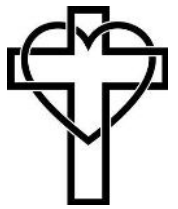


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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

**PARISH TEAM:** Fr. John Dunphy & Cathriona Kelly

**YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM:** Sarah Alsbyury, Isobel Brooker, Hannah Kehoe, Gary Dowling, Aoife Whelan, Amelia Chodorska, Giulia Hutton

**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 SAFEGUARDING REPS:** Breda Lloyd, Sarah Alsbyury, Cathriona Kelly  
**DIOCESAN DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON:** Ailish Higgins 085 8021633  
**PRIEST ON CALL FOR CARLOW AREA:** (Emergency Only) 087 2588118

### *Hedging our Bets*

*Is it human nature only to do our best when the chips are down?*

*We work our hardest when there's an exam or an inspection on the horizon. We struggle to finish our accounts when the tax deadline is looming. We rush round putting the house in order when visitors are announced, and sadly, many of us leave it until we are elderly or ill before we patch up relationships. In a way we live our lives like a game of roulette, not living the way we ought all of the time, but only when we get some kind of wakeup call and the chips are down.*

*Today's gospel warns us to be alert to the signs of the end of the world and the coming of judgment day, but not in a 'hedging our bets' kind of way. It would be immature discipleship to prepare for judgment day only when we suspected that we were close to the end of life. In any case we are warned that we do not know the hour nor the day of the world's end, and therefore we must live every day as though it were our last. We do not aim to live in a state of permanent readiness for fear of being caught out, but because we know that abiding by Jesus' teaching is the only way to live. Everything in the heavens and earth will pass away. Everything that we consider important will end, but Christ's teaching will endure forever.*

*So, are we living our best in the here and now,  
or are we gambling on a far off date on which to hedge our bets?*

### NEWSLETTER NOTES

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



### NEWLY BAPTISED

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



*Cormac Coughlan*

### BOOK LAUNCH

Vonnie Bolton will launch her second children's book **Friends in Fairyland** on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>

Nov at 7pm in the Sleaty Café at St. Fiacc's House.



### Special Book Launch Offer

€10 per book on the night, all signed by the author. 10% of net profits will go to St. Fiacc's House.

### AUCTION IN AID OF KILLESHIN GAA

Killeshin GAA are running an: 'AUCTION' on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec @2pm in Killeshin Community Hall. Items may be dropped off to the hall on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov from 1-5pm  
Contact: 085 2109353  
086 0634949

### In November, We Remember

This year there is a garden of remembrance in both our churches. Each space contains candles displaying the names of our parishioners whose funerals were celebrated here during the past year. These candles will be lit at Mass each weekend during this month and will be presented to families at our annual **Parish Remembrance Mass in St. Clare's** on Fri, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm.



### GK PARISH BINGO

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov in St. Fiacc's Hall @8.30pm

**Jackpot €4,340    Lotto €1,200  
Double Number €3,050**



### LITURGY GROUP

A meeting will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm for our parish Liturgy group. New members are always welcome to come along.

### CONCERT WITH FR LIAM LAWTON AND FRIENDS

O Holy Night, Concert with Liam Lawton and Friends in St. Mary's Church Edenderry on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. Doors open: 6.30 pm. Concert: 7pm.

Tickets: €15 and are available from Edenderry Parish Centre on 046 9733311. Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Church, Edenderry refurbishment.

### WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG READERS

Training will take place on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> and Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov from 5.30-7pm in the parish centre. This is for any of our current young readers who have not already completed this workshop, as well as any new young readers (1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> year). Contact Cathriona on 085 1450321 to book in.



We dedicate our holy rosary for the month of November to the Holy Souls.



**Join us every Thursday at 3pm in St. Clare's.**

### NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE LIST

The month of November gives us the opportunity to remember our dear departed. You are invited to include the names of your loved ones on our parish list of remembrance. Please drop them into the parish office or place them in the envelope provided in your box of church envelopes. These lists are placed in our November spaces and all deceased loved ones will be remembered at our Masses during November.



**SAVE THE DATE!** Our GK Parish Christmas concert will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm in St. Clare's Church.

All our parish choirs, the Poor Clare Sisters and the Killeshin Pipe Band will perform on the night.



