

# Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

*Sunday 16th June 2024*

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

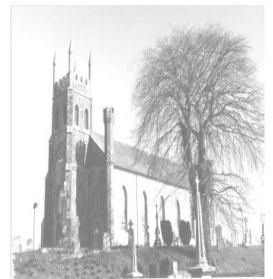
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In GK Parish, we value and encourage the participation of young people and vulnerable adults in all parish activities. We uphold the utmost standard of safeguarding to create a safe environment for all.

**Parish Team: Fr. John Dunphy, Cathriona Kelly & Suzanne McWey**  
**Priest on Call for Carlow Area: (Emergency Only) Phone: - 087/2588118**

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

*God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree,  
the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea,  
the generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night,  
the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagles flight,  
the joy of a morning in Spring, the faith of a mustard seed,  
the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.*

*Then God combined these qualities  
when there was nothing more to add  
He knew His masterpiece was complete  
and so he called it.... "Dad"*

### Seeds of Faith

Seeds are amazing! We plant them, provide the right environment, and then wait. Miraculously, the seeds flower into an array of fabulous plants. We can help the plants to grow, but we cannot make them grow, this power is out of our hands. Ultimately, we cannot predict the harvest. The seeds of faith work in the same way. We can teach someone else about God but ultimately that is all we can do. People react to God's word in countless different ways, ways we cannot predict. Jesus' first disciples were to take comfort in the knowledge that although they were entrusted to plant the seeds of faith, they were not responsible for the harvest .... God would take care of that.

The task of planting the seeds of faith in the twenty first century can seem as daunting as it must have seemed to those early disciples. Can we really make any difference to a world that still allows war, cruelty, and poverty? Today's gospel offers yet more consolation. Jesus speaks of the tiny mustard seed. Despite its insignificant appearance it grows into an impressive shrub substantial enough to provide shade. It's thought provoking that such a humble seed should provide so impressive a result. Jesus teaches us that we mustn't be overwhelmed when faced with a seemingly overwhelming task. We must simply implement Christ's teaching with whatever humble means we have and leave God to do the rest.

Rally For Life 2024: Ireland's largest annual pro-life march takes place Saturday, 6th July 2024 at 1.30 p.m, Parnell Square, Dublin.

Contact 01 8730465 to book a seat on a rally bus from your area. See [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net) and [www.thelifeinstitute.net/rally2024](http://www.thelifeinstitute.net/rally2024) for more information.

### GRAIGUECULLEN SWIMMING POOL

**Learn-to-swim Summer Camps.**  
**€60 per child.**

CAMP 1: 10am; Mon 1<sup>st</sup> - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July,  
CAMP 2: 6pm; Mon 1<sup>st</sup> - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July,  
CAMP 3: 10am; Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July,  
CAMP 4: 6pm; Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July,  
CAMP 5: 10am; Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July,  
CAMP 6: 6pm; Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July,  
CAMP 7: 10am; Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 26<sup>th</sup> July,  
CAMP 8: 6pm; Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 26<sup>th</sup> July,  
CAMP 9: 10am; Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Aug,  
CAMP 10: 6pm; Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Aug.

**Bookings being taken at the pool office.**  
**Children must be at least 4 years of age.**  
**Limited spaces.**

**Newly Baptised: this week we welcome 1 new member into our parish community.**  
**Theo Jonathan Barcoe**

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

**St Fiacc's NS end of year Mass will take place this Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 11.30am in St Clare's Church. All welcome.**

### Graveyard Masses are as follows:

Leagh-Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm

St. Mary's-Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm

**Graiguecullen Evergreens Holiday:-** leaving Swimming Pool Carpark this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June @ 11am sharp. We wish them every blessing for an enjoyable holiday.

### Graiguecullen Bingo

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 45 numbers €1,350.

Double number €1,440

Lotto €1,450.

Great entertainment.

Come along and bring a friend.

Killeshin Pipe Band are celebrating their 60th Birthday this year. Have you any photos from over the years of the Pipe Band that you would like to share? Please reach out to any Band Member, as we would love to have them included in our celebrations! Follow us on Instagram for all the latest news.

