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**GRAIGUECULLEN / KILLESHTIN
PARISH**



SCAN TO DONATE

**Sunday 12th January 2025
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

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)

**‘YOU ARE MY SON, THE BELOVED;
MY FAVOUR RESTS ON YOU.’**

Jesus’ baptism came at the start of his public ministry and marked a new beginning for us all. The story invites us to look at our own beginnings in light of Jesus’ ministry.

What have we made of our lives so far?

Is there anything we can point to that we feel might have particularly pleased God? Perhaps we have done nothing to please God. Perhaps we have made a rocky start. Perhaps we haven’t done much to be proud of at all. It doesn’t matter, coming so close to the beginning of the year, this feast day is a perfect invitation to start again.

The second thing we learn from this gospel reading is that Jesus was not alone; he was enabled by the Holy Spirit who descended in the form of a dove. The really exciting news is that according to John, we too receive the Holy Spirit in our baptism. We are not alone in our struggles. We too are enabled. That’s a genuinely powerful belief. As we begin yet another new year, we set about facing our challenges with a renewed courage and a renewed faith in the Holy Spirit. We begin again with an appreciation that our baptism is more than just a distant childhood memory.



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.



COFFEE MORNING

Thursday Morning club resumes this Thurs 16th after 10am Mass. All are welcome to gather for a cuppa and a chat.



GK PARISH BINGO

Tues 14th Jan St. Fiacc’s Hall @ 8.30pm
Jackpot on 42 numbers €960
Double number €3,470 Lotto €1,500

OUR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME

continues next Sunday 19th at 10.15am Mass in Holy Cross and 11.30am Mass in St Clare’s. Families of young people preparing for Confirmation are encouraged to attend.



OUR PARISH CHOIRS

- ◆ **GRAIGUECULLEN LADIES CHOIR**
Tuesdays 7 - 8pm
- ◆ **YOUTH CHOIR**
Thursdays 6 - 7pm
- ◆ **ST. FIACC’S MALE VOICE CHOIR**
Thursdays 7.30 - 8.30pm
- ◆ **KILLESHTIN CHOIR - Holy Cross**
Thursdays 7.30 - 8.30pm
- ◆ **ST. CLARE’S CHILDREN’S CHOIR**
Fridays 3.45-4.45pm



New members are always welcome to join any of our choirs. For further info please contact the parish centre.

HOME VISIT

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



**ST. BRIGID’S CROSSES
YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER**

Your help is needed with gathering rushes to make our St. Brigid’s Crosses.

All rushes can be dropped to the parish centre during office hours (Mon to Friday 9-5, closed 1-2pm).



Your help is also needed with making our St. Brigid’s Crosses.

All are invited to the parish centre each morning and afternoon on **Mon 20th - Fri 24th Jan** to help make our St. Brigid's Crosses or to prepare the rushes for those who are making them. Any beginners will of course be shown how to make the crosses. Crosses will be distributed on St. Brigid’s Day Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd Feb after all Masses.

All donations to our crosses will go towards our parish Children & Youth Ministry programme.

**SERVICE FOR
BAPTISED BABIES IN 2024**

We invite all parents, Godparents and families of babies baptised in our parish during 2024 to a brief prayer service this

**Sun 12th Jan at 3pm
in St. Clare’s Church.**



A special blessing will be given to the babies and their parents as they continue their faith journey together. We look forward to meeting you, your baby and your family again. Please spread the word with any families with a newly baptised baby.

PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

SATURDAY 11th

ST. CLARE'S 6.30pm Mai Moran, Whitney Place - **Month's Mind**
Thomas Lyons, Staunton Ave
Rita Lyons, Staunton Ave
Eugene Lyons, Staunton Ave
Noel Byrne, Staunton Ave
Baby Conor Cleere, Feltham Hall
Alice Mallon & deceased members of Mallon family, St. Fiacc's Tce
Paddy Proctor, Coolenaugh, wife Bridget & son-in-law Pat Hennessy
Francis Keating, New Oak Estate
William Hurley, Fr. Byrne Park, formerly Rossmore View

SUNDAY 12th

ST. CLARE'S 9am James (Jim) McWey and Fr John (Jack) McWey, Sleaty
Alice Mallon and deceased members, St. Fiacc's Tce
Michael Maher, Church St. and his wife Julie

