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Sunday 15th December 2024 Third Weekend of Advent - Year C



SCAN TO DONATE

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 **PRIEST ON CALL FOR CARLOW AREA:** (Emergency Only) 087 2588118

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

St. Clare's Church 4pm & 5.30pm ~ Especially for families with young children
8.30pm Mass by Candlelight beginning with Carols around the tree at 8pm
Holy Cross Church 7pm ~ Especially for families with young children
Polish Mass 10pm St. Clare's Church

Christmas Day

St. Clare's Church 9am & 11.30am
Holy Cross Church 10.15am

St. Stephen's Day 11am in St. Clare's Church
Friday 27th Dec 11am in St. Clare's Church
New Year's Day 11.30am in St. Clare's Church
Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd 10am Mass
Feast of the Epiphany Mon 6th Jan at 11.30am in St. Clare's / 7pm in Holy Cross



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 member into our parish community.



**Kendrick
Bob Kevin**

PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

Our next pre-baptism meeting will take place this coming **Monday 27th January @7pm** in the Parish Centre. All parents presenting their child for Baptism over the next few months are encouraged to attend.

THE INVITATION TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation services will take place at all our Masses next weekend.

St. Clare's Church: Saturday 21st 6.30pm, Sunday 22nd 9am and 11.30am
Holy Cross Church: Sunday 22nd 10.15am

There will also be an opportunity for individual Confessions on Christmas Eve from 10am – 11am in St. Clare's.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Advent focuses our attention on Christ's birth, while anticipating Christ's death and resurrection. During this season we celebrate God's invitation to reconciliation, but this is only the beginning, for as a people reconciled to God, we become a people commissioned to love the Lord God with all our hearts and to love our neighbours as ourselves. The birth of Christ, gives rise to hope and joy regardless of the circumstances of our times. When we accept God's invitation, we receive a call to discipleship, a call to spread the good news of reconciliation to others in a spirit of faithfulness, forgiveness & love.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER BOX

We invite parishioners to write special Christmas prayers and place them in the prayer box beside the crib in St. Clare's. This box will be placed in the crib at Christmas.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS



Quarterly collection for the support of the priests of the parish will be held at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Envelopes are provided in boxes at all Church doors.

GK PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Sunday 15th Dec at 6.30pm
St. Clare's Church**

Featuring our seven parish choirs and the Killeshin Pipe Band. Entry is free. Collection for SVP Christmas Appeal on the night.

MONSTER CHRISMTAS BINGO



Sun 15th Dec St. Fiacc's Hall @3pm

**Double Number €3,330
Lotto €1,400 Jackpot €700**



Chocolates left and right of winners & great raffle prizes!

Bingo as usual on Tues 17th. No Bingo on 24th & 31st Dec.

PARISH CENTRE

OPENING TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

The centre will be open on Sat 21st and on Christmas Eve from 10am – 1pm. The centre will be closed from Wednesday 25th Dec and will re-open on Monday 30th Dec.

Notices for newsletter can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com.

KILLESHIN N.S CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW



The Draw will take place on Wed 18th Dec with over 30 hampers. The 1st and 2nd Hampers are to the value of just over €400 with the rest ranging in values with the last one to the value of over €50. Tickets €5. Tickets are available from Killeshin School, Killeshin Stores, members of the Parents Association & from every family in the school.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

SATURDAY 14th
6.30pm

Patrick Nolan, St. Fiacc's Terrace
Gary Lawlor Hearn, Heatherhill Square
Noel Byrne, Ballickmoyler
Joan and Michael Lawler, The Numbers, and their son Michael
Christy Pender, Ballyhide
Jimmy Murnane, Maher Road
Annette Nelson, Sleaty St and her husband Seamus Nelson
Mary Brennan, Curragh Cottage, Killeshin & deceased family members
Una Gaule and Bridget (Bridie) Gaule, Pearse Rd & deceased family
James Dooley, St. Joseph's Tce, Tinryland
Mary Farrell

SUNDAY 15th
9AM

Paddy Maher, St Clare's Road (*Month's Mind*)
Ellen and John Carroll, Barrow Track
Enda Smyth, Pembroke and St. Fiacc's House
Mary Waters (née Loughman), Sleaty
Gerard Watchorn, Drogheda & St Clare's Road
Bernard (Benny) Keating, his wife Mary, their son Patrick, and also their daughter Mary, St. Mary's Park



HOLY CROSS
10.15am

Kitty Brennan, Coolnariska
William Doran, Ballickmoyler
Joseph and Elizabeth Cummins, Springhill
John and Nora Fitzgerald, Coolane
Jimmy Dunne, Killeshin Road and Tullow

