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**GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHTIN
PARISH**

**Sunday 23rd February 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



SCAN TO DONATE

PARISH TEAM: Fr. John Dunphy & Cathriona Kelly

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM: Sarah Alsbyury, 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 Alsbyury, Cathriona Kelly

DIOCESAN DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON: Ailish Higgins 085 8021633 **PRIEST ON CALL FOR CARLOW AREA:** (Emergency Only 087 2588118)

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you? Surely that's a recipe for becoming a doormat, yet this is what Jesus is asking us to do in today's gospel.



We want to fight back at the aggressors. We want to hit back at those who hurt us. We want to see consequences for those who kill or maim or take away from us. Jesus' advice doesn't make any sense. How can we love those we don't even like! How can we forgive when punishment feels more human? But in the words of Martin Luther King Jr "When you live by the rule 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, you end up with a nation of blind and toothless people'". These are tremendous words, because they tell us that when we respond to those who hate us with love instead of recrimination, we defeat evil.

So how do we make it work? Firstly we have to know that love isn't a warm fuzzy emotion that leaps out of a Valentine's card. Love is a decision. Love is not a feeling it's a choice. We have to make a decision to do good and then do it. We know we are loved by the way we are treated, and in the same way we have to show others that we love them by the way we treat them. Next come the rules. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Give and it will be given to you. In short we have to treat everyone the way we would like to be treated ourselves whether we like them or not.

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 25th February
St. Fiacc's Hall @8.30pm

**Jackpot on 48 numbers €1,740
Double number €530
Lotto €700**



NEWLY BAPTISED

This week we welcome three new members into our parish community

**Nellie Kate Clare Kelly
William Timothy O'Shea
Sadie Catherine Malone**



TAP OR SCAN TO DONATE

We wish to remind parishioners that there is a tap machine at the front door of St. Clare's Church and a QR code in the porch of Holy Cross Church as well as both porches in St. Clare's. Both can be used for making donations to our parish or for lighting candles. Please know that we do not wish to pressure anyone but instead this option is simply to facilitate those who are now part of our cashless society. People continue to be very generous and supportive to our weekly collections in various ways and for this we are very grateful.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Our programme continues next Sun 2nd March at 10.15am in Holy Cross and at 11.30am in St. Clare's. We welcome the children preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion and their families to these Masses.

LOURDES ANNUAL DRAW

Draw cards are available to collect in the parish centre.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish Finance committee will take place on Wed 26th @8pm.

ENROLMENT IN KILLESHTIN N.S

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

A meeting to organise this year's Parish Parade will take place on **Wednesday 26th February at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. We invite representatives of all groups interested in taking part to attend. The parade begins in the town park and finishes with Mass in St. Clare's Church. The parade is a truly life-giving celebration of our heritage, culture, language, sport, and faith and we would urge all community groups to take part.



CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES

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 next Sat 1st March for St. Fiacc's N.S at 11am in St. Clare's church and on Sat 8th March for Killeshin 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

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

ST. CLARE'S **SATURDAY 22nd**
6.30pm Lisa Marie Fennelly, Burrin Road
Peig O'Gorman, Athy
Tony Farrell, Oakley Park
Leo Meaney, Governey Park
Seamus Brannigan, St Fiacc's Terrace
John Dooley, Duggan Avenue
Noel Nolan, Heatherhill Avenue
Anne Timmons (née Farrell), Crossneen
James Rowan, Killeshin Road and deceased family members



ST. CLARE'S **SUNDAY 23rd**
9am Adrian Dillion, Killeshin, and his mother Eileen
HOLY CROSS
10.15am Baby Ruth Barry, Rathvarna, Killeshin - **MONTH'S MIND**
Donal Purcell, Raphoe, Co. Donegal
Adrian Dillon, Killeshin, and his mother Eileen

ST. CLARE'S
11.30am Edward (Ned) Comerford, Sleaty Road - **FIRST ANNIVERSARY**
Mary Lacey, Heatherhill Avenue
Lisa Marie Fennelly, Cois Abhainn
Jean and Mike Bolger, Church Street
Edward (Ned) Kelly, St. Clare's Road



Tues 25th **10am** Edward (Ned) Comerford, Sleaty Road
Jimmy O'Neill, Mountrath
Mary Byrne, Ballyharmon
Tom Byrne, Anneville
Sympathisers of Mick Kenny, St. Fiacc's Terrace

ST. CLARE'S **SATURDAY 1st March**
6.30pm Anna Abbey, Garryhundon
Patrick and Elizabeth Slater, Granby Row & deceased family members
John McDermot, Clonmore, Killeshin
Alan Doyle, Graigue
Chrissy O'Rourke, Lower Rossmore
Tom Whitney, Killeshin Road, his father Tommy Whitney, Chapel Street
June Connellan, Brownshill Road and Clonakilty, West Cork
Pat Hennessy, Church Street, **ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**
Maura Duggan, **ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

ST. CLARE'S **SUNDAY 2nd**
9am Michael and Mai Lyons, Loretoville, Oakpark Road

HOLY CROSS
10.15am Margaret McGee, Killeshin Road

ST. CLARE'S
11.30am Margaret Brennan, Oakley Park
June Connellan, Brownshill Road and Clonakilty, West Cork



REST IN PEACE

MAURA SHEPPARD, Ouragh Tullow and Fruithill

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 15th / 16th Feb

Blue Bag €1843 Donations €100
Red Bag €865 Tap Machine €72
D. Debit Donation €165

Thank You

GRAIGUECULLEN WATER AEROBICS

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



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.



KILLESHIN 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

Crettyard Soccer CES-2361194
Killeshin Soccer CES-2361197
Oisín 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

PARISH ENVELOPES - We are very grateful for your contributions. **If you wish** to have your donation recorded please put your name and address on **one** of the envelopes. Since we are a registered charity, we can claim back tax on your donation and this will not affect your taxes whatsoever.

Thank You

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 as we would love to hear from you.



CARLOW FLOWER CLUB

Carlow Flower Club will be holding a Teaching Demonstration by Margaret Collins (AOIFA Demonstrator and Teacher) on Tuesday February 25th in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel at 8.00pm. Margaret will be doing three arrangements which she will do step by step for the audience. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, and Margaret is a gifted teacher. Non-members welcome to attend, Fee for non-members €10. Competition on the night for all classes "An Asymmetrical Triangle to include a figurine"

RAMBLING NIGHT

Friday 28th Feb at 8pm - 11pm. All are welcome to come along for some music, songs and stories. A chance to meet and chat over some tea and light lovely refreshments. Oisín House, Upper Rossmore R93 W825



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