



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

*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  
PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS: Breda Lloyd / Sarah Alsybury / Cathriona Kelly 059 91 41833  
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### A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FROM FR JOHN

*I would like to thank everyone for making my Ruby Jubilee so special and memorable. I was completely overwhelmed and humbled by the inspiring liturgy and all the work that went into it.*  
*To all who decorated the church, arranged flowers and prepared the sacred space at the altar. To those who helped with catering, baked or brought all those delicious treats and to anyone who helped with all the cleaning up!*  
*To all our stewards and our young people who prepared the church so well so that everyone got a seat.*  
*To the Killeshin Pipe Band and all our wonderful singers and musicians. It is through the generosity and giftedness of so many that our parish is so faith-filled and vibrant.*  
*Whether it was in person or via webcam, thanks to all who participated in and attended the Mass.*  
*Thank you to everyone for all your warm wishes and generosity.*  
Fr. John

### NEWLY BAPTISED

This week we welcome five new members into our parish.

- ◆ Xavier Hande
- ◆ Bláithín O'Rourke
- ◆ Odhrán Kelly
- ◆ Isabel Moore
- ◆ Reuben Bradley Brennan



### THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING

Our coffee morning continues every **Thursday** after 10am Mass. All are invited to come along for a cuppa & a chat.



### FAREWELL TO SR. CHOOLWE

Sr. Choolwe, who has been part of our parish for over a year now will soon return to Zambia this week to join a new foundation. We are so grateful for her beautiful singing and prayerful presence during her time in our parish and wish her all God's blessings for the future.

### ST. FIACC'S N.S

Opening Mass of the New School Year will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> @11.30am in St. Clare's.

### PARISH BINGO - ST. FIACC'S HALL

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers €3,040  
Double Number €2,350  
Lotto €700

### RUNNERS AND WALKERS WANTED FOR OUTRUN HUNGER 5K

*Whether you run, jog, or walk you can help  
St Clare's Hospitality Food Kitchen, Carlow "Outrun Hunger".*

Sat Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 10am - Carlow Rugby Club, Oak Park, Carlow R93 RX25  
Registration opens 8.30am

Refreshments & prize-giving afterwards in Carlow Rugby Club,  
T-shirts, medals & refreshments for all participants.

1. **Early Bird Adult €15** - until 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, after this the cost is €20.
2. **U18 Entry: €5** - u18s must be accompanied by an adult.
3. **Corporate Team Challenge Cup €75** - any 4 adults from a business.

*So, lace up your runners and let's help those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity! For every €2 raised, we can provide a meal to those in need in St Clare's food Kitchen, Graiguecullen, Carlow.*

Book your place today by logging on to [www.popupraces.ie/race/outrun-hunger](http://www.popupraces.ie/race/outrun-hunger)  
or call Jacqui on 0868283637 for more info.

### OUR CHOIRS ARE BACK!

- ◆ **GRAIGUECULLEN LADIES CHOIR**  
Tuesdays 7 - 8pm
- ◆ **ST. FIACC'S MALE VOICE CHOIR**  
Thursdays 7.30 - 8.30pm
- ◆ **YOUTH CHOIR**  
Thursdays 6.15 - 7.15pm
- ◆ **KILLESHTN CHOIR - Holy Cross**  
Thursdays 7.30 - 8.30pm
- ◆ **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
Fridays 3.45-5pm



*New members are always so welcome to join any of our choirs.*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school takes place every Sun at 11.30am Mass in St Clare's. We invite all children aged between aged 3 years to 2<sup>nd</sup> class to take part. Our aim is to introduce the children to the Mass by taking part in activities appropriate to their age. These activities will take place in the parish centre. The children will be supervised by two fully vetted adults as well as a team of trained students from our GK Seniors group.



### PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

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



## ANNIVERSARIES

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

- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm** Harry Forbes, 102 Church Street  
Thomas & Hannah Hayden, Kathleen McConnell  
& deceased family members.
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 9am** James (Gussy) Grant, 122 St Clare's Road
- 11.30am** Kathleen Shaw, Maher Road, Graiguecullen  
Jack Butler, Chapel Street
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 10am** Special Intention Mass
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 10am** Kevin McEvoy, Killeshin Rd (**First Anniversary**)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 10am** Nancy Curtis, Oakley Park (**Month's Mind**)
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm** Kevin McEvoy, Killeshin Road (**First Anniversary**)  
Patrick & Elizabeth Slater, deceased family Granby Row  
Mary (Moll) Mulhall, 194 Whitney Place  
Kitty Grant, 33 St Fiacc's Tce, son Joe  
& grand-daughter Teresa Murphy  
Margaret (Bid) Roberts, Chingford UK formerly St Fiacc's Tce  
son Alan Roberts & son-in-law Alan Jaggs
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am** Philly Byrne, 187 Sleaty Street (Anniversary & Birthday)
- Holy Cross 10.15am** John Keogh & his father Pat Keogh, Killeshin
- 11.30am** Annie Alcock, Pearse Road