HOLY CROSS 10.15am John and Margaret Brennan, Quakers Hill, & deceased family members
Michael O'Regan, Killeshin Road
Eamon Whelan, The Downs, Pollerton
Christopher Nelson, Killeshin



ST. CLARE'S 11.30am Dick and Cathy Ryan, 98 Street
Eamon Whelan, The Downs, Pollerton
Andy and Sarah Whelan, Ballyharmon
John, Elizabeth and Nellie Pluck, Sleaty Road
Patricia Curran Buckley and deceased members of the Curran
and Buckley families, Clonmore, Killeshin
William Hurley, Fr. Byrne Park, formerly Rossmore View

Tues 14th 10am Gerard Timmons, Henry St
Patrick Broderick, Carlingford, his son Michael, daughter Chris,
granddaughter Frances, daughter Mary Ann - **Birthday Remembrance**

Thurs 16th 10am Simon Lacey, Manchester & Brownhill - **Birthday Remembrance**

SATURDAY 18th

ST. CLARE'S 6.30pm Joe Geoghegan, St. Clare's Rd - **First Anniversary**. Joe's wife Betty,
his parents Joe Snr and Roseanna, also his siblings Baby William,
Seán, Eamon and Aine.
Kathleen Lawler, Duggan Ave
Shay Lawler, The Downs, Pollerton
Michael Keyes, Staplestown
Tommy Clarke, St. Clare's Rd
Kieran Lawler, Duggan Ave - **Birthday Remembrance**
Pat O'Meara, Barrowhouse - **Birthday Remembrance**

SUNDAY 19th

ST. CLARE'S 9am John Joseph Byrne, Lower Rossmore
Seán Hurley, Chapel St



HOLY CROSS 10.15am Jimmy Kehoe, Killeshin

ST. CLARE'S 11.30am Charles O'Boyle, Killeshin rd
Fr. Brendan Carbury, Carlow
Frank and Una Norris, The Arches, Crossneen
Michael Webster, The Lock
Miley Doran, Fruithill



REST IN PEACE

MICHAEL KENNY, ST. FIACC'S TCE

RAINBOWS IRELAND - SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH BEREAVEMENT & PARENTAL SEPARATION

- Rainbows offers 9-week group support listening for young people aged 7 - 16.
- Bereavement and Separation sessions are separate and age appropriate
- Rainbows is not counselling or professional therapy

Carlow Rainbows invite enquiries for Spring 2025 starting on 10th Feb

For further local information contact Anne on 087 6636499
or email carlowrainbows@gmail.com



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 4th / 5th January

Red Bag €547 Donations €325
Blue Bag €770 D. Debit Donation €155
Tap Donations €99 *Thank You*

GRAIGUECULLEN WATER AEROBICS

Graiguercullen 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

CARLOW FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Drugs and Alcohol abuse affects families regardless
of status in life. You did not cause it; you cannot
control it, and you cannot cure it. Help is available for
those who live with this dreadful disease.
Call 085 7872730.

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things
I cannot change, the courage to change
the things I can, and the wisdom to know
the difference.*

INVITATION TO MEDITATION

Carlow Meditation Group meets on Monday
evenings from 7 - 7.45pm in the Cathedral Parish
Centre, College St - *excluding bank holidays*.
All are welcome - no experience needed.
No need to book just turn up on any Monday.
For more info contact Noel Keating, 087 2251183

CARLOW ACTIVE RETIRED

There will be a meeting for all members
on Wednesday 15th Jan at 2.30pm in
the Cathedral Parish Centre.



UNWANTED GIFTS FOR HAMPERS

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, please
drop them to the parish centre for the attention of
Isobel. All items will be used in hampers for
fundraisers during the year ahead.

ADULT SWIMMING LESSONS

9-Week Course €100
Graiguercullen Swimming Pool
Work on your strokes, breathing & fitness
Starting Monday 14th January - 11th March 2025.
Fill in a booking form at the Graiguercullen pool
office. Limited spaces. 059 91 40330



BAD WEATHER BUDDIES

Simple things that make a big difference.
**As the cold weather sets in, think about how
you might help those less able.**



- When you are doing your weekly shop,
- why not ask your neighbour if they need anything.
- Offer to pick up prescriptions for neighbours.
- Offer someone a lift up town or to Mass.
- Simply say, 'How can I help?'