



Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 30th June 2024

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

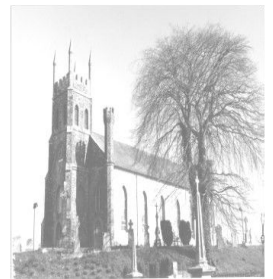
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In GK Parish, we value and encourage the participation of young people and vulnerable adults in all parish activities. We uphold the utmost standard of safeguarding to create a safe environment for all.

Parish Team: Fr. John Dunphy, Cathriona Kelly & Suzanne McWey
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Do Not Fear, Only Believe

Most of us struggle to make the most of our lives and often not as successfully as we would like. We worry about finding the right partner, we worry about our children, we worry about illness and we worry about money. We have learned from an early age that it isn't life itself that is important but how we fill our lives. But even having realised this ever-important fact, we still strive to live longer lives rather than better lives. When we read how Jesus cured and even brought people back from the dead, we notice one very important similarity, Jesus doesn't just add years to people's lives he changes lives. He doesn't change their lives in the way winning the lottery might change one's life. He doesn't grant a fairy tale happy ending with the wave of a magic wand, rather he makes his subjects whole and complete and ready to live life with a new outlook.

Both the woman and the young girl in today's gospel must have felt that life had slipped through their fingers. Jesus gave them both their lives back. Is it likely that they would have gone on living exactly as before? Probably not! There's nothing like a second chance, especially at death's door to make us re-evaluate.

The gospel call to change our lives is part and parcel of the call to faith, a faith in a God who saves lives and changes lives. Today Jesus tells us not to fear, but only to believe.

Newly Baptised: this week we welcome 2 new members into our parish community.

Grace Emily Lawlor
Tommy John Deverill Haide



Jim Carthy Benemerenti Medal Presentation: in recognition of all Jim's work over many years delivering Meals on Wheels for both St Catherine's and St Fiacc's House and delivering food parcels for St Clare's Hospitality Bishop Denis Nulty will present the Benemerenti Medal to Jim Carthy, Crossneen at the 6.30pm Mass on this Saturday 6th July. We wish God's Blessing on Jim on this well deserved award.

Catholic Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Knock-takes place this year on the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 28th July. Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland will lead the pilgrimage. Anointing of the sick takes place at 2.30pm in the Basilica followed by Mass and a Rosary Procession. All are welcome to attend.

Providing compassionate care at the end of life-to address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes*. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video *Through the Valley*, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide, and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life. To read *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes* and to watch *Through the Valley*, visit the following link <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>

Graiguecullen MONSTER Bingo

on Tuesday 2nd July

St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 47 numbers €1,610

Double number €1,580

Lotto €1,550

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.

First Friday:- this Friday 5th July. 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.

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

At 11.30am Mass on Sunday 7th July, our group of young adult volunteers will receive a special blessing before they travel to work in the sanctuary of Lourdes for a week. All are welcome to join us for this special Mass as we wish the group the very best on their journey.

St Fiacc's Swimming Pool & Community Hall CLG

are looking for an experienced part-time bookkeeper (20 hours per week) to maintain the company's financial records, including purchases, sales, receipts and payments. If interested please email Nadia Martin on nadiacmartin@outlook.com.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Sat 29th 6.30pm (Months Mind) Kieran McCarthy, Cloydagh
Kathleen McAssey, 1 Dolmen Heights
(Madge Hurley, Church St) - (Ger Hurley, Monasterevin)
Sean & Mary Dillon & their son Noel, Graiguecullen & Canada
Bridget & Tom Slattery, St Fiacc's Tee also their sons Tommy & Jimmy
Julie & Michael Maher, 8 Church St
Tommy (Congo) Smith, St Clare's Rd also his parents Kathleen & Tom

Sun 30th 9am
Ruth Carthy, Crossneen
Paul Shannon, Hollymount & St Fiacc's House
Mary Keating Byrne, Kilenora, Bennekerry also her husband Seamus
Julie & Michael Maher, 8 Church St

