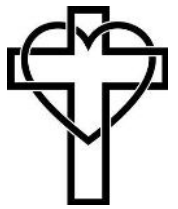


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Sunday 24th November 2024 Feast of Christ the King - Year B

PARISH TEAM: Fr. John Dunphy & Cathriona Kelly

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM: Sarah Alsybury, 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 Alsybury, Cathriona Kelly
DIOCESAN DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON: Ailish Higgins 085 8021633
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MAKING A STAND



We tune in to the news to elicit some kind of truth, but we suspect what we are viewing is 'fake news'. A television interviewer tries to elicit the truth from a politician. We recognise of old the politician's strategies for avoiding the interviewer's questions. We are called to do jury service and determine to get to the bottom of the case, but suddenly everyone's version of the same truth is slightly different. We pick up on a charged atmosphere at home, but when we quiz our children or spouse, we are met with evasion and equivocation.

The opposite of truth is not always a lie. Truth can be avoided, twisted, disguised, or simply not recognised. One thing is for sure though; we all have some kind of sixth sense for knowing when we are not getting the truth. That's why it's so refreshing and so powerful when somebody gets up and speaks a simple truth from the heart. The truth makes us sit up and listen. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he told Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

In earthly kingdoms the truth gets in the way of our personal agendas. In our quest for territory, power, resources and a comfortable life style, the truth takes second place. We might think that we are truthful people and that we never tell lies, but it is all too easy to live a lie without admitting it even to ourselves. Pilate was not able to understand the kingdom Jesus alluded to, and he was not able to see Jesus as King. Pilate failed to recognise the truth. Today's challenge is to recognise truth in all of life's circumstance, to stand up for the truth in all of life's difficulties, and to live by the truth to the best of our ability.

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 three new members into our parish.

Paul Doran
Isabella Vaikule
Declan Jay Leahy

PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

Our next pre-baptism meeting will take place this coming **Monday 25th Nov @7pm** in the Parish Centre. All parents presenting their child for Baptism over the next few months are encouraged to attend.

GK PARISH BINGO
Tues 26th Nov in St. Fiacc's Hall @8.30pm
Jackpot €4,470 Lotto €1,250
Double Number €3,120

Monster Christmas Bingo
Sun 15th Dec 3pm

SR. MARY AGNES' SILVER JUBILEE
Congratulations to Sr. Mary Agnes who earlier this week celebrated her Silver Jubilee! We wish her many more years of happiness in our beloved Poor Clare community.

WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG READERS
Training will take place on Wed 27th 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 (1st-5th year). Contact Cathriona 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Help is needed with putting our Christmas Hampers together on Fri 13th, Sat 14th and the week commencing Mon 16th Dec. If you could spare a few hours, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the parish office on 059 91 41833.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
FRIDAY 29th NOV 7PM
IN ST. CLARE'S CHURCH

This Mass is dedicated to remembering our loved ones who have died, with a particular focus on those who have died from our parish in the past year.

During this Mass all present will be invited forward to place their candle in the cross at the foot of the sanctuary. This is a very special Mass for our parish. We encourage all to attend. Candles will be available at the church doors and all donations will go towards Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME
Our First Communion Programme continues next Sunday 1st Dec with Mass in Holy Cross at 10.15am and in St. Clare's at 11.30am. It is very important for families with children preparing for First Confession and First Communion to attend one of these masses as we begin the Advent season.

Our **GK Parish Christmas Concert** will take place on **Sunday 15th Dec at 6.30pm** 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 8th Dec 2024 @1pm sharp. Tickets available from the Swimming Pool Office from Monday 11th to Friday 22nd Nov between 10am-1pm. **Each person must only collect their own tickets.**

KILLESHIN TIDY TOWNS: Next clean up on Saturday the 30th of Nov at 10am. Meeting at the entrance of Killeshin Hall. Gloves, pickers & bags provided. For more information, please contact Eoin 087 7412748

DISTRICT HOSPITAL BEREAVEMENT MASS
A Bereavement Mass for the District Hospital will take place in St. Clare's this Thursday 28th @7pm All are welcome to attend.

