



GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHTIN PARISH

NEWSLETTER



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Sunday 1st September 2024
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

SOCIAL MEDIA
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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
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Gospel Reflection



How not to impress God!

Today the Pharisees complain to Jesus, that his disciples did not wash their hands before eating. Their complaint does not stem from food hygiene. The Pharisees had very many rituals intended to keep themselves pure and undefiled, and one of these rituals was washing before eating. The ritual in itself is not so very wrong. We ourselves have a ritual of saying grace before meals, but where Jesus finds fault is in their flawed grasp of what is important. Jesus uses their complaint to teach a lesson, and the lesson isn't really anything to do with washing.

What do we think pleases God? The Pharisees were not bad people, but they had strayed a long way from pleasing God. To the Pharisees, religion was all about abiding by hundreds of rules and regulations. Many of these rules were about keeping themselves segregated from anything in the world that would make them unclean. They had become so obsessed by this that they no longer engaged well with the world and all its suffering. Jesus didn't deliberately set out to disregard tradition, but at the same time, he had come to engage with the world and its needs. Jesus' main concern was for the poor the sick and the marginalised, and he went out of his way to associate himself with them.

We do not become unacceptable to God by failing to follow a set of outward rules. We become unacceptable to God when our hearts become cold. God is not impressed when we turn up for Mass in our Sunday best. God is best pleased when we show the world a loving and sincere heart.

NEWLY BAPTISED

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



Jaxon Christopher Brogan
Koffie John Tobin
Callum Sean O'Brien

TAP TO DONATE



We wish to remind parishioners that there is a tap machine at the front door of St. Clare's Church and a QR code (for use with the camera on your phone) in the porches of both our churches. Both can be used for donations to our parish or for lighting candles.

Please know that we do not wish to put pressure on anyone but instead this option is simply to facilitate those who are now part of our cashless society. People continue to be very generous and supportive to our weekly collections in various ways and for this we are very grateful.



HOLY HOUR FOR ALL OUR PARISH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Monday 2nd Sept @7pm

Refreshments afterwards in the parish centre

This is for all who are involved in any of our many parish ministries in St. Clare's and Holy Cross. This holy hour will be an opportunity to give thanks to God for all who serve in our parish and to ask God's blessing for the year ahead.

KILLESHTIN HALL COMMITTEE are seeking volunteers to help for community events held in Killeshtin Hall. If interested, please give your name and number to any of the following Committee Members, Trish 086 3754846, Mary 087 6482151 Helen 087 2540726 and Breda 086 8399110

PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

Our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on **Monday 30th Sept @7pm** in the Parish Centre. All parents presenting their child for Baptism over the next few months are encouraged to attend.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Please get in touch if you would like to join our team of Sunday school teachers. A meeting to form the new rota will take place on **Wed 4th Sept @7pm** in the parish centre. For more information contact the parish office.



BACK TO SCHOOL

A big welcome back to all the children and young people returning to school this week. We ask God's blessings on all students, teachers and all who work in our schools. Please keep them in your prayers in the days and weeks ahead.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO

TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER
St. Fiacc's Hall @8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2780
Double number €2210
Lotto €600

