



Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
28<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.*

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### THE MIDAS TOUCH

*Do you remember the story of King Midas?*

*He was invited to make a wish, and he wished that everything he touched be turned to gold. At first the king had a whale of a time turning pots, vases and simple household utensils into valuable objects. It didn't take him long however to work out that his love of gold was about to destroy everything most precious to him, as he turned food, butterflies and finally his beloved daughter into solid lumps of metal.*

*In many ways we are just as foolish as Midas.*

*How many people do you know who won't go anywhere unless it's safe to park their brand new car?*

*How many of us watch the aid agency adverts and sympathise, yet decide we can't part with any cash right now?*

*How many of us cannot get involved in worthy causes because our work commitments come first?*

*We are just the same as Midas. Our material concerns stand in the way of what is really important. The man in today's gospel story was not a bad man; he had kept all God's commandments. This makes the story all the sadder, that he couldn't follow Jesus because of the one thing that stood in his way, his wealth. The man turned away, because he had much wealth and couldn't let go. Today's gospel invites the question, 'Do we own our possessions, or do our possessions own us?'*



### NEWSLETTER NOTES

To guarantee inclusion in our newsletter, all notices and anniversary bookings must be received before 2pm on the Wed before publication. Thank you.



### NEWLY BAPTISED

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



*Keegan Condron  
Meabh Rachel Sheehan*

### OUTRUN HUNGER 5K

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

**Saturday 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. Adult Entry: €20**
- 2. U18 Entry: €5** - u18s must be accompanied by an adult.
- 3. Team of 4 - Corporate Team Challenge Cup: €200** - 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)*



### ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

Every Thursday in Oct at 3pm in Saint Clare's Church. All are welcome.



### PRIESTS COLLECTION

Envelopes for the Autumn collection for the support of the priests of the parish are available in Envelope Boxes or at Church doors and can still be returned at Mass or to the Parish Centre. This is one of four collections each year for support of the priests. We appreciate your support financial or otherwise in these tough times.

### WAVE OF LIGHT - TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER IS BABY LOSS AWARENESS DAY

To mark this special day, St. Clare's Church will be lit up @7pm in solidarity with all parents who have lost a baby before, during or after birth. Reminder Graiguecullen/Killeshin Parish have their own Baby Loss Support Group, where meet at different times during the year, they organise and participate in Our Babies Remembrance Mass. If you require any further information on this, please contact Jackie on 086 3988548.

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME

Young people preparing for Confirmation will be enrolled in the Parish Preparation programme on Sunday next October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.15am Mass in Holy Cross and 11.30am Mass in St Clare's. We ask God's blessing on the young people as they prepare to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



### THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to Pat Whelan for his donation to the parish of €1320, the profits from his recently published book 'Holy Cross Church and Community'. The book is a valuable resource for our parish and we thank Pat for the huge amount of work that went into it. A limited number of copies of the book are still available in the Parish Centre.



### CUPPA FOR REHAB

Rehab Care Carlow are hosting sweet treats and a cuppa coffee morning at their premises on Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct from 11am.

All are welcome.



### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The AGM of the parish finance committee takes place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in the parish centre. Summary of 2023 accounts are available to view on Church notice boards and on our website. If anyone has any queries please come to the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### WATER AEROBICS

Graiguecullen Swimming Pool  
Mondays at 8.15pm  
Wednesdays 8pm. Only €8  
No pre-booking required.

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

**6.30pm** Marie Griffin, 5 Shaw Park, Athy Rd (**Month's Mind**)  
Kirsten Hyland, Tintean Risigh, Old Dublin Road (**Month's Mind**)  
Mary Keating, St Fiacc's Tce  
Paddy Hennessy, Church Street  
John & Kitty Lowry, Hanover  
Molly Ayres, Oakley Park, son Eugene & daughter Kitty Curtis

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

**9am** Patrick O'Reilly, Maher Road  
Elizabeth Kinsella, Keelogue Killeshin  
Felix Carrera, Phillipines  
Sarah & James Mc Cartney, St Fiacc's tce  
& deceased family members

### Holy Cross

**10.15am** Ollie Rowan, The Strand & Knockroe Maganey

**St. Clare's** Lily O'Rourke, Ard na Greine, Crossneen (**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**)

**11.30am** Frank Callinan, 7, 98 Street (**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**)  
Brendan Sheehan, Tralee & London  
Tom Bohanna, 24 Pacelli Ave (42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
Frank Gillen, 67 Heatherhill Close

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> 10am** Mary Farrell, 41 St Fiacc's Tce.

