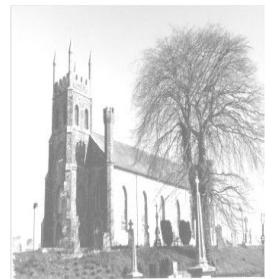




# Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 2nd June 2024 Corpus Christi



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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

**Final night on this Monday 3rd June 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: Elma Walsh**

Founder of the 'Live Life Foundation' in memory of her son Donal who died aged 16 years

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help -



The 'Live Life' charity's vision is to reduce the suicide rate among teenagers and promote Donal's message of "live life". As an ambassador for the Foundation, Elma speaks in schools across Ireland and reaches approximately 30,000 students annually.

### **An Every Day Miracle**

The Eucharist is an 'every-day miracle'. The trouble is that for many of us, the Eucharist has become so routine that we can easily fail to appreciate its true significance.

If we really want to rekindle the wonderment of that weekly miracle, we have to start nurturing a life changing appreciation of the Eucharist and of the Mass. Key to appreciation is preparation. If the Eucharist is food for our minds and our souls, it's important not to fill up on junk beforehand. Do we turn up for Mass in the right frame of mind ready to give genuine thought to our prayers and to the readings, or do we arrive with our heads full of trivia... life's junk food. Chances are that if we arrive at Mass with our heads full of unrelated thoughts, we will spend our time simply going through the motions. We might as well not be there in the first place.

In the moments before Holy Communion when we are kneeling quietly in the bench with heads bowed, are we simply kneeling quietly in the bench or are we preparing our minds. We need to be preparing to receive Jesus' real presence into our bodies and into our lives. We need to be remembering Jesus' sacrifice and the reasons he made it. At the Last Supper Jesus charged us to keep his memory alive. In celebrating the Eucharist we celebrate the memory of his passion and death. As we break bread and drink wine in his name we recall Jesus' opposition to religious sham, his commitment to forgiveness and inner healing, his determination to overcome sin and his ultimate sacrifice.

How do we behave after Communion? Do we hurry back to our seat and continue chatting to the person in the next bench? How do we behave after the Mass has ended, do we make a hasty exit keen to get on with the rest of the day, or do we remember that we are taking God out into the world with us?

Jesus is with us to the end of time, and one of the ways he is with us is through the Eucharist. The sooner we start appreciating this every-day miracle the sooner our lives will change for the better.

**Priests Summer Collection:** this quarterly collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend 8th/9th June. Envelopes are provided in weekly envelope boxes or alternatively envelopes are available at church doors. We thank you for the wonderful support you continue to give.



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

**Keelan Patrick Flynn**



**First Friday:-** this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a special penitential service during the 10am Mass in St Clare's.

### **Communion to the Sick:**

Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound during this week.

### **Graiguecullen MONSTER Bingo** on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 43 numbers €1,090

Double number €1,300

Lotto €1,350

**Exam Students:** Wishing all our young people who are beginning exams this week, a clear mind, steady hands, and a heart filled with confidence. There are exam prayer cards at our church doors for all students and if anyone wishes to have someone prayed for please fill in a petition and place it in the basket in the sacred space.

### **Graveyard Masses are as follows:**

Killeshin-Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm.

Sleaty-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm

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

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

**Evergreens Holiday:** Due to cancellations we have 4

places available on the upcoming Evergreens Holiday To Garryvoe, Cork on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Please contact the pool office on 0599140330 for details.

