

Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK Sunday 7th July 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

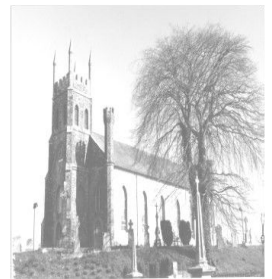
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In GK Parish, we value and encourage the participation of young people and vulnerable adults in all parish activities. We uphold the utmost standard of safeguarding to create a safe environment for all.

Parish Team: Fr. John Dunphy, Cathriona Kelly & Suzanne McWey
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Closed Minds

Hands up did your older brothers and sisters try to teach you things as a child only to be met with protests, scoffs and yawns? It was only when your parents stepped in and paid up front for an expensive tutor that you would finally sit up and pay attention. It seems that we disregard as unimportant what is right under our noses. The next-door neighbour might speak words of great wisdom to us over the garden fence, but unless the same words were boomed at us from a cloud or a mountain-top we would barely heed them. The old adage that ‘familiarity breeds contempt’ is certainly a true one.

When Jesus returned to his hometown to preach, he was treated with similar disregard. When the Nazarenes heard him speaking, they could not take him seriously because they could remember all too well his humble origins. Wasn't he just a carpenter ... Mary's son? They closed their minds against Jesus, and because their minds were closed, Jesus could not work any great deed that day.

Of course, there is more to this story than Jesus being rejected in his hometown. This is a story about how we too can ignore or reject God. This is a story about the stumbling blocks we encounter in our faith. Perhaps our pet stumbling block might be our unwillingness to listen to others in the belief that we know best. Our stumbling block might be a reluctance to ask for help, fearing that this might be a sign of weakness. Our stumbling block might be the inability to recognise the voice of God in our day-to-day surroundings. Could God be talking to us through a partner, through our children, parents or friends? Where will the next prophet come from, the other side of the globe or the other side of the street? The trick is, not to rule anything out. God is less likely to work wonders in a closed mind.

Pope Francis Prayer intention for July 2024 -For pastoral care of the sick

Pope Francis is inviting the Church to pray for the pastoral care of the sick during the month of July 2024, and in particular for those thinking about requesting the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The problem comes when people mistakenly feel that this sacrament is only for the dying. If someone thinks that a priest offering the sacrament means that they are about to die, says the Pope, they have embraced a hopeless vision. “Let us remember that the Anointing of the Sick is one of the ‘sacraments of healing,’ of ‘restoration,’ that heals the spirit,” says the Pope. We are invited to join in Pope Francis’s prayer intention. **“We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.”**

LOURDES VOLUNTEERS: We wish every blessing to our group of 10 young adult volunteers who will travel to work in the Sanctuaries of Lourdes this coming week. They will be led by Isobel & Fr. John and accompanied by parishioners Marguerite Mullen & Catriona Kirwan who are also volunteering there for the first time. These will be among many of our parishioners who volunteer on a regular basis in Lourdes. We wish them all the very best on their journey and thank them for answering the call of Our Lady.

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.

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.

Graiguecullen Bingo

Tuesday 9th July.

St. Fiacc’s Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 48 numbers €1,740.
Double number €1,650
Lotto €1,600.

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 Mary’s Cemetery Mass this Monday 8th July @ 7.30pm:

The usual restrictions apply to ensure people attending our annual Cemetery Mass can commemorate their loved ones with dignity and respect while doing so in a safe environment. We are asking everyone attending to co-operate with Gardai, security personnel, Council and voluntary officials to ensure this cherished event passes off without incident and everyone can attend in safety and reverence.

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.



Message from Gardai to Parishioners

Please be aware that the Garda do not call looking to check if your money is counterfeit and take it from you. Another such theft occurred in Laois this week. Stay vigilant and protect yourself from fraud.

**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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

-  **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
Con & Anne O'Brien, The Numbers
Patrick & Hannah Fenlon, The Numbers
Clare Walsh, 14 The Numbers
Des & Peggy Mitchell, Mount Clare Court & Greystones
- Sun 7th 9am**
10.15am Willie Byrne, Buena Vista, Clogrennane
Mary & Jim Scully, 1 Chapel St & Poor Clare Monastery
(First Anniversary) Patrick J Brennan, Coolane
David Lyons (Jnr) & David Lyons (Snr), Clonmore
Maura Carr (née Doran) Keelogue
Sheena Knepper, Derrymoyle
Tom Lawlor, Keelogue also his brothers Brendan & Jimmy
Maureen & John Whelan, Keelogue also their granddaughter Sharon Murphy
- 11.30am** **(Months Mind)** Maria Nolan, The Laurels, Killeshin Rd
(Months Mind) Valerie Townsend, Linkardstown
(Months Mind) Shirley Power, Tierernane, Ballickmoyler & Dublin
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
Paddy Devlin, Rochfort Manor also his daughter Karen
Deceased members of the Devlin & Carter families
Frances Delaney, Castle Hill
Joe O'Neill, Blackbog Road
- Tues 9th 10am** Tom & Carmel Stenson, Derrig Ave & Radharc Oisín
John Coonan, Crettyard
- Thurs 11th 10am** Pat Shaw, 39 Oakley Park **(10th Anniversary)**
- Sat 13th 6.30pm** (Kathleen (Kay) O'Neill & her husband James (Jim) O'Neill,
St Enda's, Sleaty St)
- 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
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R.I.P.

Frank Feehan, Ballickmoyler, Carlow
Agnes Broderick, Brownseshill Avenue, Carlow

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Weekly Collections 29th/30th June
Red Bag: €828
Blue Bag: €1,390
Direct Debits: €120
Tap Donations: €30
We thank you for your support.

Community Employment Scheme Vacancies
Positions available with MDCE Project CLG
Reference numbers for positions in Mayo Parish are CES-2314007 & CES -2316582.
Reference numbers for positions in Killeshin GAA are CES - 2314004.
Anyone interested in a position the application is available on Jobsireland.ie or you can contact MDCE Project directly on 056 4442711 or email us at mdceproject@gmail.com

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.

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.

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

GRAIGUECULLEN SWIMMING POOL

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

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.

Carlow Arts Festival and Carlow Sports Partnership invite you to get on your bikes on Sunday, July 14 for 'Cycles', an exciting collective cycling experience. The 18km cycling and arts event begins with registration at 10:30 am at Ducketts Grove and will take you on a leisurely cycle through the landscape as you to listen a specially-created audio piece via an app you will download onto your phone. To download the app, please click the button below for the Google Play Store or Apple Store. Carlow Community Choir will be singing a song specially written for this event by Ye Vagabonds as the cyclists return to Ducketts Grove. Booking is advised as places are limited, to secure a place go to the website: <https://www.tickettailor.com/e...> A nominal fee of €5 per adult, €2 per child also covers a post cycle barbecue. Bikes will be available to hire and there will be options to take a bus to the event from Carlow Town. Some hand cycles, trikes and rickshaws will also be available to use.