshin Pipe Band "May Sunday Fun Day" takes place today, 05 May 2024. Kicking off straight after May Sunday Mass, outside our Band Room. Thanks again for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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

Saint Vincent De Paul Hidden - But Still Among US-Prisoners are easy to forget. Locked in institutions, they seem to disappear from society's sight. But prisoners still belong to the society that incarcerates them. Most will eventually be released, and the experience they have in prison will greatly affect their ability to adjust to life 'outside' as law-abiding citizens. The Society of the St, Vincent de Paul have a panel of people that visit inmates in Midlands and Portlaoise Prison. If you wish to be involved, please text 0860462405.

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.

A Rosary Rally for the conversion of Ireland will take place at The Fountain in Haddens' Car Park on Saturday 11th May at 4pm.