



Sunday 22nd September 2024
25th 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
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A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FROM SR CHOOLWE

In the spirit of our Mother St Clare, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support, kindness, and generosity to me during my time in Graiguecullen. I will always cherish the memories we have created together.

*thank
you*

I am filled with mixed emotions as I bid farewell to all of you in this parish, you all have been an integral part of my family life here for the past year. While I am saddened to leave, I am filled with gratitude for the time we have shared and the many ways the community in Carlow has enriched my life. Your dedication, creativity in the liturgy, Novenas, singing, faith, and service have been a shining example for me. You have been a beacon of light, guiding me with your wisdom, compassion, and unwavering commitment to our faith. Whether it was through your involvement in ministries, your support for all of us, or your presence in my daily living, you have touched my heart and strengthened my life and love for my church. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are a true reflection of the love and community spirit that defines this parish.

It has been an incredible blessing to serve alongside you, sharing in faith, prayer, and fellowship. Your kindness and generosity have touched my heart, and I will always cherish the memories and support I received from this congregation. As I move to Zambia, please know that you will remain in my heart and prayers. I am grateful for the many memories, the friendships formed, and the ways we have grown together in Christ. Your kindness and support have been a source of great strength for me, and I will carry that with me always. Thank you once again for everything, more importantly, for the gift of your presence in my life.

*May God continue to bless this wonderful community,
and may we always be united in His love. Amen!*

NEWLY BAPTISED

This week we welcome a new member into our parish family.



Brody Doyle

COFFEE MORNING

Every Thursday after 10am Mass. All are invited in for a cuppa and a chat.



PARISH BINGO

St. Fiacc's Hall
Tues 24th Sept. 8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers: €3,170
Double Number: €2,420
Lotto: €750



FOUND

A bracelet was found in St. Clare's Church on Monday. Please contact the parish centre.

GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHTIN PARISH - HEATHER COWAN AWARDS 2024



The parish youth ministry team along with Fr John created this award six years ago in memory of a very special young person, Heather Cowan. The awards will be presented this weekend to eleven worthy young adults from our parish. They have been chosen as recipients because of their dedication to the life of our parish. They have been involved in various ministries as Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, members of the Youth Choir, Sunday School leaders, Stewards, PowerPoint and Facebook Live operators. We wish them every blessing as they journey on to the next stage of their education, work life or wherever their path takes them.

May they continue to be an integral part of our parish for many years to come!

RECIPIENTS FOR 2024: Amy Keating, Anna Miller, Annie Sheehan, Ava Sheehan
Danielle O'Driscoll, Emma Walsh, Franek Dobronski
James Hovenden, Lily Redmond, Rachel Hand, Sally Matthews

RUNNERS AND WALKERS WANTED FOR OUTRUN HUNGER 5K

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

Sat Oct 19th 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. **Adult Entry: €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 or call Jacqui on 0868283637 for more info.

MARTIN O'REILLY - YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR TITLES

Congratulations to Martin O'Reilly, Killeshin who won two awards at the Young Farmer of the Year final. Martin won the *Young Dairy Farmer of the Year* award and the *Agricultural Skillnet Biodiversity* award.



PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

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

GK PARISH CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2025

Parents/guardians who wish to present their child for the sacrament of Confirmation in 2025 must attend a registration meeting on **Wednesday 25th Sept. 7.30pm** in St. Clare's Church.



If you cannot attend, please contact the parish centre.

Killeshin N.S Mass

Mass will take place in Holy Cross Church on **Thurs 26th Sept. @11.45am** to mark the opening of the school year for Killeshin N.S. All are welcome to attend.

