

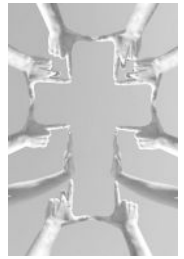


# Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

**Sunday 25th August 2024**

**21st 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

*To whom shall we go?*

*In today's gospel Jesus' followers find themselves with decisions to make and sticking points to overcome. Jesus has presented all the evidence. He has healed the sick and worked many miracles. He has taught many lessons and promised everlasting life for those who choose the bread that endures. Now it's decision time, but the crowd find it difficult to believe that Jesus has come down from heaven. How will they deal with their doubt? For some their doubt is too great and they turn their backs on Jesus' teaching and walk away. Others would have liked more convincing but Jesus doesn't seem to offer any. We too might have our doubts. We too might look for extra evidence, but all the evidence is on the table. Peter employs his own way of surmounting the difficulty. "Master," he says, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..." In Peter's mind the decision of whether to follow Jesus or not is a bit of a 'no-brainer' because for him there is no alternative to the promise of eternal life. What would make your decision easier to follow Christ?*



## GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST

St. Fiacc's Hall @8.30pm  
Jackpot on 50 numbers €2650  
Double number €2140  
Lotto €550

## 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.

## A NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO SUZANNE MCWEY

Our parish would like to thank Suzanne McWey who has been an active member of our team and Sacramental Coordinator for over 15 years.

During this time, Suzanne has been an invaluable support to our sacramental teachers, principals and of course the many parents who have presented their children for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation over the years.

Suzanne's dedicated work as our Local Safeguarding Representative is the reason our young people are so well looked after in our parish. She did a huge amount of work for both of our parish CE schemes and worked tirelessly towards the growth and success of St. Clare's Hospitality Food Kitchen.

Following in the footsteps of her parents Gerry & Alice Bradley, Suzanne's work in preparing the liturgies on behalf of the parish for our Lourdes pilgrimage was so appreciated by all who travel there with our parish each year.

Her work was very much behind the scenes, especially in how she coordinated the prayer intercessors text group. A humble but heartfelt ministry that has brought comfort to many over the years. Suzanne has now retired from her work in the parish, and we thank God for her years of service and wish her and her family every blessing and happiness in her retirement.

## FOR ALL LEAVING CERTS

We think of all students who received their results this week. While some may be elated, others might be disappointed. Right now, results might be the only thing on your mind but don't limit yourself to the possibilities available to you. The real test of a person lies in your opinions, your ability to relate to others, the friendships you have made and the life skills you have acquired.

So, to all parents and students who are elated or deflated by the recent results, accept them for what they are - merely the reality of the present. They are only one part of the jigsaw that makes up a person's life. Our lives are incomplete without the other parts. We wish you every blessing in your future plans whatever they may be.

## NEWLY BAPTISED



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

- ♦ Demi Marylene Howe
- ♦ Priscilla Carthy

## COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS OF JUNIOR INFANTS

**Thurs 29th Aug in the parish centre.**

Call in for a cuppa and a chat with other parents once your drop your little one off for their first day at 'big' school.

## ANNIVERSARIES

*All anniversaries can be emailed to [gkparish@gmail.com](mailto:gkparish@gmail.com)*

- Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** Ken Lawless, Newbridge (1st Anniversary).  
Mick Dooley, Church Street.  
John Brophy, 153 Duggan Ave.  
(Andrew Timmons, 12 Bestfield) - (Patrick Dowling, St Fiacc's Tce)  
Brendan Price, 165 Colclough Ave and Chapel Street.
- Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 9am** Jimmy Kelly wife Ruth, son Peter, The Rushes Ballickmoyler & Sutton England.  
Elizabeth McGowan (nee Lawler) 22 St Fiacc's Tce.
- 10.15am** William Murphy, Oakley Park, Tullow Road, (10th Anniversary)  
Mary (Máire) Behan, Rossmore, Clogrennan, (25th Anniversary)
- 11.30am** John Lyons, Dublin Road.  
Teresa Robertson (nee Murphy) Stevenage, (Birthday Remembrance).  
Mary Moloney, Strawhall, Carlow  
Kevin Marklove, England.
- Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 10am** Edward & Ann Ryan, Fr Maher Rd.  
Dick & Breda Ryan, Oakley Crescent.  
Jimmy Scully, Jerusalem, Athy Road.  
Liam Devereux, Castlewood Gardens.
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 10am** Laurence (Lal) Holden, 4 Rossmore View (1st Anniversary)
- Thur 29<sup>th</sup> 10am** Special intention
- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 10am** Cathy Carroll, 28 Seven Springs (Months Mind).  
Elizabeth Callinan husband Frank sons Johnny and Paddy and daughter-in-law Collette.
- Sat 31<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm** (Mary and James Pender, Springhill) - (Hannah Keating, New Oak Est)  
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)  
Michael Heary, Tullow Rd (Months Mind)
- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 9am** Special intention
- 10.15am** Denis (Denny) Burns, The Lodge, Coolnariska (1st Anniversary)  
Maura Keating, Derrymoyle 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 members.  
Debbie Mulhall, Coolhenry, Ballickmoyler



### R.I.P

Nancy (Anne) Curtis, 28 Oakley Park, Graiguecullen  
Eileen Canavan, Patricks Ave, Carlow

**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.

### GOVERNEY PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

would like to thank all who attended their recent estate Mass. A special thank you to Fr Dunphy, the Men's Choir and all who helped in any way. A lovely evening was had by all and we were blessed with lovely weather. An Taisce's national cleanup day takes place on Sat 31st Aug. We will gather at Staunton Ave at 10.30am. Our AGM will take place in Graiguecullen GAA club on Fri 6th Sept at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

### LITURGY GROUP MEETING

**Wed 28th August @8pm  
in the parish centre.**

New members are always welcome to join this special ministry group, just contact the parish centre.

### 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.

### PEACE MASS

Monthly Peace Mass in Carlow Cathedral on Thurs 29th Aug at 7pm.  
Rosary Divine Mercy with Mass and Benediction. All are welcome.

### ST. CLARE'S HOSPITALITY

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

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

17th / 18th August

Red Bag: €711  
Blue Bag: €1657  
Direct Debits: €365  
Tap Donations: €111  
Donations: €50

*Thank You*

### WATER AEROBICS

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

### LEGION OF MARY

Pilgrimage to Knock Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
Bus leaving Askea carpark 7.35am  
and The Thatch pub  
Graiguecullen 7.45am  
Contact: 086 1577190

### GIVE BLOOD - SAVE A LIFE!

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will visit the Talbot Hotel Carlow from Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Aug 3.45pm-8pm

Call 1800 222 111  
to book an appointment.  
Check your eligibility at [giveblood.ie](http://giveblood.ie)  
1 in 4 of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime... and 1 blood donation can save 3 lives.

### HOLY HOUR FOR ALL OUR PARISH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

**Monday 2nd Sept @7pm  
SAVE THE DATE**

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 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 @killeshtinpb

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!