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> 10am** Patricia (Patsy) Comerford, Sleatty Road (**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**)

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 10am** Ann Hennessy, Hillcrest, Brownshill Road

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

**6.30pm** Bernie Hayden, New Oak Estate  
Kevin Strong, John Sweeny Park  
Gerard Murnane, Portlaoise Road  
Johnny & Lizzie Corcoran, Whitney Place, their daughter Betty & daughter-in-law Chrissie

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

**9am** Alice Grant, 122 St Clare's Road

**Holy Cross** Eddie Malone, Coolhenry Killeshin  
**10.15am** Pat & Margaret Mullins, Coolnariska Killeshin

**St. Clare's** Alan Lyons, Staunton Ave (**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**)  
**11.30am** Colette Callinan, Naas formerly Pacelli Ave (**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**)  
Michael P Lynch, Ballickmoyler  
Ray Swan & wife Elsie, Newbridge  
Eileen Dowling, 11 St Clare's Road (Birthday Remembrance)  
Katie Cullen, Manchester (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
George Haughney, Sleaty st, wife Hannah  
& deceased family members  
John Byrne, Oakley Park  
Bernie Kennedy, 8 Mount Clare Court



### R.I.P

*Sean O'Shea, Ballickmoyler Road      Jack Lowry, Ballyhide*



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> October

Red Bag €781      Tap Donations €37

Blue Bag €1,682      Donation €180

Direct Debit Donation €135      *Thank You*

## PARISH BINGO

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm**

Jackpot on 50 numbers €3560

Double number €2,630



## KILLESKIN N.S CALENDAR 2024/25

Now available from the school office and Killeshin Stores. The cost is €10. The calendar includes all class photos and pictures of the various activities during the past school year.

## ANNUAL YOUTH MINISTRY MASS

There will be a special **Youth Mass** celebrated by Bishop Denis this **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm** in St. Clare's Church.

All are welcome to come and celebrate the contribution of our young people to both our churches. The following young people will receive a **special blessing** with chrisom oil acknowledging their commitment to their Confirmation promises by becoming involved in our parish ministry groups.

*Alannah O'Leary, Amber Kirwan  
Aoibhinn Maye, Bonnie Quinn  
Conor O'Sullivan, Eimear Pender  
Ellie Hutton, Elliott Kinsella  
Faye Brennan, Jack Shiels  
James Murnane, Johnny McGrath  
Leah Horahan, Sofia Graudina  
Saoirse Kehoe*



## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday next October 20<sup>th</sup> is the Holy Father's direct appeal for spiritual and financial support for the life-giving work of missionaries. Mission Sunday Collection will be held next weekend. Please use envelopes included in Envelope Boxes or at Church doors.

Thank you for your support.

## CLIMATE ACTION CONVERSATION

A Climate Action conversation for the Over 60s takes place on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct, in Askea Community Centre at 11am. We'll have a cuppa and a chat around why climate action is important. Jacinta Barrins is hosting the conversation, and has been doing so all over Ireland with the over 60s.

Following this session, Carlow County Council will host a course to support those interested in making climate positive changes to their daily life. This event forms part of the schedule for the first ever Carlow Climate

## ACADEMY BRIDGE CLUB CHARITY NIGHT

17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Seven Oaks Ballroom. Carlow charities beneficiaries: Éist (Carlow Support Centre) & Kidney Association. Cost €15 per person. Refreshments, included in the price, will be served on the night and there will also be a raffle.

## CARLOW LITTLE THEATRE SOCIETY

Returning to the stage of the GB Shaw next week, with Hugh Leonard's hilarious play 'Da'. Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> - Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct at 8pm. Admission €22 | €20  
Bookings 059 91 7200



## CARLOW LIVING WELL EXPO: EMPOWERING OLDER ADULTS IN COUNTY CARLOW

The purpose of the event is to showcase the supports and services available for individuals aged 55 and over in Carlow.

**Admission: Free**

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Woodford Dolmen Hotel**

10.30am – 2.00pm: Speakers and Info stands 2.00pm – 4.00pm: Tea Dance

Attendees can also take advantage of free health checks and visit stands dedicated to a wide range of topics, including: tips for reducing energy costs, information on housing grants, community engagement initiatives, recreational activities tailored for older adults and much more!