ANNIVERSARIES

All anniversaries can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com

Saturday 21st 6.30pm Kevin McEvoy, Killeshin Road (**First Anniversary**)
Patrick & Elizabeth Slater, & deceased family members, Granby Row
Mary (Moll) Mulhall, 194 Whitney Place
Kitty Grant, 33 St Fiacc's Tce, son Joe & granddaughter Teresa Murphy
Margaret (Bid) Roberts, Chingford UK formerly St Fiacc's Tce, her son
Alan Roberts & son-in-law Alan Jaggs
Sarah Farrell, Chapel St. husband John sons Paddy and Tony
Jack Walsh, his wife Mona & daughter Monica
Elizabeth and James Woods, Strawhall
Kathleen Timmons, 12 Bestfield
Catherine Hurley Walsh, 20 Church Street
Patrick Foley, St Fiacc's Tce & grandson Patrick New York

Sun 22nd 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.

Tuesday 24th 10am John Ryan and family Portlaoise.

Friday 27th 10am Jim Byrne, 187 Sleaty St. (**Birth Remembrance**)
Dakota Fanning, Newtownallen Maganey (9th Anniversary)
Eddie Coady, St Clare's Rd & Graiguenamanagh
Special Intention

Saturday 28th 6.30pm Liam Culleton, St Fiacc's Tce
Bill Deverill, 81 St Clare's Road
Paddy & Maura Gillman, Duhallow Cooperhill
Richard (Dick) Grant, 33 St Fiacc's Tce.

Sunday 29th 9am Molly Lyons, Sleaty
Davy Lyons, Clonmore

Holy Cross 10.15am Kay Young, Lucan & The Strand

11.30am Syl McDonald, Crossneen (**Months Mind**)
Colette Morrissey, Ballyhide



R.I.P

Marie Griffin, Shaw Park

Ciss Carpenter, Barrack Street

Nora Lisa Delaney, Fruithill Manor



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

14th / 15th September

Red Bag €785

Blue Bag €1,536

Direct Debit €240

Tap Donations €100

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 7th**.

For further information contact Anne on 0876636499 or email: carlowrainbows@gmail.com

TAP TO DONATE

A reminder to 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 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.



GOVERNEY PARK

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By now, all residents would have received their envelope and note to explain the outcome of our recent AGM. A neighbour of yours, or a member of our committee will call back before the end of September to collect. We would like to thank all who have returned their envelopes already. If you would like to use card payment please advise the caller and we can arrange this for you, with our card machine.

ST. CLARE'S HOSPITALITY

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

TABLE QUIZ

The Friends of the Sacred Heart Hospital Carlow Table Quiz will take place in Carpenter's Lounge, Barrack St. on **Thurs 26th Sept @8pm**. A fun evening guaranteed. €40 per table of four.



CARLOW FAMILY

SUPPORT GROUP

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Drugs and alcohol abuse affects families regardless of status in life. You did not cause it; you can't control it, and you can't cure it. Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease. Call 0857872730

GRAIGUECULLEN

SWIMMING POOL

LADIES SWIM LESSONS

Starting Tues 24th Sept - 3rd Dec @8.15pm

11 Week Block €110

Beginners / Intermediate / Advanced
Limited places, book in via the pool.



WATER AEROBICS

Graigucullen Swimming Pool

Mondays at 8.15pm

Wednesdays 8pm

Only €8. No pre-booking required.

KILLESHTIN PIPE BAND

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 5th October in the Glenside. Music by Afterdark.

Free tickets available from Eventbrite or call Pádraic on 0851140199.



SET DANCING CLASSES

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

CARLOW MEDITATION GROUP

meets on Monday evenings 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! Noel Keating, 087 2251183

ASKEA SENIOR CITIZENS

Askea senior citizens holiday to Park Hotel Dungarvan on 20th October 4 nights / 5 days B&B and dinner and tours few places left contact Marian 059 9143010.

CARLOW FLOWER CLUB begin their 2024/25 season on Tues 24th Sept at 8pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Rd, Carlow. New members always welcome. The club meets on the last Tues of every month. Annual membership €40.00. (Visitors €10 per night). The September demonstrator will be Marie Walsh AOIFA Demonstrator from Waterford Flower Club. Looking forward to welcoming back all our members and friends.

