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**GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHTIN
PARISH**

**Sunday 16th February 2025
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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)

BLESSED ARE THEY...



The Beatitudes are not just about the rich or the poor, happy or sad, hungry, or satisfied, etc. It is beyond our status in life but more of our status before God. Jesus was careful to note that whatever we are experiencing, if it is because of our faith and love of the Lord, we are blessed.

Today, the rich, the famous, and the powerful are often referred to as the "blessed" ones and this implies that the rest of us are not blessed. But with the Beatitudes we are reminded that anything against God's commands is never a blessing. So really the riches, the fame and the power are only a blessing if they were attained in faithfulness to God. In the same way, the poor, hungry, the oppressed, and the like, are not automatic curses. They may be blessings if they were attained in faithfulness to God. Relationship with God, not our worldly status, determines blessedness. Jesus reminds us that our lives will be filled with the reality of difficulty. Suffering will come to meet us and has most likely been a familiar companion on the journey. But even in that, we do not have to be afraid. We do not have to hide our weaknesses or our problems. They, too, are the ways we will bless the world. As we are, as God made us, as God calls us.

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.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO

On Tuesday 18th February
St. Fiacc's Hall @8.30pm
Jackpot on 47 numbers €1610
Double number €460
Lotto €650



NEWLY BAPTISED

This week we welcome 3 new members into our parish community
Sheenagh Aurelia Mahon,
Sadhbh Oonagh Craig,
Joe Henry Foley.



OLD PHOTOS FROM KILLESHTIN

Pat Whelan has been given some old photos featuring people from the Killeshtin area dating back to the early 1950s. He is inviting people to view them after Mass in Killeshtin on Sunday Feb. 23rd and see if they can identify any of those in the photos.



GK PARISH YOUTH CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument?

Get in touch with Cathriona who leads the choir (085 1450321) or just come along to practice any Thursday @6-7.15pm in the parish centre. This choir is open to any young person from sixth class up to young adults. We have a flexible, open door policy with no pressure on young people whenever they can't make practice. Each member is added to the WhatsApp group to catch up with new hymns when they're away at college or busy with homework or other activities. We gather to sing at weekend masses on a rota system and we love seeing old and new faces so if you think this is for you, give it a shot - you won't regret it!

A NOTE FROM THE TEAM AT RADIO MARIA

Thank God and sincere thanks also to our many listeners and supporters as *Radio Maria, Ireland* continues to grow. As an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station we enjoy commercial free broadcasting - Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – do join our growing faith family! Here's how you can listen:

1. Via Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210
2. Download our FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"
3. Streaming on our WEBSITE - www.radiomaria.ie
4. Via our 'Listen Live Radio' link on our Facebook Page.
5. Via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling 01 4373277 (no extra charges apply).



Why not drop a line to our Spiritual Director, Deacon Don Devaney by text on 089 4672000, by phone on 01 4123456.

ENROLMENT IN KILLESHTIN N.S

Now accepting applications for enrolment for September 2025. Please see www.killeshtinns.ie for our Admissions Notice, Admissions Policy & to download our Enrolment Form or call into Margaret in the office. 059 9147852 or email principal@killeshtinns.ie

CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES 2025

The young people from sixth class in our parish schools are busy preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our parish Confirmation ceremonies will take place on Sat 1st March for St. Fiacc's N.S at 11am in St. Clare's church and on Sat 8th March for Killeshtin N.S at two ceremonies 10.30am and 12.30pm in Holy Cross church. We wish them every blessing as they embark on this next step on their faith journey. Thank you to their teachers and all who have helped them in their preparation to become full members of our Christian Community.



ANNIVERSARIES

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SATURDAY 15th

ST. CLARE'S Tom and Mary Mulhall, St Fiacc's Terrace
6.30pm Paddy Looney, Church Street
Lily McDonald, Maher Road
Michael Hayden, New Oak Estate
Michael and Annie Brennan, Coolnariska
John and Annie Dempsey, Ardenteggle sons Noel -London, John-Thurles, Michael -Tullow, and Liam- Lanzarote and Carlow

SUNDAY 16th

ST. CLARE'S
9am Bridie and Paddy O'Rourke, St. Clare's Road, son Seamus and also their daughter May Carpenter
Mary Hendrick, Chapel Street