### EVERGREENS CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Talbot Hotel, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024 @1pm sharp. Tickets available from the Swimming Pool Office from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov between 10am-1pm. **Each person must only collect their own tickets.**





### ANNIVERSARIES

All anniversary bookings must be received before 2pm on the Wednesday before publication.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> St. Clare's 6.30pm** John Anderson, St. Fiacc's Terrace (*Month's Mind*)  
John Barcoe, Killeshin Road and deceased family members  
John McAssey, Dolmen Heights, Pollerton Big  
John Joe Brophy, Duggan Ave  
Rita Dowling and her husband Larry, Whitney Place  
Michael O'Shea, Maher Road  
Jane Tobin, Maher Road  
Jason O'Shea Noctor, Fr Byrne Park  
Paul Lacey, his brother Tommy, their parents Kitty and Jim and cousins Oliver and Ger, Killeshin  
Tony Burke, Killeshin and London (*Birthday Remembrance*)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Holy Cross 10.15am** Eddie Moran, Clonaloo, and his parents Patrick and Norah  
Mark Attride, Lower Rossmore  
Nancy Scully, The Strand  
Phil and Leo Slattery, Navan  
Paddy O'Regan, Keelogue, Killeshin  
John Purcell, Quinagh, and his parents Margaret and Pat Purcell

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 10am** Annie and Martin Curran, Clonmore, Killeshin and their daughter Patricia Buckley, Askea

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Clare's 6.30pm** Seamus Walsh, Church Street  
Peter and Moll Branagan, Mortarstown, Kilkenny Road

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> St. Clare's 9am** Alice Bradley, Maryborough Street (*Birthday Remembrance*)

**Holy Cross 10.15am** Leonora Crespo, Brazil (*First Anniversary*)  
Rebecca, John, and Johanna Ryan, Ballyhide  
Olive Brennan, Herondale  
Mary Fitzpatrick, Cappalug, also her parents Margaret and John Fleming, Bennekerry  
Brigid and Mary Gaskin, Cappalug (*Birthday Remembrance*)  
Henry O'Neill, Portlaoise Road (*Birthday Remembrance*)

**St. Clare's 11.30am** Christina (Chrissie) Howard, Oakley Crescent (*Month's Mind*)  
Fred Scully, Chapel Street  
Nora Smyth, Mount Clare Court  
John and Bridget Kearns, Sleaty Road, also their son and daughters  
Bridget (Biddy) Wynne and Robert Wynne, Staunton Ave



**REST IN PEACE ~ Paddy Maher, St. Clare's Road**



### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> November

Red Bag €968 Tap Donations €114  
Blue Bag €1,745 D. Debit Donation €95  
Donations €50 Thank You

### WATER AEROBICS



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

### ST. COLUMBANUS LECTURE

'Columbanus, The Irish, And Rome' by Dr Damian Bracken, U.C.C. and the launch of *The International Columbanus Day 2025*, by Bishop Denis Nulty on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 7.30pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre. St Columbanus was born c543AD near Myshall, Co. Carlow. The International Columbanus Day 2025 will be hosted in County Carlow in July 2025.

### FARMERS' AND COMMUNITY

#### SUPPORT WORKSHOP

Mental Health Awareness Night, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 @ 8.30pm in Myshall Community Centre. All are welcome. Contact Lester Scott on 087 2504322

### 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 cannot control it & you cannot cure it. Help is available. Call 085 7872730

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Contact 086 1592775 for support from the local St. Fiacc's conference.

### INVITATION TO MEDITATION

Carlow Meditation Group meets on Monday evenings from 7 to 7:45 pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street - **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. For more info contact Noel Keating on 087 2251183.

### ALL THAT GLITTERS ISN'T GOLD



Carlow Flower Club will host a Christmas Gala Flower Arranging demonstration by Janet Maddock AOIFA Judge, T.Dip and D.Dip on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Nov at 8pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Entry Fee €10 which includes mulled wine on arrival. Lots of ideas for decorating your home for Christmas and all arrangements will be raffled on the night. The event is in support of the Autism Charity 'As I Am'. Competition title for all classes "A Table Arrangement to include a Candle".

### TALBOT EVENTS IN AID OF ST. CLARE'S HOSPITALITY

From Mon 18<sup>th</sup> to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, the Talbot Hotel, Carlow are running an array of fundraisers to support St. Clare's Hospitality.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - The Dome** – Complimentary access to Congo Quest all day for kids who donate a small bag of non-perishable food items in the Dome.

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Morning** in An Bhearu from 8.30-10.30am. Pastries, sweet treats, tea & coffee available. Donations in lieu of payment.



**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> - Spinathon** – From 6am to 12am, Team Talbot will complete a Spinathon in the hotel lobby – support and donations greatly appreciated on the day.



**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> - Quiz Night** – Southeast Radio Sports Guru and Commentator Liam Pratt hosts a quiz night in our Leinster Suite from 7.30pm. Table of 4 - €50.

### **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - Helter Skelter & The Horahan Brothers**

Doors at 8.30pm. Show begins at 9.30pm. Tickets €15 are available at the Parish Centre and Talbot Hotel. All monies raised go towards St Clare's Hospitality Kitchen.



### INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Carlow Library, Tullow St. (Shaw Room) 7-8pm. Guest speakers: Noel O'Connell (Operation Transformation), Bernard Horohan (Local businessman). Both will speak about how life brought them to the point where they need to look after their physical and mental health – as we all do.