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Sunday 22nd December 2024 Fourth Weekend of Advent - Year C



SCAN TO DONATE

PARISH TEAM: Fr. John Dunphy & Cathriona Kelly

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM: Sarah Alsybury, Isobel Brooker, Hannah Keogh, 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

Mass Schedule

Monday 23rd 10am Mass St. Clare's Church - No Communion Service

Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve

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

Wednesday 25th Christmas Day

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



Feast of the Epiphany

Mon 6th Jan
11.30am - St. Clare's
7pm in Holy Cross

St. Stephen's Day 11am in St. Clare's Church
Friday 27th 11am in St. Clare's Church
New Year's Day 11.30am in St. Clare's Church

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.



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.



For Expectant Mothers

Traditionally, the fourth Sunday of Advent is a day on which we pray for expectant mothers everywhere. We must also remember to pray for expectant dads, and for would-be parents who are trying for a baby but haven't been



PARISH CENTRE

OPENING TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

The centre will be open on Monday 23rd as normal and on Christmas Eve from 10am – 1pm. The centre will be closed from Wed 25th Dec and will re-open on Mon 30th Dec. Notices for newsletter can be emailed to gkparish@gmail.com.

BLESSING OF THE CRIB



Father, bless this crib. May it inspire all who pass by it with the memory of your love and brighten their hearts.

As we wonder and hesitate to believe like the shepherds of Bethlehem, fill our hearts with joy. May we recognise in this helpless child the revelation of your love, a new radiant vision of your glory. Filled with wonder at the nearness of our God in Mary's newborn child, may we now offer him our praise, worship and thanksgiving and give him the love and loyalty of our hearts. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Thank you to all our parishioners for your support throughout the past year.

A special thank you to our many ministry groups for making our parish such a special place for us to serve and a warm and welcoming place for all to live.

May Jesus, our Saviour, who was born on Christmas Day, bless you in a very special way.

May the peace, gentleness and reconciliation of Christmas enter your heart and home at this special time.

Wishing all our parishioners a Happy Christmas and New Year filled with God's special blessing.

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

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.



FRIENDS OF ST. FIACC'S HOUSE

We would like to thank all who contributed to our annual Christmas draw by buying or selling tickets. Congratulations to all winners & Happy Christmas from all at St. Fiacc's House.



ANNIVERSARIES

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

SATURDAY 21st

6.30pm

Michael Connolly, St. Patrick's Ave. (*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
 Patricia (Patty) Power, Coolenaugh
 Rita and Gerry Leonard, Cork
 Brid and Tomás Doran, grandson David and deceased family and friends
 Seánie Brennan, Avondale Drive, Hanover (*Birthday Remembrance*)
 Michelle McKay, Canada (*Birthday Remembrance*)
 Peig O'Gorman (*Birthday Remembrance*)



SUNDAY 22nd

9am

Elizabeth Byrne, Cappalug
 Teresa Wynne, Mount Clare Court
 Marie Nolan, Mount Clare Court

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 and Betty
 Noel Cash, Pearse Rd, his parents Elizabeth and Nicholas and his
 siblings Joe, Jim, Geraldine & Betty
 Teresa Wynne, Mount Clare Court
 Marie Nolan, Mount Clare Court



Monday 23rd

10am

Hans Brooker, Hollymount
 Joe Hennessy, Chapel St.

Thursday 26th

11am

Breda Woods, Tolerton
 Kathleen Joyce
 Frances Anderson, St. Fiacc's Tce and parents Thomas and
 Margaret Anderson, her brother Jack and wife Nancy, Kentucky USA
 Mary and Paschal Hennessy, Brownshill
 Ann Kinsella (née Pierce), Heatherhill Downs and formerly Leighlinbridge
 Christine Ryan and family, Chapel St.
 Kathleen O'Brien and family, Drogheda

Friday 27th

11am

Joan Culleton, St. Fiacc's Tce (*Birthday Remembrance*)

SATURDAY 28th

6.30pm

Marie Byrne, (née Coffey)
 Michael and Ellen McDarby and family, Marlborough Street
 Christy Lawler, Duggan Ave. parents Michael & Rose Lawler & brother Michael

SUNDAY 29th

9am

Eddie Bennett, New Ross
 Patrick (Benny) Keating, St. Mary's Park
 Ann Conlon, Inchicore Rd, Dublin
 Frank & Elizabeth O'Neill, Stratford-on-Slaney
 Jim, Molly and Tommy Conlon, Inchicore Rd, Dublin

HOLY CROSS

10.15am

Margaret and James Dowling, Ardenteggle
 John McDonald, Clonmore
 Liam Doyle, Coolrairie, Ballickmoyler also his brother James and wife Celia
 John Hynes, St. Clare's rd and St. Fiacc's House

ST. CLARE'S

11.30am

Thomas and Nancy O'Rourke, 98 Street
 Mary Curran, Annville St. Joseph's Rd
 John Hynes, St. Clare's rd and St. Fiacc's House
 Betty Geoghan, St. Clare's rd husband Joe (Joey) parents Elizabeth and
 Nicholas Cash, siblings Joe, Jim, Geraldine & Noel

ST. CLARE'S HOSPITALITY would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed food for our food hampers, to the wonderful volunteers who sorted and packed the hampers and to those who gave of their time to deliver the hampers and food parcels. Without this help we could not have delivered the hundreds of food hampers and parcels. We wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 14th / 15th Dec

Red Bag €1,004 Tap Donations €57 *Thank You*
 Blue Bag €1,870 D. Debit Donation €270
 Donations €1,175.25 (€150 + \$1,100 USD)

WATER AEROBICS

Graigucullen 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

Office Admin CES-2367452
 Killeshin GAA CES-2314004
 Crettyard Soccer CES-2361194
 Killeshin Soccer CES-2361197
 Oisín Park CES-2327470

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 email mdceproject@gmail.com

HOME VISIT



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

TINRYLAND ICA GUILD would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who supported their recent Cake Sale and Raffle in Askea Parish Centre. The event raised a total of €1,236 which has been donated to St. Clare's Hospitality Kitchen. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY TO NOEL ALCOCK!

Congratulations to Noel on the celebration of this momentous milestone. We wish him health and happiness in his 100th year & beyond!

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