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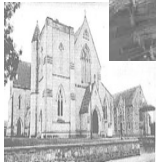
Sunday 11th August 2024

19th 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 Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Feeding Faith

Over fifty years on from the first moon landing; yet as time goes by, the murmurings that it might never have happened gather momentum. "How could the flag be fluttering on an atmosphere free moon?" "How did the astronauts take such stunning photographs with apparent multiple light sources when their only light source was the sun?" It seems that when anyone makes an incredible claim, there will be those who seek to discredit it. It's far easier to pick holes in an amazing claim than to support it. It's good that we have questioning minds, but what if our questions lead us up a blind alley where we are suddenly incapable of belief.

Put yourself In Jesus' shoes. You've worked inexplicable miracles, not least the feeding of five thousand with just five loaves and two fishes. Now you try to explain to the crowds that your miracle wasn't just about feeding a bunch of hungry people, your miracle was a sign of your divinity. "I am the living bread, that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The people have a hard time believing your claim. Even though they've witnessed your great miracle, they mutter to each other. "Who's he trying to kid ... we knew his parents and we know where he's from ... how can he have come down from heaven?" Maybe the crowds were looking for more signs ... more miracles! If we were in Jesus' shoes we might have obliged with a few more miracles, but Jesus knows that this is not the answer. Instead, he makes us a promise. "I am the bread of life, anyone who eats this bread will live forever." If we share in Christ's Eucharist, our faith will be nourished and we will inherit everlasting life.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Thursday 15th August marks the

Feast of the Assumption.

This is a Holy day of obligation. Masses are scheduled for 10.15am in Holy Cross Church and for 11.30am in St. Clare's Church.

FEAST OF ST. CLARE

The feast day of St. Clare will be celebrated this coming **Tues 13th @10am** Mass in St. Clare's Church. **Bishop Denis Nulty will be the main celebrant.** After Mass, there will be a blessing with a first-class relic of St. Clare. All are welcome.

'Book Sale Fundraiser for St. Clares Hospitality Kitchen'

There is a book sale organised for Saturday 17th Aug at 10am. This will take place at the Carlow Farmers Market. All proceeds will go towards fundraising for St. Clares Hospitality Kitchen and there are hundreds of book titles to choose from on the day.

Thank you to all who kindly donated books for sale.

PRE-LEAVING CERT RESULTS RETREAT WALK

This is open to any young person receiving LC results. We will meet on Wednesday 21st Aug at Holy Cross Church, Killeshin @11am and after our walk we'll treat everyone to some lunch. The day is completely free but **please book in with Cathriona** by WhatsApp 085 1450321.

GK PARISH BINGO

Tuesday 13th August
St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2390
Double number €2000
Lotto €1850

ST. CLARE'S HOSPITALITY

are looking for donations of pasta sauce and tea bags for the food parcels. Your support is greatly appreciated.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The parish finance committee will meet on Wed 14th @8pm in the parish centre.

GOVERNEY PARK MASS

Governey Park Residents Association will hold their annual Mass in the estate this Thursday 15th August @ 7.30pm on the green in Staunton Ave. All neighbours, old and new, are welcome to attend as we give thanks for all residents, their families and their homes. Please bring a chair. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

MASS ROCK, KEEOLOGUE

A Mass will be held at the Mass Rock in Keelogue on **Wednesday 21st August 7.30pm.** Special thanks to the Moran family for their permission & cooperation.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Sat 10th 6.30pm** James Hurley, Church Street
Betty & Tommy Clarke, St Clare's Road (**Birthday Rem**)
Gerard Murnane, Portlaoise Road.
Margaret Barcoe, Coolnamara, Borris & deceased family
Liam Dempsey (**5th Anniversary**)
Christian de la Rey Swardt
Marie O'Brien (**10th Anniversary**)
- Sun 11th 9am** Intentions
11.30am Niall Kenny, Spindlewood (**1st Anniversary**)
Rita and Tommy Lyons, Staunton Ave, sons Thomas, Eugene & Alan.
Peter & Mary Duggan, Knockbeg.
Pat O'Gorman, Athy (**Birthday Rem**)
- Wed 14th 10am** Mary Byrne, Pacelli Ave.
Thurs 15th 10.15am Mary (Moll) Hennessy, Springhill Road, Killeshin
11.30am Intentions
- Sat 17th 6.30pm** Ina Hennessy, formerly Whitney Place
Michael Culleton, St Fiacc's Tce
John Kearns, Sleaty Road
Gerald O'Reilly Brennan, Old Derrig House, Killeshin Rd
Mai and Martin Fennell, Springhill
Elizabeth and James Brennan, Clonpierce, Ballylinan
daughter Betty Whelan, Barrowhouse and sons JJ, Clonpuru and Paddy, Abbeyview, Ballylinan
Stannie, Clarey Hse, Nurney, Co Kildare
James O'Reilly, Springhill Hse, his daughter Breeth Nolan, Crossneen and her husband Gerard Nolan.
Eileen and Jimmy Dalton, Springhill
Betty and Johnny Hughes, Scull, West Cork
Michael Doyle, Tullow & Private Intention
Michael Doyle, Springhill
Willie Farrell, Bilboa
- Sun 18th 9am** Helen Loughman, Maher Road (**1st Anniversary**)
Robert Kendrick, Thurles
Hannah Haughney, Sleaty Street & Sr Ann Whelan, late of St Fiacc's House
- 10.15am** Seamus Hearn, Clonmore
Clare Rowan, The Strand
Bridie Whelan, 2 The Downs, Carlow
- 11.30am** James (Jim) Mulhall, (**Months Mind**)
Mary Murnane, 80 Maher Rd (**1st Anniversary**)
Hannah Haughney, late of Sleaty Street, husband George and all deceased family members
Bridie Whelan, 2 The Downs, Carlow



RIP

Michael Heary 10 Mount Leinster Park Carlow

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

3rd / 4th August

Red Bag: €968.00
Blue Bag: €1715.00
Donations: €190.00
Tap Donations: €45.00

Thank You

WATER AEROBICS

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

Only €8
No prebooking required.

KILLESHTN 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
[@killeshtnpipeband](https://www.instagram.com/killeshtnpipeband)

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.

SUMMER YOUTH TRIP

To round off the summer, we're planning a trip to Kilkenny Adventure Centre after 11.30am Mass on **Sun 25th Aug**. This is open to any young person starting with those going into 1st year in Sept and right up to those in Leaving Cert. The youth ministry fund will subsidise the cost of the day so that your bus, meal & entry to the park will be covered, we just ask for €10 per person to help cover those costs. To book in, just send Cathriona a message as soon as possible.

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.

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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.

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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 Killeshtn 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