### 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](mailto:deacontony17@gmail.com) or 0857392473

*Thursday Morning Club is now finished for the Summer and will return in September. We wish everyone a very pleasant summer.*

### WATER AEROBICS



**@ Graiguecullen Swimming Pool**  
**Mondays at 8.15pm,**  
**Wednesdays 8pm.**

**\*\* €8 \*\***

**No prebooking required.**

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

	<p><b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm</b> Bridie &amp; Benny Murphy, Mount Clare Court Tommy Dowling, 76 Pearse Rd also his parents Edward &amp; Mary Tinryland John &amp; Jane O'Shea, 29 St Fiacc's Tce Pamela McAssey &amp; Kenneth Bolger, 1 Dolmen Heights (Jim Carr, Crossneen)-(Intention Mass) John Doyle, Dunroe, Borris &amp; deceased family Elizabeth (Lily) Dowling, 191 Sleaty St</p>
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 9am</b>	<p>Margaret &amp; James Fleming, 16 Pacelli Ave Theresa St John (née Brennan), Belclare &amp; St Clare's Rd <b>10.15am</b> (Matthew Nelson, Killeshin)-(Paul Dowling, Coorlaghan) Ollie Harte, Lealand Walk, Clondalkin Kitty Brennan, Coolnariska (<b>Birthday Rem</b>) <b>11.30am</b> Peter Brophy, USA &amp; Carlow Bridie &amp; Benny Murphy, Mount Clare Court (Tina Murphy, Springhill)-(Liz Bolton, Duggan Ave) Kathleen Lanigan, The Lock also her daughter in law Betty &amp; deceased family Peggy (Margaret) Brennan, Hillview, Crossneen Sandra Byrne, New Street Nancy &amp; Tommy McEvoy, Montgomery St</p>
	<p><b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 10am</b> Baby Olivia Kinsella, Graiguecullen (<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv</b>) Brenda &amp; Paul Kinsella, Crossneen Angela Dowling, St Fiacc's Tce Bridget Coody, Graiguenamanagh &amp; St Clare's Rd Thomas Byrne, 64 Maher Rd Henry Dowling, 25 St Fiacc's Tce Hannah O'Connor, Carlow &amp; Dublin Michael Dowling, 55 St Fiacc's Tce Maisie Dowling, '98 Street</p>
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 10am</b>	<p>Breeth Nolan, Hillview, Crossneen James O'Regan, Keelogue also his brother Martin</p>
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> 10am</b>	<p>Ann O'Beirne, Highfield Manor</p>
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm</b>	<p>John Nolan, Crockaun, Springhill Nicky &amp; Eddie Condron, Ballyhide &amp; Rossmore View Betty Culleton, Whitney Place &amp; Roscommon</p>
<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am</b>	<p>Mary McWey, Sleaty</p>
<b>10.15am</b>	<p><b>(Months Mind)</b> Declan McDermott, Killeshin Rd Olive McGuire, Aughaterry, Ballickmoyler Sean Whelan, Killeshin Margaret Whelan, Ardenteggle Bernie Nolan, 34 Rossmore View (<b>Anniv. &amp; Birthday Rem</b>)</p>
<b>11.30am</b>	<p>Elizabeth, John &amp; Nellie Pluck, Sleaty Rd Ellen Nolan, 1 Henry Street</p>

Kathleen Halpin (née O'Regan), Kells Road, Navan formerly Killeshin  
Joseph (Joe) Purcell, St. Fiacc's House, formerly of Newtown, Crettyard  
**R.I.P.** Jim McGrath, Ballyhide formerly Pacelli Avenue **R.I.P.**

## Weekly Collections 8th/9th June

Red Bag: €1,103

Blue Bag: €1,461

Direct Debits: €195

Tap Donations: €96

We thank you for your support.

Our Community Cafe and Vegetable Stall opens Wednesday 19th June from 10.30 p.m. - 12.30 p.m and will continue every Wednesday until the end of August. No parking in garden. We look forward to seeing you all.

Storytime & Rhymes for U5s in Carlow Library on Wednesdays at 10am, no need to book!  
Baby Book Club in Tullow Library Tuesday mornings at 10am, no need to book!

**JOB VACANCIES - Home Care Assistant/CAREWorker - Bagnalstown/Leighlinbridge Comfort Homecare €15-€20 per hour. For all our latest job opportunities text RECRUIT and your name to Majella Thompson, Branch Manager 089-2447499 or email majella@comforhomecare.ie if you would like more information.**

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.

### 'Day for Life': a dedicated day celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life

*Day for Life* Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday 16 June, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: *The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.*

This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide.

In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

This message also includes a brief human-interest story about a young man named Matt, and the experience of a priest who ministered to Matt and his loved ones in his final months and days. This grace-filled time proved to be a period of intense compassion and profound dignity, as well as faith enriching experience of love and generosity for all concerned.

The Day for Life message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>