



Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 18th August 2024
20th 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

Wisdom and Folly are personified in the book of Proverbs. Each has laid on a banquet and we are invited to choose which to attend. Those who share the bread and wine offered at Wisdom's banquet will learn from the Lord and gain wisdom and life. Those who choose Folly's banquet will learn nothing more than to live by one's own thoughts and desires. The drama provides a backdrop for today's gospel reading.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Jesus is describing a spiritual diet in which we can achieve a union with him. We are what we consume. If we consume a diet of pulp fiction, junk television, consumer catalogues and gossip, our heads will end up full of trivia and poor priorities. If we consume a diet of thoughtful conversation, prayer selective reading and action based on faith we will be worthier people as a result. So too when we celebrate the Eucharist, we become what we consume. We become God's people.

The invitation to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood was too much for some of Jesus' earliest disciples. They turned their backs and walked away. Today we are given the same choice. The banquet is set and the guests are invited. We can choose between Wisdom and Folly. We can accept the invitation to spiritual nourishment through the Eucharist, or we can find our sustenance elsewhere.

Wisdom's Banquet

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO

TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST

St. Fiacc's Hall @8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2520

Double number €2070

Lotto €500

MASS ROCK, KEELOGUE

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



LITURGY GROUP MEETING

Wednesday 28th August @8pm in the parish centre. New members are always welcome to join this special ministry group, just contact the parish centre.

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. **Book in with Cathriona by Tues 20th August to secure your place.**

LEGION OF MARY

Pilgrimage to Knock **Sunday 29th Sept**. Bus leaving Askea carpark 7.35am and The Thatch Graiguecullen 7.45am. Contact: 086 1577190.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Our pilgrims have returned safely from Lourdes after a wonderful experience. All the intentions of our parishioners were remembered daily at Mass and placed safely with Our Lady at the blessed grotto. Thank you to Ursula, the Bradley family, the entire Lourdes Invalid fund team, our nurses Joan and Catherine and all the helpers who worked so hard to ensure it was a safe and special pilgrimage for all. Thank you to Fr John our Spiritual Director, our lovely choir and Áine our musician for enhancing our liturgies each day. It was heartwarming to see so many tune in to our rosaries from home and across the world each evening. Thank you for joining us in prayer.

HOLY HOUR FOR ALL OUR GK PARISH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Monday 2nd Sept @7pm

This is for all who are involved in any of our parish ministries in St. Clare's and Holy Cross.

*Save
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Date*

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.

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

ST. CLARE'S HOSPITALITY

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 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 Ballylinan, daughter Betty Whelan
Barrowhouse and sons JJ, Clonpierce, Paddy, Abbeyview and
Stannie, Nurney, Co Kildare.
James O'Reilly Springhill Hse daughter Breeth Nolan Crosneen,
and her husband Gerard Nolan.
Eileen and Jimmy Dalton, Springhill.
Betty and Johnny Hughes, Schull, West Cork.
Michael Doyle, Tullow.
Private Intention.
Michael Doyle, Springhill.
Willie Farrell, Bilboa.
Joe Ryan and deceased family members, Co Waterford.
David Leonard, Mullins Lane, grandparents relatives and friends.
- Sun 18th 9am** Helen Loughman, Maher Road. (1st Anniversary)
Robert Kendrick, Thurles.
Hannah Haughney, Sleaty Street and
Sr Ann Whelan, late of St Fiacc's House.
- 10.15am** Seamus Hearn, Clonmore.
(Clare Rowan, The Strand) - (Bridie Whelan, 2 The Downs)
Natas Budrys (1st Anniversary)
- 11.30am** James (Jim) Mulhall (Months Mind)
Mary Murnane, 80 Maher Rd (1st Anniversary)
Hannah Haughney Sleaty Street, husband George and deceased
family members.
Joe Ryan and deceased family members County Waterford.
John McGillicuddy, Crosneen.
(Jimmy Byrne, O'Hanrahan Ave) - (Bridie Whelan, 2 The Downs)
Veronica (Vera) Robinson, 2 Sleaty Park View and Athy.
- Tue 20th 10am** Special Intention
- Wed 21st 10am** Margaret Kenny, 59 St Fiacc's Tce.
- Mass Rock 7.30pm** Brenda Moran (1st Anniversary)
- Thur 22nd 10am** Special Intention
- Fri 23rd 10am** Special Intention
- Sat 24th 6.30pm** Ken Lawless (1st Anniversary)
- Sun 25th 9am** Jimmy Kelly, wife Ruth & son Peter, The Rushes
Ballickmoyler & Sutton England.
Elizabeth McGowan (nee Lawler) 22 St Fiacc's Tce.
- 11.30am** John Lyons, Dublin Road.



R.I.P



Stacey Foley, Chestnut Drive and formerly Askea Lawns.
Martin Doyle, Doonane, Crettyard.

You Are Not Alone Family Support Group 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.

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.

Medjugorje 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.
01 4434510 / www.med-irishcentre.com
Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

10th / 11th August

Red Bag: €648.00
Blue Bag: €1,315.00
Direct Debits: €125.00
Tap Donations: €54.00

Thank You

WATER AEROBICS

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

KILLESHIN PIPE BAND

are celebrating their 60th Birthday this year and to mark it they are throwing YOU a party to celebrate!

Join the band for celebrations on 5th October in the Glenside Lounge. Music by Afterdark.

Follow us on Instagram for all the latest news @killeshinpb

If you have any photos of the band from over the years, please reach out to any band member, as we would love to have them included in our celebrations!

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, Graigucullen 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.