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm</b>	Baby Calum Core Lawler, Heatherhill (18 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Michelle McKay, Calgary, Canada Michael Culleton, St Fiacc's Tce (Birthday Rem) Chrissy & Vera O'Rourke, Lower Rossmore Laurence Dowling, St Fiacc's Tce
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am</b>	Tom Loughman, Sleaty
<b>10.15am</b>	Myles & Bridget Kehoe, Springhill
<b>11.30am</b>	(David Hutchinson, Crossneen)-(Ned McGrath, 6 Pollerton Rd) Liam Bradley, Iskaheen, Killeshin Rd Pauline & Mattie Kearney, Keelogue John Holland, 6 Kennedy St Kathleen & Tommy O'Donoghue, Springfield Drive Con Moloney, Strawhall (50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Harry Byrne, 39 Staunton Ave
<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 10am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 10am</b>	Baby Lydia Clare Scully, 5 St Lazarian's Tce (24 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 10am</b>	Billy Gleeson, Larkfield & Calgary (Birthday Rem)
<b>7.30pm</b>	(First Anniversary) Breda O'Reilly, Cappalug Michael O'Regan, Killeshin Rd (Birthday Rem) Eddie Brennan, Coolnariska
<b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm</b>	(Months Mind) Nora Cullen, Newbridge & Two-Mile-House Liam Dunphy, Ballinakill & St Fiacc's Hse (100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Rem) Eugene Conlon, Armagh George McCarney, 33 Pacelli Ave Martin Comerford, Castlecomer & St Fiacc's Hse
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 9am</b>	Elizabeth Byrne, Lower Rossmore
<b>10.15am</b>	Eileen O'Regan, Killeshin Rd Martin & Anastasia Doran, Cappalug Mick Scully, The Strand Mikey Dunne, Killeshin Rd Gerard Dooley, St Mary's Park
<b>11.30am</b>	Baby Lydia Clare Scully, 5 St Lazarian's Tce (24 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Shay Lawler, Tommy Murphy Pk & Duggan Ave (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**R.I.P.** Honor Kennedy (nee Murray), Tolerton, formerly Ferns, Co. Wexford **R.I.P.**

### GRAIGUECULLEN SWIMMING POOL

Learn-to-swim Summer Camps.

€60 per child.

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

Bookings being taken at the pool office.

Children must be at least 4 years of age.

Limited spaces.

### Carlow Photography Society is

running our annual photography exhibition at the Fairgreen Shopping Centre from Friday 31st May until Sunday 9th June. This year we are supporting Carlow Hospice Charity with a donation from the proceeds from our sale of images during the week. If you are in Carlow town, please drop in to see the stunning photos and chat to our members. The official opening of our annual Photography exhibition EXPO 21 will be held at Fairgreen Shopping centre on Friday 31st May at 7 pm. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

### Weekly Collections 25th/26th May

Red Bag: €883

Blue Bag: €1,350

Direct Debits: €290

Tap Donations: €66

Donations: €100

We thank you for your support.

### Volunteer Meals On Wheels Delivery Drivers

Required for St Catherine's Community Services Centre Carlow. If you have one to two hours to volunteer in your community for one morning per week, delivering meals within the radius of Carlow town, we would love to hear from you. Contact Meals on Wheels Service @ 059 9138700 or email [mow@catherines.ie](mailto:mow@catherines.ie)

Chroma Annual Art Exhibition  
24 Carlow County Library-  
5th - 13th June. Official Opening  
Thurs 6th June @ 5pm.

All Welcome

Mon - Fri 11 - 5pm, Tues &  
Thurs until 7.30pm, Sat Morning

### Dominican Summer Retreat Programme 2024

There a number of planned Summer Retreats taking place in the Dominican Retreat Centre and Gardens, Tallaght, Dublin. Summer Retreat Programme 2024 Itinerary attached.

For further information/booking -

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### Adult Faith Development for the 21st Century: Diarmuid O'Murchú

Although formal religion seems to be declining around the world, there is a notable increase in people seeking out more adult forms of faith and spirituality, both within and outside traditional settings. At the same time, the Irish national synodal synthesis of 2022 reported a widespread lament for an absence of adult faith formation to help bridge a generational divide.

ACI is delighted to welcome Diarmuid O'Murchú internationally known teacher to add to our series on a topic critical to the future of the church in Ireland. Join Zoom Meeting on Thursday June 13th @ 8.00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 835 1379 3463,

Passcode: 556417

### ACCORD now seeking marriage preparation facilitators. Might this be you ... ?-

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and, have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage ... then Accord wishes to hear from you! An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling leadership role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) and for further information see [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)