

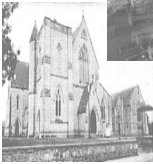
Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 28th July 2024

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 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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Gospel Reflection for the Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

GOD PROVIDES

As children we were fascinated by the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. Like a circus audience trying to spot the mechanics behind a woman seemingly being sawn in half, we tried to spot the mechanics of Jesus' miracles. As we grow in faith and maturity, we realise that the mechanics of Jesus' miracles are not in question, more important is the lesson they aim to highlight. The feeding of the five thousand is a lesson in trust and faith. If we hunger for what is right, Jesus tells us that God will be our nourishment. God will provide what we need. This perhaps is hard to believe, especially when we have prayed hard and not had our prayer granted. If God promises to provide, why does he leave many of our prayers unanswered? We are well used to the reply to this question of course. "If our prayers weren't answered," we are told, "then it means God knows a better way for us." Whilst this answer might feel a little frustrating, the truth remains that when we look back at life, we realise what a mercy it was that some of our prayers were not answered. We think we know what is best for us, but we can only make our prayers from our own insular and human agenda and not from God's universal perspective. God can often provide little miracles in our day-to-day lives that we tend not to appreciate, because they are not necessarily what we have prayed for. Start to notice how God provides in ways we wouldn't expect. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths. *Proverbs 3:5-6*

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.

NEWLY BAPTISED

This week we welcome six new members into our parish community.

Killian James English
Sienna Alice Quinn

David William Berry
Logan Christopher Quinn



Jack Dooley
Hunter Leo Quinn

WELCOME HOME TO OUR LOURDES VOLUNTEERS

Well done to our group of volunteers who have returned from their week of service to Our Lady in the Sanctuaries of Lourdes. Megan, Clare, Cathriona and Marguerite have completed their first year, while Hannah, Ruth, Amelia, Ellen, Giulia and Katie have completed their second year. Thank you to Isobel for all her fundraising work and for leading the group so well while away. We hope these and many more volunteers will continue to serve Our Lady and keep this tradition of service alive and well in the future.



GK PARISH BINGO
Tues 30th July, St. Fiacc's Hall 8.30pm
Jackpot on 50 numbers €2130
Double number €1860
Lotto €1750

ST. CLARE'S HOSPITALITY
are looking for donations of pasta sauce and tea bags for the food parcels. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS VONNIE!
Congratulations to Vonnice Bolton who last week received a medal in appreciation of her volunteering work in Lourdes. Vonnice has been a volunteer for the past five years. We wish Vonnice good health and many more years of devoted faith and service to Our Lady.

FIRST FRIDAY
this Friday 2nd August. 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.

ST FIACC'S SWIMMING POOL & COMMUNITY HALL CLG are looking for an experienced part-time book-keeper (20 hours per week) to maintain the company's financial records including purchases, sales, receipts and payments. If interested, please email Nadia Martin - nadiacmartin@outlook.com

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT
If you, or a friend or family member would like to get involved in one of our parish ministries please contact the parish office and we will link you up to your preferred area of ministry.

Here are a few ideas:
Altar Society / Reader / Choirs
PPT Slides / Facebook Live / Stewarding

PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

Our next pre-baptism meeting will take place this 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.



ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Sat 27th 6.30 pm** Christopher (Berto) Kelly, 158 Duggan Ave.
Molly and Johnny Keegan, Castle Hill.
Frank Hayden, Staplestown Road.
Rebecca O'Neill, Rathellen Bagnalstown.
- Sun 28th 9am** Mary Keating & husband Bernard, 95 St Mary's Park..
Maria Barco, Anniversary & Birthday.
- 10.15am** Jim Hennessy, Killeshin.
Michael and Bridie Hennessy Killeshin.
Michael Bolton, Springhill.
Columba Thompson, Lealand Walk, Clondalkin.
Ollie Harte, Lealand Walk, Clondalkin.
Jack Brennan, Quakers Hill Killeshin.
Frank O'Sullivan, Queensland Australia.
- 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.
Maria Fitzpatrick, Ballyhide, Anniversary & Birthday.
- Tues 30th 10 am** Intentions
- Wed 31st 10am** Sinéad Ní Nuallain, Barrowvale & Duggan Ave.
- Thur 1st 10 am** Intentions
- Fri 2nd 10 am** Intentions
- Sat 3rd 6.30 pm** Michael White, Killeshin Road, wife Mary & daughter Kathleen Kane England.
Noleen Callinan & sister Mary, St Fiacc's Tce, Anniversary Mass.
Paddy Byrne, USA & Henry Street & sister Elizabeth Clarke, USA & Maher Rd.
- Sun 4th 9am** Tommy Brennan, Ballyharmon.
- 10.15am** Siobhan Galligan, Springhill Killeshin (Months Mind).
Betty Ryan, 28 The Numbers (Months Mind).
Bridie Whelan, Ardenteggle, (Months Mind).
Brigid Ryan, Cappalug.
Mary Landy, Cappalug.
Josephine Brennan, Coolane, Killeshin.
Tom Kelly Snr. Upper Rossmore, parents Patrick & Sarah & siblings.
Mary Walsh (First Anniversary—25th July), Cappalug, Killeshin.
- 11.30am** Ian Brennan, 42 Oakley Park.
Noel McAssey, 118 St Clare's Road.



R.I.P

James (Jim) Mulhall, 194 Whitney Place, Graiguecullen, Carlow
Paddy Conville, Henry St. (Funeral arrangements later)

'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.

SETUStudentPad.ie is a website that helps homeowners rent out spare rooms in their homes to students attending SETU. Homeowners who rent out a room can earn up to €14K per year tax free.

An Gairdín Beo Community Cafe opens every Wed 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.

Askea Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes
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.

Kildare / Carlow Pilgrimage to Fatima
EX Dublin Easter 2025 (limited availability)

13th June & 13th October 2025 for the Miracle of Sun
All flying with TAP Airlines - contact James 061 921470
jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

20TH/21ST JULY

Red Bag: €860
Blue Bag: €1,503
Direct Debits: €195
Tap Donations: €57
Donations: €50

Thank You

WATER AEROBICS

Graiguecullen Swimming Pool
Mondays @8.15pm,
Wednesdays @8pm.

Only €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
[@killeshinpb](https://www.instagram.com/killeshinpb)

Catherine Nolan and Vera Smith continue to hold a **clothes recycling collection** in aid of their 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 Mon to Fri between the hours of 8.30am to 4.30pm. Please no duvets, pillows, cushions, or toys. They accept old clothes, shoes, handbags, towels, bed linen, curtains. It costs them money to dispose of duvets etc. Collection can be arranged by contacting Catherine 086 8709846 or Vera 086 8317940.
Thank you for your support.

Knock Shrine

Ignatian Week (formerly Jesuit Week) at Knock Shrine, commences on Sun 28 July at 7.30pm in the Parish Church and concludes on Sun 04 Aug with 12 noon Mass in the Basilica. No booking required.