HOLY CROSS Tony Fitzpatrick, Clonmore
10.15am Tom Nelson, Killeshin
Doreen Dunne, Ballyharmon and her son Brian
Michael and Annie Brennan, Coolnariska



ST. CLARE'S
11.30am Halina Krol, Governey Square and Poland - **MONTH'S MIND**
Gerry and May Nash, Maher Road
Rita Doogue, St. Clare's Road
Betty Walsh, Sleaty
Brigid Curran, Castle Hill, her husband William and son Andrew
Theresa Timmons, Bestfield, and her sister Ann Kelly, Ballickmoyler
Doreen Dunne, Ballyharmon and her son Brian.
Mary Lanigan Kane, Lanigan's Lock and Calgary, her aunt Evelyn O'Riordan, Howth and deceased family members.
Peggy Byrne, Duggan Ave - **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

Tue 20th **10 am** Ethel Warren

Wed 19th **10 am** Michael Woods, Duggan Avenue
Catherine McGrath, Oakley Park

Thurs 20th **10am** John Byrne, Lower Rossmore his parents
Martin and Bridget Byrne

SATURDAY 22nd

ST. CLARE'S Lisa Marie Fennelly, Burrin Road
6.30pm Peig O'Gorman, Athy
Tony Farrell, Oakley Park
Leo Meaney, Governey Park
Seamus Brannigan, St Fiacc's Terrace
John Dooley, Duggan Avenue



SUNDAY 23rd

ST. CLARE'S
11.30am Edward (Ned) Comerford, Sleaty Road – **FIRST ANNIVERSARY**
Mary Lacey, Heatherhill Avenue



REST IN PEACE

SEÁN BRENNAN, KILLESKIN
EDDIE WHITNEY, CHAPEL STREET



TRACTOR RUN

Ballinabranna N.S. is running a *Charity Tractor Run Fundraiser* with proceeds going towards Ballinabranna NS & Éist Cancer Support Centre.

When? Sunday 23rd Feb, with registration commencing at 12.30pm and leaving at 2pm
Where? The Leinster Mart, Killeshin Fee €25.

Route: Leaving the Leinster Mart, Killeshin rd, travelling straight up through Carlow town to Thompsons corner, turning right out the Kilkenny Road, turning right at Arboretum and back to Ballinabranna Gaa grounds, where refreshments will be served.

All vintage vehicles, cars, tractors, lorries etc are very welcome to come along and help us raise much needed funds for a fantastic cause.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 8th / 9th February

Blue Bag €1435 Donations €520
Red Bag €893 Tap Machine €102
D. Debit Donation €120

Thank You



DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Bus travelling from Carlow to the Divine Mercy Conference in the RDS Dublin on Saturday 22nd Feb. Booking essential. For enquiries contact Noeleen 086 2415986.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Volunteers are needed in advance for Carlow Darkness Into Light Walk which will take place in May 2025. Please contact: Nerissa on 086 7380842 if you can help out.



KILLESKIN DANCING GROUP

Outing to the Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, Thurs 29th May – Mon 2nd June. B&B, lunch, evening meal, daily tours. Cost: €650.
Deposit €200 to Eddie Whelan (086 8173843) before Friday 21st March.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME VACANCIES

Killeshin GAA CES-2371448
Crettyard Soccer CES-2361194
Killeshin Soccer CES-2361197
Oisin Park CES-2371447



Anyone interested in a position the application is available on Jobsireland.ie or you can contact MDCE Project directly on 056 44 42711 or email us at mdceproject@gmail.com

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

PIONEER DINNER DANCE 2025

Carlow Regional Pioneer Dinner Dance will be held at 1:30pm on Sunday 23rd Feb, 2025 in Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow. Music by Teresa and The Stars.
Tickets €30. Tickets from Anne McDarby on 087 7638695 (after 6pm).



65 ROSES DAY CYSTIC FIBROSIS IRELAND

Cystic Fibrosis Ireland are looking for volunteers to help them with their collections in Dunnes Stores, Green Road and Kyle Centre Portlaoise on Friday, 11th April.

If you are available from 10am to 2pm or 2pm to 7pm on this date and would like to help with our collections by sitting at table with another volunteer, please email 65roses@cfireland.ie or call 01 4962433 and as we would love to hear from you.