ST. CLARE'S
11.30am

Paudge Murphy, Knockbeg (*20th Anniversary*)
Esther Reddy, Pinewood Ave, Carlow (*Month's Mind*)
Una Gaule & Bridget (Bridie) Gaule, Pearse Rd and deceased family
Kenneth Howard, Oakley Crescent
John English, Kilkenny Road
Teresa Wynne, Mount Clare Court
Mary Fenlon, Pembroke
Matthew Kearney, his wife Pauline, Keelogue and Governey Park
Molly Burke, Killeshin and her son Anthony, Killeshin and London
Paul Dwyer and deceased family members, Prosperous, Kildare

Tuesday 17th

John Nolan, Killeshin Road
Elizabeth Dowling, St. Fiacc's Terrace

Thursday 19th

William Malone, Coolcullen, Co. Kilkenny

Friday 20th

Elizabeth Byrne, Cappalug
Pat and Cella Corcoran, Duggan Ave
Jim and Mary Scully, c/o Poor Clares
John O'Shea, also his parents Dolores and Bernie, The Numbers
Christine (Spotty) Amond, West Drayton, England

SATURDAY 21st
6.30pm

Michael Connolly (*First Anniversary*)
Peter Judge, Longwood, Co. Meath
Lily and Billy Kinsella, Oakley Park
Donal Bolton, Springhill
John Malone
Jean and Seany Abbott, Knocknagee
Timmy Gleeson, Beechwood Park
Ann McGrath, Croppy Place
Hans Brooker, Hollymount
Paddy Coffey, Craanluskey
Christopher Bolton, Ballickmoyler
Dan Hayden, New Oak Estate
Seánie Brennan, Avondale Drive, Hanover (*Birthday Remembrance*)
Michelle McKay, Canada (*Birthday Remembrance*)



SUNDAY 22nd
9AM

Elizabeth Byrne, Cappalug

HOLY CROSS
10.15am

Paddy Maguire, Clonmore Killeshin
Christina Dempsey, Lower Rossmore (*Birthday Remembrance*)

ST. CLARE'S
11.30am

Gerry Nolan, Green rd (*First Anniversary*) and son Dermot (*51st Anniversary*)
Christy Walsh, Eileen Furlong, Jim Breen, Colette Teehan,
Kathleen Kennedy, Dun Laoghaire
Tomas Lynch, Foxrock
Henry O'Shea, Ballickmoyler
Deceased members of the Brady and McMahon families
William Mc Kenna, Knock
Leo and Kathleen Whelan and family, St Killian's Crescent
Thomas & Frances Ryan, Maher Rd and daughters Claire, Carmel & Betty
Noel Cash, Pearse Rd, parents Elizabeth & Nicholas and his siblings Joe, Jim, Geraldine & Betty

REST IN PEACE

Mai Moran, Whitney Place & Tony O'Kelly, Ballickmoyler



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 7th / 8th Dec

Red Bag €670 Tap Donations €99
Blue Bag €1,521 D. Debit Donation €145
Donations €360

Thank You

WATER AEROBICS

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



LIONS CLUB TABLE QUIZ

Seven Oaks Hotel Ballroom. Thursday 30th January at 8pm. Table of 4 - €40. Cash prizes. Picture round, puzzle round, audio round & dingbats. Entertaining night for a good cause. Sean 087 2585893

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME VACANCIES

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Killeshin GAA CES-2314004
Crettyard Soccer CES-2361194
Killeshin Soccer CES-2361197
Oisín Park CES-2327470

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HOME VISIT



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

Come sing for peace with VISUAL'S **SING SYNC CHOIR** and special guests enCÔRe in Askea Church Monday 16th Dec at 7.30pm. EVERY voice will unite in song for '**Silent Night**' and rehearse specially composed '**Blazing Sky**' by Wexford composer Liam Bates, before being recorded.
Tickets €8 available in person at VISUAL Box Office. Lyrics will be on screen. Proceeds from ticket sales to **UNICEF and Carlow Day Care Centre, Askea.**



REVENUE CHARITABLE REFUND SCHEME

In the last financial year, our parish received over €17,000 from revenue under the refunds to charitable organisations scheme. This is a very simple way for the parish to benefit financially from your donation without affecting your income tax. Here are examples of how the Income Tax Rebate works for our parish.

For our Parish to benefit from an Income Tax Rebate, parishioners must return a completed CHY3 or CHY4 Cert to the Parish and must have paid Income Tax in that calendar year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Fr. Dunphy or contact the parish office.

YOUR ANNUAL DONATION	REVENUE REBATE TO PARISH	TOTAL VALUE OF YOUR DONATION
€250.00	€112.32	€362.32
€500.00	€224.64	€724.64
€750.00	€336.96	€1,086.96
€1,000.00	€449.27	€1449.27