

Graiguercullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 23rd June 2024

12th 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.

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Transcending Life's Storms

Fear of what others might think of us; Fear of getting things wrong; Fear of our children getting things wrong; Fear of poverty; Fear of the bills in the letter box; Fear of opposition; Fear of illness; Fear of loneliness or alienation; Fear of running out of time; Most of us fear something, and our fears all have something in common. We fear most, the things that seem beyond our control.

In today's gospel the disciples are out in their fishing boat when a storm whips up the waves. Water crashes into the little fishing boat threatening to sink it. Jesus sleeps on a cushion in the stern, and to the disciples he seems not to care. Can we identify with the frightened disciples? When our lives are out of control that's when most of us pray our hardest, and when our prayers are answered we either thank God, or perhaps if we're honest, we imagine that the problem wasn't as bad as we thought in the first place. Only when God seems indifferent to our prayers is our faith called into real question. If God has the power to quell life's storms why does he seem to remain indifferent? The trouble with God is that he doesn't rush round fixing the lottery for us or texting us with our dream job. Would we really expect God to behave like this? Yet it's at times when God seems to do nothing that we need our faith most. It's at times like this that our faith is hardest to find.

It's a very useful exercise to look back at life and take a second look at the seemingly insurmountable problems that we have navigated in the past. We might imagine that we have conquered our own problems single handed. In retrospect, it is clear that God has steered us safely through the storms often in totally unexpected and surprising ways. The great comfort is that if God has helped us before, he will help us again and again.

We will always have fear, it's part of our human condition, but as Christians we have a way of transcending it. We are asked to remember Jesus' words "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" We are asked to remember that even the wind and the sea obey him. If we have faith that Jesus is the master of our lives and that God has ultimate control, then we need feel no fear.

The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes: takes place from 7th to 12th August.
The final date for payment of the balance of money is now due for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. All payments can be made at the parish office on Wednesday mornings between 11am and 12 noon.

Wheelchairs: if anyone has one of our wheelchairs out on loan can we ask that they return it to the parish office please or if you happen to have a wheelchair you would like to donate to us that would be great also.

The annual Peters Pence Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which everyone can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. "The offerings to Pope Francis through the Peter's Pence Collection go towards Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See."

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

Tadhg John Kenny
Sophia Carmel Brennan
Seán James O'Regan



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

Graiguercullen Bingo Tuesday 25th June.

St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 46 numbers €1,480.
Double number €1,510
Lotto €1,500.

Graduation Masses: The sixth class graduation Mass for the children from Killeshin N.S. will take place this Tuesday 25th June @ 7.00pm in Holy Cross Church followed by their graduation ceremony in the school afterwards and the graduation Service for the sixth class from St Fiacc's NS will take place on Wednesday 26th at 6.45pm in St Clare's Church followed by their graduation ceremony in St Fiacc's Hall. May God bless these young people as they leave primary school and begin their secondary education.

Monthly Peace Mass in Carlow Cathedral Thursday 27th June at 7p.m
Rosary, Divine Mercy, followed by Mass and Benediction. All are Welcome. Celebrant Fr. Petru Medves.

