

Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 14th July 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

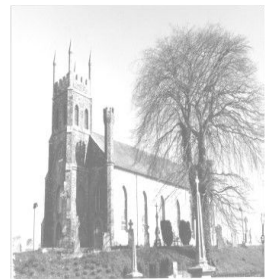
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In GK Parish, we value and encourage the participation of young people and vulnerable adults in all parish activities. We uphold the utmost standard of safeguarding to create a safe environment for all.

Parish Team: Fr. John Dunphy, Cathriona Kelly & Suzanne McWey
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How to Deliver an Enduring Message

You've landed a job in a top marketing company. The managing director sets you your first task. You must take a message out into the world relying on nothing but your own devices. More importantly, you need to come up with a three-point strategy to ensure the message endures for at least the next two thousand years ... in fact until the end of time. No pressure!

Today we hear how Jesus sent out his disciples to teach the world about God's Kingdom. What was the strategy Jesus gave them to ensure the message survived the generations?

First Jesus promotes single mindedness.

The disciples must travel light unhampered by any distractions. How many advertising campaigns fail because the heart of the message is cluttered and confused? How many Christians come out of church on a Sunday remembering only that they need to contribute to the church steeple restoration fund rather than remembering the central gospel lesson.

The second part of Jesus' plan was to choose the best audience. We are all familiar with the street preacher who stands in the middle of the city precinct whilst tides of shoppers give him a wide berth. For all his good intentions, this person has not chosen an audience who are in any mood to stop and listen. Jesus advises not to stay where we are not wanted nor try to teach those who refuse to listen. Choosing the best audience and setting are all important.

Thirdly, make the message clear and compelling. Jesus tells the disciples to teach a message of repentance and to cure the sick. In other words, we are to instigate a change for the better in the lives of others. It's a powerful message. Who doesn't want to change for the better? Who wouldn't listen if they were promised a better life? So did Jesus' strategy work? That Christianity is so strong two thousand years down the line is a great testimony to Jesus and the work of those early disciples. Single mindedness, choosing an audience and making the message clear and compelling. Now it's our turn.

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 or walker you would like to donate to us that would be great also.

Newly Baptised: this week we welcome 4 new members into our parish community.

**Evie Kate Furlong
Leo Gerry Kirwan
Elisse Sepcic
Enzo Sepcic**



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

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 16th July.

St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 49 numbers €1,870.
Double number €1,720
Lotto €1,650.

St Clare's Hospitality are looking for donations of Pasta Sauce and tea bags for the food parcels. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 21 July. Mass at 3pm will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine. Pioneers along with friends and relations of people who are living "one day at a time" with addiction are welcome.

Grandparents Association & the Elderly Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 28th July. Bus leaving from St Leo's Convent, Dublin Rd at 8am. Fee €30. Booking essential. Contact Cathedral Parish Centre 0599164087.

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.

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.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Sat 13th 6.30pm** (Kathleen (Kay) O'Neill & her husband James (Jim) O'Neill, St Enda's, Sleaty St)
(Kitty & James Lacey also their sons Paul & Tommy & nephews Oliver, Anthony & Ger)
- Sun 14th 10.15am** Brigid Nelson, Killeshin
Alexander Twomey, Killeshin Rd
Liam Kelly, Upper Rossmore
Tommy Malone, Rossmore
Donie Lambe, Ballylinan & Kildangan
Hannah & James Dunne, Springhill also their son Liam & deceased family
- 11.30am** Elizabeth (Betty) Fenlon, 113 Church St
Winifred & Michael Moore, Maryborough St & USA also their 6 sons
Lily Byrne, St Clare's Rd
John & Nan Kearns, Knockbeg Road
Martin O'Neill, Dublin
Jean Horsley, Australia
- Tues 16th 10am** Elizabeth Dowling, 55 St Fiacc's Tee
Johnny Lawler, 22 St Fiacc's Tee
- Wed 17th 10am** René Wyss, Yves Helbling & Marcel Wyss, Switzerland
- Thurs 18th 10am** Breda Woods, 157 Duggan Ave
Peg Farrell (née Kenny), St Fiacc's Tee & New York
- Fri 19th 10am** Sylvester McGrath, Oakley Park
- Sat 20th 6.30pm** Heather Cowan, 27a Spindlewood
Mary Rowan, Killeshin Rd & deceased family
- Sun 21st 9am** Joseph Grant, Radharc Oisín & London
- 11.30am** Nan Kearns, Knockbeg
Ann Shiels, Lower Rossmore

Weekly Collections 6th/7th July

Red Bag: €993
Blue Bag: €1,725
Direct Debits: €130
Tap Donations: €30
Donations: €500

We thank you for your support.

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.

Betty (Elizabeth) Ryan, The Numbers, Graiguecullen formerly Cappalug, Killeshin
Bridie Whelan (née Wade), Ardenteggle, Killeshin
R.I.P. Siobhán Galligan (née McDonald), Springhill, Killeshin *R.I.P.*
Declan Stynes, Newhouse, Thomastown formerly Sleaty, Carlow

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.

Care for the Common Planet Road Travel Eco Tips

- If you have a bike rack or roof rack on your car which you're not going to use, take it off. The more weight you carry with you, the more fuel you'll use, increasing your carbon footprint and costing you more money.
- If you're driving in a manual car, slow down, gradually, with your brakes instead of your gears in order to reduce your fuel emissions. If at a standstill in traffic, switch your engine off.
- Establish the fastest route, this is an obvious but effective eco-friendly tip, because the shorter the distance you travel, the less fuel you will use and the less harmful emissions you will produce.
- Maintain a steady speed during your time on the motorway. Your car will use fuel more efficiently.

Camp Pio Summer Faith Camp takes place Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th July 2024. Time: 9.30 am – 2.30 pm
Venue: Bloom HQ, Mountrath, Co Laois R32 DT9F Age: For Boys and Girls, 5-13 years.
Cost: €45.00 per child (€30.00 per each additional child). To Book: contact camppio2024@gmail.com or Caroline 085 2430529/Laura 087 6313370.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024:

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

Tel. 01 4434510 or website www.med-irishcentre.com

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.