### R.I.P

Tom Begley, Avondale Drive



### R.I.P

Kirsten Hyland, Old Dublin rd



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> September

Red Bag €1,051  
Blue Bag €2,129  
Direct Debit €805  
Donations €108  
Tap donations €84

Thank You

## HOME VISIT

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

## RAINBOWS

### BEREAVEMENT & PARENTAL SEPARATION PROGRAMMES

The Autumn Schedule of programmes for children and young people aged 7 to 16 who have suffered the loss of someone close to them, or, the separation of their parents will take place in Askea Parish Centre, commencing on Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>. For further information contact Anne on 0876636499 or email: [carlowrainbows@gmail.com](mailto:carlowrainbows@gmail.com)

## ÉIST CANCER SUPPORT FUNDRAISER

Éist Cancer Support Centre is delighted to announce that the annual **Colm Hutton Golf Scramble** (commemorating 10 years) will take place on Sept 21st at Castlecomer Golf Club in aid of Éist Cancer Support Centre. The cost is €200 per team or €50 individually which includes dinner in the clubhouse and goodie bags. Presentation of prizes will be held in Carpenters Bar from 7pm. Music, finger food and raffle on the night. To book please call Bernard Dowling 087 2700638 or Castlecomer Golf Club 056 4441139 (Tues, Thurs, or Sat) to reserve a tee time.

## LADIES SWIM LESSONS

**Graiguecullen Swimming Pool**  
Starting Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Sept - 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
@8.15pm - 11 Week Block €110  
Beginners / Intermediate / Advanced  
Limited places, book in via the pool.

## SET DANCING CLASSES

Set Dancing Classes every Thursday night in Behan's of Tolerton at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

## INVITATION TO MEDITATION

Carlow Meditation Group meets on Monday evenings from 7-7:45pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow - *excluding bank holidays*. Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. All are welcome, no experience needed. No need to book - just turn up on any Monday evening!

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Community Employment Supervisor** required for Graiguecullen Killeshin Parish CE Scheme. This position involves working with long term jobseekers working in jobs based in local community groups. Administrative, financial and supervisory experience is required in addition to a major award at 3<sup>rd</sup> level. Further details and qualifications required can be found on [JobsIreland.ie](http://JobsIreland.ie).

Laois County Council is inviting applications for the position of **Relief School Warden** in a number of local areas within County Laois, including Graiguecullen area. This is a temporary, part time position. For more information or to request an application form, please contact Laois County Council Human Resources Section at 057 8689335. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.



## SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

A weekend of Spiritual Renewal with Rosaleen Fadden on Fri 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept at Sli an Chroí Centre for Spirituality, Ecology & Wellbeing, Kiltegan. The weekend will include Tai Chi, Chi Kung, Meditation and Healing Sounds. For details and bookings contact Rosaleen on 086 0789241 [info@taichiandwellnessacademy.com](mailto:info@taichiandwellnessacademy.com) / [www.taichiandwellnessacademy.com](http://www.taichiandwellnessacademy.com)

## KILLESHIN PIPE BAND

are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year and to mark it they are throwing YOU a party to celebrate! Join the band for celebrations on **5<sup>th</sup> October in the Glenside Lounge**. Music by Afterdark. This is a free event but tickets can be attained via [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) or by contacting any band member.

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!

**CMAI CONFERENCE:** The Catholic Medical Association of Ireland will hold its annual Conference in the St Charles Centre, Mount Argus on Sat, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept, from 9am - 4pm. Conference theme: "Building Blocks for an Ethics of Healthcare". The Conference Mass will be celebrated by our new Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin, Bishop Paul Dempsey. For more info, email [icdln@eircom.net](mailto:icdln@eircom.net)

## LOUGH DERG ONE DAY RETREAT

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept**  
Experience the beauty and peace of the holy island of Lough Derg in Donegal. Return bus from Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins. Cost: €45 for island (includes lunch) and €35 bus return. For more info contact 0872467594 after 6pm or [deirdregleeson@medwise.ie](mailto:deirdregleeson@medwise.ie)