ANNIVERSARIES

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- Saturday 23rd ST. CLARE'S 6.30pm** Seamus Walsh, Church Street. Peter and Moll Branagan, Mortarstown, Kilkenny Road. Thomas Trodden, St. Mary's Park. Brigid McSweeney, Sleaty St.
- Sunday 24th ST. CLARE'S 9am** Bridget (Biddy) Wynne and her son Robert, Staunton Ave. Eileen Dillon and her son Adrian, Killeshin. Alice Bradley, Maryborough St. (*Birthday Remembrance*)
- HOLY CROSS 10.15am** Leonora Crespo, Brazil (*First Anniversary*)
Rebecca, John and Johanna Ryan, Ballyhede.
Oliver Brennan, Herondale.
Lucy Lowry, Oakpark Drive.
Timothy Dunne, Ballyharmon.
Eileen Dillon and her son Adrian, Killeshin.
Jim Tyrrell, The Elms.
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 Howard, Oakley Crescent (*Month's Mind*)
Fred Scully, Chapel Street.
Nora Smyth, Mount Clare Court.
John and Bridget Kearns, Sleaty Road, also their sons and daughters.
Bridget (Biddy) Wynne and Robert Wynne, Staunton Ave.
John and Elizabeth Nash, Church Street.
Patrick and Sis Brennan.
Noel and Joan Power, Sleaty Street.
Timothy Dunne, Ballyharmon.
Martin O'Rourke, 2 Montgomery Street.
Deceased Legionaries of Mary.
Nancy Dooley, St. Clare's Road (*Birthday Remembrance*)
- Tues 26th** Mary Mulhall, (*Month's Mind*) and her husband Tom, St Fiacc's Tce. Thomas Trodden, St. Mary's Park. Brigid Mc Sweeney, Sleaty Street. Molly Byrne, Anneville.
- Wed 27th** Tommy and Catherine Brennan, 98 Street.
- Thurs 28th** Margaret Shaw, Roncalli Ave. Josephine Shaw, Maher Road (*Birthday Remembrance*)
- Fri 29th** Patrick & Mary O'Neill, Crettyard.
- Saturday 30th 6.30pm** Kevin Kearns, Sleaty Road (*50th Anniversary*)
Des Coakley, Sleaty Street.
- Sunday 1st HOLY CROSS 10.15am** Mai Lyons, Clonmore (*First Anniversary*)
Ellen Boran (*70th Anniversary*) husband Nicholas.
Deceased family members of Boran and O'Reilly families
- ST. CLARE'S 11.30am** Patrick (Pa) Walsh, Heatherhill (*Birthday Remembrance*)



REST IN PEACE ~ Esther Reddy, Pinewood Ave



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 16th / 17th Nov

Red Bag €868 Tap Donations €84
Blue Bag €1,440 D. Debit Donation €225
Donations €50 Thank You

WATER AEROBICS

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Annual Christmas Church Gate appeal will be held on 7th and 8th Dec. Sincere thanks for your support for our work in the community throughout the year. We wish you a very Happy and Holy Christmas. Local Conference – St. Fiacc's
Contact 086 1592775 for support.

AUCTION IN AID OF KILLESHIN GAA

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

GOVERNEY PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

in association with Carlow Co Council & Carlow County Development Partnership invite you to our annual Lighting of tree at the Croppy on Friday December 6th at 6pm. Santa will be there, refreshments served and a Christmas raffle. Weather permitting. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

ST. FIACC'S HOUSE

Friends of St. Fiacc's House Annual Christmas draw will take place in St. Fiacc's House on Mon 9th Dec at 7.30pm. Cards available from St. Fiacc's House or can be posted out. Please call 059 91 43892. A huge thank you to, Solicitor Joe Farrell from Farrell/McElwee, for the voluntary info session on wills and enduring power of attorney that was held recently. Very informative and very positive feedback from all who attended.

MONTHLY PEACE MASS

On Thurs Nov 28th in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. Rosary & Divine Mercy at 7pm followed by Mass at 7.30 pm.
Celebrant: Fr Yanbo Chen. All are welcome to come and pray for peace.

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 26th 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".

CONCERT WITH FR LIAM LAWTON AND FRIENDS

O Holy Night, Concert with Liam Lawton and Friends in St. Mary's Church Edenderry on 8th 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.

KILLESHIN N.S PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Preparations are well on the way for our annual Christmas Hamper Draw. If anyone has any hamper baskets or would like to donate any items to the hampers, they can be left into to school or given to any member of the parents' association.

LIGHT THE TOWN UP TRACTOR RUN

Killeshin Ladies **Light The Town Up** Tractor Run takes place Sun 8th Dec. Registration from 3.30pm at Leinster Mart, Killeshin Rd, departing at 5pm. Fee: €20. Our new route will bring the Christmas cheer through town this year and back to Killeshin. All vehicles are welcome to come along!