ANNIVERSARIES

All anniversaries can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com

- Saturday 31st 6.30pm** Michael Heary, Tullow Rd, (Months Mind)
Mary and James Pender Springhill.
Julia Kenny (Callinan) 2 McGamhna Rd & St Fiacc's Tce,
husband Michael Kenny and deceased family members.
Seamus Geoghegan, Avondale Drive & St Fiacc's Tce.
Bernadette Hayden, New Oak Est (Birthday Remembrance).
Hannah Keating, New Oak Estate.
Matt Gorman, 11 Rochfort Manor.
Margaret James, Montgomery Street.
Columba Nolan, Sleatty.
Patrick & Bridget Dormer, Sleatty & deceased family.
- Sunday 1st 9am** Special Intention
10.15am Denis (Denny) Burns, The Lodge, Coolnariska (1st Anniversary)
Maura Keating and her sister Frances Devoy, Derrymoyle.
11.30am Mary Nolan, 5 Henry Street her son Stephen her parents
Joe and Molly Curry & deceased members of Curry family.
Tom (Tommy) Farrell, The Lock House & deceased family.
Debbie Mulhall, Coolhenry, Ballickmoyler.
Paddy Walsh, Sleatty (50th Anniversary) & his son Michael.
Margaret O'Rourke, 2 Montgomery Street.
Pa Brennan, Hillview Crossneen.
Mary & Patrick Hayden, children Frank Hayden,
Patrick Hayden, Dano Hayden & Elizabeth Callinan, Bridge St.
- Tuesday 3rd** Paddy Brennan (Stewpot), 135 Sleatty Street.
Jim and Philly Byrne, 187 Sleatty Street.
- Wednesday 4th** Special Intention
Thursday 5th Special Intention
Friday 6th Special Intention
- Saturday 7th 6.30pm** Mary Brennan, Cooperhill.
Anne Nolan (Callinan) JPearl Killeshin Road (15th Anniversary)
Betty Waters, 6 Church Street
- Sunday 8th 9am** Special Intention
10.15am Baby Calum Farrell (Months Mind)
John Curran his wife Brigid Curran, Killeshin,
their son John Joe and daughter Lila Flood.
Eamon O'Reilly, Cappalug Killeshin



R.I.P

Mona Dempsey, College Street

Claire McDonnell (née McDonald), Coolmine, Dublin & Harristown



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

24th/25th August

Red Bag: €822
Blue Bag: €1,705
Direct Debits: €230
Tap Donations: €45
Donations: €1,100

Thank You

WATER AEROBICS

Graiguercullen Swimming Pool
Mondays @8.15pm
Wednesdays @8pm
Only €8 - No prebooking required.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Local Conference – St. Fiacc's.
Contact 086 1592775 for support.

ACADEMY OF DANCE CARLOW

Adult Beginner Jiving & Social Dance
4-week course commencing
Thurs 12th Sept. 8-9pm at
The Academy of Dance Carlow, Youth
Centre, Green Lane, R93 V327.
No partner required, registration &
payment in full on the first night
€40 per person.

Children's Ballroom & Latin classes age
4+ every Thursday.
Contact Fiona on 087 2727315
for more information.

CARLOW ACTIVE RETIRED

A meeting will be held on Wed 11th Sept
@2.30pm in Cathedral Parish centre.
New members welcome. Please bring
€2 on the day.

HOME VISIT

If you are housebound and would like a
visit from a priest once a month, please
contact the parish centre 059 9141833.

AN GAIRDÍN BEO

An Gairdín Beo is 10 years
established this year. Their most recent
development in the garden is Our
Cosmic Walk. As part of the
celebrations, they are launching their
Cosmic Walk at 11am on Wed. 4th
Sept. All are very welcome to attend.

SETANTA ANNUAL 5K FUNDRAISER

Our annual 5k fun run will take place
on Sunday 8th September @11am.
We would love to see as many as
possible to show their support and
come out to run, walk, cycle, crawl
the route and claim your
custom-made medals.

**Registration is
now open.**

For queries please
contact
Jen 087 2748784.



ACCORD CARLOW MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMME

Places available on the following dates
6th & 7th September 2024, 11th & 12th Oct,
8th & 9th Nov 2024. Book your place
on www.accord.ie.

PRIORY INSTITUTE

The Priory Institute provides online
Theology courses to degree level. Attend
Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the
comfort of your own home. Register
before September 17th. Find out more on
our website, www.prioryinstitute.com

CARLOW COUNTY

**DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP
invites you to the launch of Carlow
LEADER Programme 2023-2027.**

Tues 3rd September @5pm in the
Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow.
Refreshments will be provided.
RSVP: eharvey@carlowdevelopment.ie

GOVERNEY PARK RESIDENTS

Our AGM takes place in Graiguecullen
GAA clubhouse on
Friday 6th September at 7pm.
All are welcome to attend.

CARLOW FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

You Are Not Alone – Drugs and Alcohol abuse affects families regardless of status in life.
You did not cause it; you can't control it, and you can't cure it.
Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease. Call 0857872730.