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Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Second Sunday of Christmas



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

### THANK YOU FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Here in Graiguecullen/Killeshin Parish we are constantly overwhelmed by the kindness of everyone who volunteers in our varying ministries and outreach groups. Thank you most sincerely to every single person who contributes in any way to our vibrant parish.

We are so blessed to have the Poor Clare Community with us, praying for all our intentions. They fill our church with music and pray for us and with us every day.

Thank you for all the financial support we have received from the people of this parish. Many people signed up to pay their contribution directly into the bank and people also signed up for the Revenue Charity Refund Scheme which is a great bonus to the parish funds.

*May God give us all health and happiness during 2025 and may he bestow on our parish His special blessings. We wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.*

Fr. John & Cathriona



### 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.



### COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound this coming week.

### GK Parish MONSTER BINGO



Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm  
Jackpot on 42 numbers €960  
Double number €3,470 Lotto €1,500

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GRAIGUECULLEN

A sincere thanks to all who contributed to our Christmas Appeal and the collection at the parish Carol service. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thanks for your ongoing support throughout the year. Thank you also on behalf of those whom, with your support, we have been able to help in these difficult times.

### MARRIAGE AND THE JUBILEE OF HOPE

Bishop Denis and Accord will mark the Jubilee of Hope, celebrating with engaged and married couples on the Feast of the Epiphany, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan in the Cathedral at 7pm. All are invited; those preparing for marriage, all married couples – particularly those celebrating Jubilees, and those remembering the love of their departed spouses, who are with God in heaven. Come along, pray, celebrate and give thanks. After Mass all are invited to refreshments in the Cathedral Parish Centre.

### Feast of the Epiphany

#### MASS SCHEDULE FOR MON 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

11.30am in St. Clare's

7pm in Holy Cross



The Feast of the Epiphany commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

### 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 next **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Wednesday before publication.*

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup>**

**ST. CLARE'S 6.30pm** Mai Moran, Whitney Place - **Month's Mind**  
Martha Deverill, St. Clare's Road - **First Anniversary**  
Chrissie Foley, Pacelli Avenue  
Agnes and Pat Kennedy, Ardenteggle and all deceased family members also their son PJ Kennedy - **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Ann Pinkney, Raheendoran - **Birthday Remembrance**

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

**ST. CLARE'S 9am** Phyllis Grant, St Clare's Road - **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**HOLY CROSS 10.15am** Angela Nolan, Father Byrne Park - **First Anniversary**  
Oliver Scully, St. Killian's Crescent

**ST. CLARE'S 11.30am** Lily Tyrrell, Dublin - **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Peter Moloney, Strawhall  
Paddy Carpenter, Barrack St.  
Matthew and Bridget Callinan, St. Fiacc's Terrace, also their daughters Mary and Noleen  
Anne Brennan, Avondale, Crossneen  
Michael and Mary Heary, Granby Row  
Michael Brennan and family, Lower Rossmore  
Michael Nolan, The Numbers and deceased family members  
Noel McAssey, St. Clare's Rd - **Birthday Remembrance**, his parents Mary and Tommy McAssey, The Numbers, his brothers Sean, Willie & George



**MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

<b>ST. CLARE'S 11.30AM</b> Jack Doyle, Pearse Rd <b>Birthday Remembrance</b>	<b>HOLY CROSS 7PM</b> Jack and Dora Scully, Tolerton Michael and Dora Whelan, Coolane, also their sons and daughters
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**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> 10am** Margaret Carolyn, Levitstown, Maganey

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 10am** Paddy Donohoe, Rathvarrin, Tullow  
Daniel and Catherine O'Brien, Knockballystine, Tullow  
Mary Jones, Ballyduff, Tullow

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 10am** Dick and Cathy Ryan, 98 Street

**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup>**

**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



**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

**ST. CLARE'S 9am** James (Jim) McWey and Fr John (Jack) McWey, Sleaty

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

**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 members of the Curran and Buckley families, Clonmore, Killeshin  
William Hurley, Fr. Byrne Park, formerly Rossmore View

**REST IN PEACE**

**Tom Mahon, Bolton Hill Moone** (*Husband of Ann Nolan, Henry Street*)  
**Danny O'Mara, Harlow, England** formerly **JKL Ave**  
**Caroline Quinlan, Bagenalstown**  
**Martina Brennan, Hacketstown**  
**Alice O'Gorman, Wicklow**



**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Red Bag €681 Donations €110  
Blue Bag €2,157 D. Debit Donation €225

*Thank You*

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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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**HOME VISIT**



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

**INVITATION TO MEDITATION**

Carlow Meditation Group meets on Monday evenings from 7pm to 7:45pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street - *excluding bank holidays*. All are welcome - no experience needed. No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening. (Noel Keating, 087 2251183)

**CARLOW ACTIVE RETIRED**

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



**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