



Facebook: GraigueKilleshin Parish

Sunday 6th October 2024
27th 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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TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH

*It's easy to make promises in the first flush of romance.
"I'll love you forever" and "I've only eyes for you," trip off the tongue easily.
When we're young the idea of marriage is romantic and highly desirable.
The vows we make when we marry don't seem too difficult. In sickness and in health?
We don't imagine that our spouse might become an alcoholic or succumb to a disability.
For richer or poorer? We don't think that our partner will lose his or her job or become
swallowed up in bad debt.
For better or worse? We don't think for a moment that our loved ones will fall out of love
with us and look elsewhere. So what happens when things go wrong? Does God really
expect us to stay in abusive or loveless marriages?*



*"What God has joined together, no human being must separate." These are tough words
for those who cannot make their marriage work. Yet this is more about the hardness in
man's heart than an instruction on marriage and divorce.
At the time Jesus spoke these words, divorce was permitted. It was a man's prerogative to
'dismiss' his wife for little reason. The wife was very much a disposable possession. It was
this attitude that Jesus abhors in his answer to the Pharisees. In a world where marriage
was taken lightly because divorce was managed easily, Jesus condemned the hardness in
men's hearts and called them to look at God's plan that from the beginning of creation
male and female should become one.*

*Of course we don't hold the same attitudes today, or do we? We are surrounded by quick
fix relationships, couples that only stay together while the going is good; couples that
promise nothing and make no commitment; couples that are in it only for what they can
get. Marriages fail for all sorts of reasons, not always anyone's fault - this is a reality.
It is hard to imagine that God would want us to stay in a marriage where we were the
subject of abuse or real misery, but what we know for sure is that we shouldn't enter into
the sacrament of marriage with the attitude that it is simply a contract with a let out
clause if things go wrong. We enter marriage believing it to be a relationship in which we
can love and cherish.*

HOME VISIT

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



ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

Every Thursday in October at 3pm in St Clare's Church. All are welcome.

VISIT OF THE RELIC OF ST BERNADETTE TO CARLOW CATHEDRAL MONDAY 7th OCTOBER

10am Mass: The Relics will be received by Bishop Denis.

12 noon: A water ritual with water from the Grotto, Lourdes.

3pm Mass for the Sick and the Sacrament of the Sick

8pm Torchlight procession *Please note change*
Assembling at Carlow College, St. Patrick's at 8pm.
Torchlight procession to the Cathedral for Rosary & Marian Devotion.

6pm Stations of the Cross led by Bishop Denis Nulty.

10pm: The visit of the relics will conclude with a prayer of thanksgiving.

The Relics of St Bernadette may be visited throughout the day in the Cathedral.
The relics will also visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul, Portlaoise on Tues 8th Oct.



BABIES REMEMBRANCE MASS

Mass for babies who died before, during or after birth will be celebrated on **Sunday 13th October at 11.30am in St Clare's Church.** Members of the *Baby Loss Support Group* led by Jackie Malone organise and participate in this Mass. If you would like further information please contact the Parish centre.



PARISH BINGO

Tuesday 8th Oct
St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm
Jackpot on 50 numbers €3430
Double number €2560
Lotto €850



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 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. 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 or call Jacqui on 0868283637 for more info.

ANNIVERSARIES

All anniversaries can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com

Saturday 5th Bridget Procter, Coolraugh, Ballickmoyler, her husband Paddy & son-in-law Pat Hennessy

6.30pm

Cissie Byrne, O'Hanrahan Ave (**10th Anniversary**)
Denis Dowling, 27 The Numbers
Ollie Byrne, Kingspark Long Island, New York formerly of The Numbers

Sunday 6th
9am

Lizzie Lawler, St Fiacc's Tce
Joan Byrne Ronan & her niece Caroline Malone, Maher Road
Patrick Brennan, Jamestown, Ballybrittas (**60th Anniversary**)

Holy Cross
10.15am

Clare McHugh, Springhill & Bagenalstown & deceased family members
Patrick J. Brennan, Coolane, Killeshin (**Birthdays Remembrance**)
Beatrice Walsh, Ballinard House, Lower Rossmore
Michael Brennan, Upper Rossmore

St. Clare's
11.30am

Bridie Scully, Sleaty
Leigha Kate Haughney, Barrowvale (**15th Anniversary**)
Rebecca Leigh O'Brien, New Oak Estate
Maurice Hayes, Aughanure, Oak Park

Tuesday 8th
10am

Ellen Hayden, Kilmeaney Tinryland

Friday 11th
10am

Nora Lisa Delaney, 6 Olive Crescent, Fruithill Manor (**Month's Mind**)

Saturday 12th
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, her son Eugene & daughter Kitty Curtis

Sunday 13th
9am

Patrick O'Reilly, Maher Road
Elizabeth Kinsella, Keelogue, Killeshin
Felix Carrera, Phillipines

Holy Cross
10.15am

Ollie Rowan, The Strand & Knockroe, Maganey

St. Clare's
11.30am

Lily O'Rourke, Ard na Greine, Crossneen (**1st Anniversary**)
Frank Callinan, 98 Street (**1st Anniversary**)
Brendan Sheehan, Tralee & London

R.I.P

Nicholas Lanigan Jnr Calgary, Canada
Bridget Shannon 2 Rathduff, Hollymount, Carlow / Laois
Ernest Brealey Graiguecullen, Carlow / Limerick / Silvermines, Tipperary
Sadie Burke Hollywood, Co Wicklow



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

28th / 29th September

Red Bag €836

Blue Bag €1,627

Thank You

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

KILLESBIN 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 13th 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
Emma Conway O'Brien, Faye Brennan
Jack Shiels, James Murnane
Johnny McGrath, Leah Horahan
Saoirse Kehoe, Sofia Gaudina*

CARLOW ACTIVE RETIRED

Members meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th Oct @ 2.30pm** in Cathedral Parish centre. New members welcome. €2 on the day.

BLESSING OF PETS

To celebrate the feast of St Francis, Patron Saint of Animals and Pets, there will be a special blessing this **Sunday 6th October at 3pm** outside the Parish Centre and a drive-thru blessing will take place at 3.30pm (entrance from the Swimming Pool car park). People are invited to bring along their pets for this special blessing.



KILLESBIN TIDY TOWNS are having a Cake Sale and Coffee Morning this Sun 6th Oct. in Killeshin Community Hall at 11am. Please support by coming along on the morning or donating some baked goods. Cash only on Sunday please. For information on our Tidy Towns contact Eoin 087 7412748 or Louise 087 6213689.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The AGM of the parish finance committee takes place on Wednesday 6th 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 6th Nov.

AN GAIRDÍN BEO 10 YEAR CELEBRATION

We are pleased to invite you to celebrate our 10th Anniversary and Annual Harvest Festival at An Gairdín Beo on Sunday 6th Oct from 12.00 noon.
10.30am: Laura Darcy will lead a Herbal walk throughout the garden.
1.30pm: Liam Furlong will give a talk on propagating seeds.

Throughout the day there will be apple pressing, pizzas from our cob oven stalls with our garden produce and a stall for seed swapping. Refreshments will be available in our Café. Take a trip along our new Cosmic Walk. Music entertainment from Carlow School of Music. A great variety of activities, promising a great day for all. We hope you can join us!

ACADEMY BRIDGE CLUB CHARITY NIGHT

17th October at 7.30pm
Seven Oaks Ballroom In aid of: 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.

WATER AEROBICS

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

