

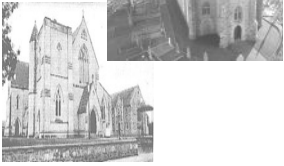
Graiguecullen/Killeshin PARISH LINK

Sunday 4th August 2024

18th 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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"DO NOT WORK FOR FOOD THAT CANNOT LAST"

Money can't buy happiness, but neither can poverty. We need money to pay the bills and so we spend most of our lives striving to earn it. Then when we've got enough to pay the bills, it's nice to have a little extra for birthdays and for holidays. Money doesn't buy happiness, but it can certainly buy security and comfort. The trouble is striving to earn money can become an end in itself.

There comes a point where we are left uncertain as to whether we are working to live, or living to work. Money can easily become a trap where however much we have, there always seems a need for more. Enough it seems is never enough. The thirst for money is a thirst that cannot be quenched. However hard we strive, if material pursuits are our only goal, there will always be a void in our lives. Jesus tells us that only God can fill this void. "Do not work for food that cannot last" he tells the Galileans, "but for the food that endures for eternal life." In today's gospel reading we hear how the crowd followed Jesus because they were impressed that he had fed five thousand with only five loaves and two fishes. They followed him because they wanted more. But Jesus knew that they had missed the point. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs," he says, "but because you ate the loaves and were filled." The true bread, he tells them, is the bread of God, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Then Jesus takes the crowd one step further, he tells them that to share in the bread of eternal life they must believe in the one that God sent.

This must have been hard for the Galileans to take in, but in retrospect easier for us. We look around at those who live by Jesus' teaching, and observe that these people seem content with their lives.

In what ways are the rest of us working for the food that endures for eternal life?

GK PARISH MONSTER BINGO

Tuesday 6th August
St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2260
Double number €1930
Lotto €1800

Nearly €10,000
in prize money to be won!!

ST. CLARE'S HOSPITALITY

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

GOVERNEY PARK MASS

Governey Park Residents Association will hold their annual Mass in the estate on 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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Our pilgrimage will take place from Wed 7th to Mon 12th August. Please join us in prayer for the rosary each evening via Facebook Live from across the grotto. **Follow our Facebook page *GraigueKilleshin Parish*** to be notified when we go live at approx. 9pm each evening.



PETITIONS: Anyone who would like to have petitions placed in the grotto at Lourdes, please hand them in to the parish centre on/before 5pm on Tues 6th.

FEAST OF ST. CLARE

The feast day of St. Clare will be celebrated on **Tuesday 13th August @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.



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.



You Are Not Alone Family Support Group' support 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Sat 3rd 6.30pm** Michael White, Killeshin Road wife Mary & daughter Kathleen Kane England
Noleen Callinan & sister Mary, St Fiacc's Tee
Paddy Byrne, USA & Henry Street & sister Elizabeth Clarke, USA & Maher Rd
Christy Sheehy, Crossneen
Audrey Hayden, Kilmeaney Tinryland
- Sun 4th 9am** Tommy Brennan, Ballyharmon.
Margaret Donohoe, 80 Barrowvale & sister Lily Marsden Perth Australia.
- 10.15am** Siobhán Galligan, Springhill Killeshin (**Months Mind**)
Betty Ryan, 28 The Numbers (**Months Mind**)
Bridie Whelan, Ardenteggle (**Months Mind**)
Brigid Ryan, Cappalug
Mary Landy, Cappalug
Josephine Brennan, Coolane, Killeshin.
Tom Kelly Snr. Upper Rossmore, also his siblings and parents Patrick & Sarah.
Mary Walsh, (**First Anniversary** – 25th July), Cappalug
Mick Dempsey, Lower Rossmore.
- 11.30am** Ian Brennan, 42 Oakley Park.
Noel McAssey, 118 St Clare's Road.
Christy Sheehy, Crossneen.
Audrey Hayden, Kilmeaney Tinryland.
- Tues 6th 10am** Intentions
- Wed 7th 10am** Christy Sheehy, Crossneen.
- Thur 8th 1 0am** Paddy Callinan, 98 Street (Birthday Remembrance)
parents Frank & Elizabeth, brother Johnny & sister-in-law Colette Callinan.
- Fri 9th 1 0am** John Doyle, 3 Church Street.
Dick Byrne, USA & The Numbers.
- Sat 10th 6.30pm** James Hurley, Church Street.
Betty and Tommy Clarke, St Clare's Road (Birthday Remembrance)
Gerard Murnane, Portlaoise Road.
Margaret Barcoe, Coolnamara, Borris and deceased family members
- Sun 11th 9am** Intentions
- 11.30am** Niall Kenny, Spindlewood (**First Anniversary**)
Rita and Tommy Lyons, Staunton Ave, sons Thomas, Eugene & Alan.
Peter & Mary Duggan, Knockbeg.



RIP

Catherine (Cathy) Keating-Carroll, Seven Springs, Tullow Road, Carlow
Patrick (Paddy) Conville of 4 Henry St., Graiguecullen and Little Barrack St., Carlow

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

27th/28th July

Red Bag: €635
Blue Bag: €1550
Direct Debits: €264
Tap Donations: €57

Thank You

WATER AEROBICS

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

Only €8
No prebooking required.

KILLESHIN 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
[@killeshinpb](https://www.instagram.com/killeshinpb)

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 STARS AT CARLOW LIBRARY

They are running a fun Irish workshop for kids on Saturday 10th August 11am to 12pm with games using Memorise. Lovely Summer Stars merchandise & great prizes for weekly competitions with mega prize at the end of the summer! Their aim is to refresh the Gaeilge we all know and bring relatable everyday words into the home. Suitable for kids age 6 to 12 years, limited availability!

Email library@carlowcoco.ie to book in.

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.

Askea Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

18th - 22nd August 2024. Spiritual Director Fr Tom Little PP. Bishop Denis Nulty will be travelling with this pilgrimage. Cost €965.00 p/p sharing a twin/double room. For further information, contact Tully's Travel, Carlow 059 9136100.

Kildare / Carlow Pilgrimage to Fatima EX Dublin Easter 2025 (limited availability)

13th June & 13th October 2025 for the Miracle of Sun
All flying with TAP Airlines - contact James 061 921470
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