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



You are invited to the **Rally for Life**, the biggest pro-life event of the year, where thousands Stand for Life and to protect mother and baby. JULY 6th, PARNELL SQ, Dublin 1.30pm. Join us to call for URGENT change to Ireland's shocking abortion rate. It's estimated that 10,000 abortions took place in 2023, a heartbreaking total. The Rally will send a powerful message to call for real support for women and urge the government to Stop Aborting Our Future.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Sat 22 nd 6.30pm	John Nolan, Crockaun, Springhill Nicky & Eddie Condron, Ballyhide & Rossmore View Betty Culleton, Whitney Place & Roscommon Patricia Leahy, Fr Byrne Park Elizabeth Dunican, Portlaoise	
Sun 23 rd 9am 10.15am	Mary McWey, Sleaty (Months Mind) Declan McDermott, Killeshin Rd Olive McGuire, Aughtaterry, Ballickmoyler Sean Whelan, Killeshin Margaret Whelan, Ardenteggle Bernie Nolan, 34 Rossmore View (Anniv. & Birthday Rem)	
11.30am	Elizabeth, John & Nellie Pluck, Sleaty Rd Ellen Nolan, 1 Henry Street Alice O'Rourke, Ballyhide	
Tues 25 th 10am	(Thomas Farrell, 41 St Fiacc's Tce)-(Intention Mass) Baby Dylan Mark Stynes, 45 Oakley Crescent	
Wed 26 th 10am	Sinead Ni Nualláin, Barrowvale & Duggan Ave (Birthday Rem) Jim Nolan, Henry St (Birthday Rem) John & Elizabeth Dillon, Pollerton Rd & their sons & daughters Patrick & Kate Foley, St Fiacc's Tce & their sons & daughters	
Thurs 27 th 10am	Molly Maher, Chapel St	
Fri 28 th 10am	(First Anniversary) Sean Seymour, 3 Church St Deceased members of the Fennell Family, Sleaty Deceased members of the Grant Family, 34 St Fiacc's Tce	
Sat 29 th 6.30pm	(Months Mind) Kieran McCarthy, Cloydagh Kathleen McAssey, 1 Dolmen Heights Madge Hurley, Church St Ger Hurley, Monasterevin	
	Bridget & Tom Slattery, St Fiacc's Tce also their sons Tommy & Jimmy Julie & Michael Maher, 8 Church St Tommy (Congo) Smith, St Clare's Rd also his parents Kathleen & Tom	
Sun 30 th 9am 11.30am	Ruth Carthy, Crossneen (Dolores O'Shea, The Numbers also her husband Bernie (90 th Birthday Rem))	

R.I.P.

John Quinn, Serbia formerly Campile, Co Wexford
Willie Farrell, Ardough, Bilboa

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Weekly Collections 15th/16th June

Red Bag: €712
Blue Bag: €1,457
Direct Debits: €205
Tap Donations: €75
Donations: €250

We thank you for your support.

A talk on the History of Rossmore Coalmine's by Pat Whelan will take place in Oisín House on Wednesday June 26th at 8pm. Some historical Models of life in Rossmore will be on display.

Askea Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 18th - 22nd August 2024.

Spiritual Director Fr Tom Little PP. Bishop Denis Nulty will be travelling with this pilgrimage. Cost €965.00 p/p sharing a twin/double room. For further information, contact Tully's Travel, Carlow 059 9136100.

Designer Minds STEAM Summer Camps Carlow-Designer Minds STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) Summer Camps start soon in Carlow. For all boys & girls going into 1st to 6th Class this September. All details and online registration: www.designerminds.ie Give your child the opportunity to explore, create, and innovate in a fun and supportive environment this Summer!

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

** €8 **

No prebooking required.

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.

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

Welcome to our Community Café in An Gairdin Beo every Wednesday during July and August from 10.30 am until 12.30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all again. The usual garden vegetables will also be available. We regret that there are no parking facilities

Carlow Older Persons Forum will host events for older people during Positive Ageing Week in October. On Tuesday 25th June, 11am-1pm, you are invited to Mount Wolseley Hotel, Tullow, Co. Carlow. Your opinion and ideas on the type of events or activities that Carlow Older Persons Forum should plan would be greatly appreciated. Tea/coffee/refreshments served to all who attend. Please contact the Age Friendly Carlow Office to book a place (087)2145262 or email agefriendlycarlow@carlowcoco.ie

Mary's Meals Fundraiser-My name is Fr Eamonn Kelly, and I am parish priest in the parish of Raphoe, (Donegal). I also help with Mary's Meals, a charity that presently feeds 2,429,182 children in their place of education each school day. For the past eleven years we have walked to Knock Shrine to raise awareness of, and funds for, Mary's Meals. We are now launching Step by Step to Feed the Next Child 2024. We have walks originating in Malin (Donegal), Thurles, Cavan, the Spire (Dublin), Kilkenny, Longford, Limerick and N Ireland. All walks go from 7 August to 15 August. We are seeking people to help us create new walks, join us for a day or half day or a few hours, collect, take a sponsor card or promote the walk. It cost €22 to give a child a meal each day in school for a school year and every eleven cents raised provides a meal. This is a great way of gaining a bit of fitness and doing great work at the same time. If you would like more information or to get involved, I would love to hear from you. My contact details are: Eamonn Kelly (Rev), Parochial House, Convoy, Co Donegal, F93HX2R, eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com or 0879077985.