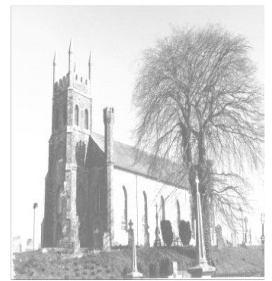


# Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 21st July 2024



**16th 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**

## Time Out

The younger generation are very good at telling us to “take a chill pill...” and there’s nothing more infuriating. But funnily enough, “taking a chill pill” is something we’re extraordinarily bad at. We are surrounded by twenty first century devices to save us time, such as emails, microwaves and disposable nappies, yet somehow, we don’t end up with hours of free time as a result. Quite the contrary, we work faster, travel faster, eat faster and take on more and more work. We feel that we need to fill every waking moment with an extra job. Yet sitting still for a moment in silence and solitude whilst the world rushes around us is very important.

Today Jesus understands that his disciples are exhausted by the demands of the crowds and suggests escaping by boat to find a quiet place to rest, recharge and presumably take stock. Unfortunately, the crowds worked out where Jesus was off to and beat him to it. Jesus stepped out of the boat to be greeted by the same crowds he had just left behind. If Jesus felt any exasperation he didn’t show it. Moved by compassion, because the people are like ‘sheep without a shepherd’ Jesus sets about putting their needs before his own. It might appear that Jesus was just about as bad at ‘taking a chill pill’ as the rest of us, but the story simply points to his level of compassion and discernment.

Taking time out to recharge and take stock is often more important than fitting in that extra job. Have you ever got to the end of a very busy day and wondered what you have actually achieved? How much worse to get to the end of one’s life and realise that we have achieved little of real importance. Take a chill pill. Remember to retreat from the world from time to time. Remember to regularly ask yourself those all-important life-enhancing questions.

**The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes: takes place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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



**Bódhanna Ní Chionnaith**



**An Gairdin Beo Community Cafe Café** 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 there is no parking available.

Accord Carlow Marriage Preparation Programme Places available on the following dates 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Book your place today on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

## Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday

23<sup>rd</sup> July.

St. Fiacc’s Hall @ 8.30pm.  
Jackpot on 50 numbers €2000.

Double number €1790

Lotto €1700.

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 this 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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](mailto:nadiacmartin@outlook.com).

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** **(Months Mind)** James McGrath, Aughoyme Cross Ballyhide  
Heather Cowan, 27A Spindlewood.  
Mary Rowan, Killeshin Rd & deceased family.  
Susan Lyons, Doonane Crettyard.  
Martin, Anne, Noleen and Michael Delaney, Portlaoise.  
Jimmy Delaney, Levitstown, Maganey.  
Patrick O'Dwyer, Tipperary.  
John McSweeney, late of Sleaty St.

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 9am** Joseph Grant, Radharc Oisín & London.  
Kathleen Power, 34 Pacelli Ave, (Birthday Rem).

**11.30am** Nan Kearns, Knockbeg.  
Ann Shiels, Lower Rossmore.  
Ann Mulleney, Raheendoran.  
Martin O'Neill, Dublin.  
Jean Horsley, Sydney, Australia.

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am** The Meehan Family Marlborough Street.  
Lily Doyle

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> 10am** Bernadette Gavigan.  
Bridget & William Stynes, Sleaty and their daughter Moira Creeth and their son John.

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** Christopher (Berto) Kelly, 158 Duggan Ave.

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 9am** Mary Keating & husband Bernard, 95 St Mary's Park.  
**10.15am** Jim Hennessy, Killeshin & Michael and Bridie Hennessy.  
Michael Bolton, Springhill.  
Columba Thompson, Lealand Walk, Clondalkin.  
Ollie Harte, Lealand Walk, Clondalkin.

**11.30 am** Eileen Hade, 58 St Clare's Road & her son Paul.  
Patrick Callinan, Rossmore View.  
Mick Lowry, Rose Cottage, Clogrennan.  
Nora Judge, Longwood, Co Meath.

### Weekly Collections 13th/14th July

Red Bag: €723  
Blue Bag: €1,670  
Direct Debits: €150  
Tap Donations: €51  
Donations: €100.

### 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.

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.

The family of the late William Farrell, Ardough, Bilboa would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their great loss. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbours who attended the wake and burial. For those who telephoned, travelled long distances, sent floral tributes, cards and messages of condolences, we are truly grateful. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

'You Are Not Alone Family Support Group' support for family members impacted by a relative's drug or alcohol use. Meetings take place in the Askea Parish Centre every Wednesday for further information contact 085-7872730.

**Light the Fire Pilgrimage:** The Light the Fire Pilgrimage at Ballintubber Abbey, Co Mayo will take place on Sunday, 4 August, from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. Archbishop Francis Duffy, along with Deacon John Taaffe will celebrate Mass as part of the Light the Fire rosary/healing service. Eurovision's Dana Rosemary Scanlon will also sing her new song for Saint Patrick which recalls how our patron saint lit the fire of faith.

### **WELL DONE!**

**Well done to the Laois Seniors on reaching the final of the Tailteann Cup, especially our parish lads: Killian Roche, Mark Timmons, Brian Byrne, Conor Heffernan and Eoin Lowry. Unfortunately it wasn't to be on the day but the lads did themselves and the parish proud.**

### 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](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

Askea Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> 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.