10.15am Andrew Dowling, Killeshin
11.30am Kevin Kehoe, 4 Oakley Park
(Dolores O'Shea, The Numbers also her husband Bernie (90th Birthday Rem))
Henry Dowling, 25 St Fiacc's Tce
John Kenny, Radharc Oisín & McGamhna Rd

Thurs 4th 10am Edward Loughlin, Moneenroe
(Joan Conlon, Armagh)-(Patrick Kealey, Dublin)
Annie & Billy Moran, 83 St Mary's Park also their son Liam
(Johnny Callinan, 7 '98 Street also his parents Frank & Elizabeth
his brother Paddy & sister-in-law Colette)

Fri 5th 10am

Sat 6th 6.30pm James Judge, Longwood, Co Meath
James Looney, 106 Church St also his wife Eileen & son Paddy
Maureen Dowling, 27 The Numbers

Sun 7th 9am
Willie Byrne, Buena Vista, Clogrennane
Mary & Jim Scully, 1 Chapel St & Poor Clare Monastery

10.15am (First Anniversary) Patrick J Brennan, Coolane
David Lyons (Jnr) & David Lyons (Snr), Clonmore

11.30am Willie Byrne, Buena Vista, Clogrennane
Tom & Carmel Stenson, Derrig Ave & Radharc Oisín
Dermot Callinan, Pollerton Little also his mother Sarah
Mary Byrne, Mountain View Lodge, Hollymount
Paddy Scully, Sleaty

Weekly Collections 22nd/23rd June

Red Bag: €780
Blue Bag: €1,636
Direct Debits: €375
Tap Donations: €48
Donations: €80

We thank you for your support.

Exciting career opportunity at Lough Derg! Recruitment has begun for a full-time Pastoral Programmes Coordinator. If you or someone you know might be interested in applying please contact Maureen at mboyle@loughderg.org or see advert on www.loughderg.org for further details. Lough Derg, Sanctuary of St Patrick, Pettigo, Co Donegal.

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.

Special Kildare / Carlow Pilgrimage (Limited availability) to Fatima EX Dublin **Easter 2025**
13th Jun '25 for Feast of Saint Anthony
13th Oct 2025 for the Miracle of Sun
All flying with TAP Airlines
Contact James Treacy 061-921470 or email jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

R.I.P.

Hilda Browne (née Murphy), Bawnogues, Baltinglass
Edward Butler, formerly St Fiacc's House
John Heaney, Leixlip formerly Donard

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Congratulations to Graiguecullen Ladies Football team for winning League Final last weekend. Graiguecullen GAA Club are proud of your achievements.

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.

Coffee morning in the Cabin Cafe at Barrack Street from 10.00 to 12.00 noon, Tuesday 2nd July for people living with dementia and their carers. Admission free.

Seeking, Serving and Sharing Christ in a Synodal Church-The Priory Institute two week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 19 August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and three on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register at prioryinstitute.com

Thank You:- Maura Pluck wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and those who sent Mass Bouquets and Get Well Cards. Thanks to all my friends for their kindness to me while in hospital. Thanks also to my neighbours and Fr Dunphy.

GRAIGUECULLEN SWIMMING POOL

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

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

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

Bookings are now open for QQI Level 5 Book-keeping & Payroll These courses run over 10 weeks, manual first then the computerised at the last few weeks with the exam at the finish. If you would like to do this course, Book-keeping will be starting on Monday 9th September at 7pm - 10pm, Payroll will be on Thursday 12th September 7pm - 10pm. Contact Ballon Business & Training Service, The Old School, Ballon Tel: 059-915-9447 Mob: 085-876-4743 ballonbts@gmail.com

WATER AEROBICS
@ Graiguecullen Swimming Pool
Mondays at 8.15pm,
Wednesdays 8pm.
**** €8 ****
No prebooking required.

St. Vincent De Paul:
Local Conference –
St. Fiacc's.
Tel: 086-1592775