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**GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHTIN  
PARISH**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



SCAN TO DONATE

**PARISH TEAM:** Fr. John Dunphy, Cathriona Kelly, Mary Dooley

**YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM:** Sarah Alsbyury, Isobel Brooker, Hannah Keogh, Gary Dowling, Aoife Whelan, Giulia Hutton, Amelia Chodorska

**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)

**BELIEVING JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD**

Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. As Jesus was praying the appearance of his face is changed, and his clothes become a dazzling white. Suddenly they see two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They have appeared in glory and are speaking of his departure.

What the Bible is saying here is that Jesus was no ordinary human being. Jesus was no ordinary carpenter from Galilee. Jesus was not just a miracle worker, not just a teacher, not just a healer. In the 'Transfiguration' Jesus reveals his true identity. Jesus is the Son of God, the only Son of God'. It's no wonder that Peter wants to erect three tents to hold onto this truth. How privileged the early disciples were to have been given this vision. We have not been given first hand experience of the Transfiguration, but what we do have is the evidence of how the disciples' lives were changed by the Knowledge of Jesus' identity. The disciples had the memory of the Transfiguration to motivate them through the difficult times ahead. We have the memory of Peter's commitment and influence to motivate us similarly.

There are those who think it is good enough simply to believe Jesus was a good man. For those of us who believe Jesus is the Son of God, we will never attend the funeral of a loved one with thoughts of never seeing them again. Believing in God, means believing that one day we will share in Jesus' glory.



**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 18<sup>th</sup> March  
St. Fiacc's Hall @8.30pm

**Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,130  
Double number €740 Lotto €550**



**NEWLY BAPTISED**

This week we welcome two members into our parish community:

**Jack Thomas Kelly  
Seán Seosamh Dempsey**



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARISH PARADES**

Killeshin holds its 39<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade this year. All clubs and organisations and the general public are asked to assemble down at the new school at 9.15am with their flags and banners to process to **Mass for 10am in Holy Cross.**



**The Graiguecullen parade** begins in Carlow Town Park. All participants must assemble inside the grounds of the town park at 10.30am sharp. The parade will leave the town park at 11am and proceed through the streets of Graiguecullen via Colclough Ave, St. Clare's Rd, Pearse Rd, Maher Rd, '98 Street and Maryborough Street, finishing at St. Clare's Church on the Leighlin Road side arriving for **11.30am Mass in St Clare's.** Everyone is invited to attend this special Mass to celebrate the faith, language, music, sport and culture of our parish community. Please contact Jackie on 086 3988548 if you have any questions or to let her know if your group will be joining the parade.

**TRAINING FOR NEW MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Cathriona via WhatsApp 085 1450321. It involves three one-hour sessions that each person must complete before being commissioned.

**LENTEN SERVICES** - There will be no Communion Service or Holy Hour this coming Monday (St. Patrick's Day). Both will resume on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March.



**GRAIGUECULLEN COMMUNITY GAMES**

If your child is interest in competing for Graiguecullen community games in Draughts, solo or group singing/dancing, cycling on grass, 5k, art and more, please register your interest on <https://itsplainsailing.com/org/gcg> and visit our Facebook page "Graiguecullen community games" for more information.

**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.



**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

The final meeting of our First Communion programme for both children and parents takes place on **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> @7pm** in St. Clare's Church.

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



### ANNIVERSARIES

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

#### ST. CLARE'S

#### SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup>

6.30pm

Simon Lacey, Manchester and Brownhill  
Eileen Looney, Church Street  
Annie Comerford, Duggan Ave  
Breda Kenny, Sherwood Park  
Charlie Haughney, St. Fiacc's Terrace  
Breda Grant, St. Fiacc's Terrace  
John Pender, Lichfield, England formerly Springhill  
Laurence Dowling, Whitney Place, his wife Rita and deceased family members  
Paddy Nolan, St. Fiacc's Terrace - **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**



#### ST. CLARE'S

#### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup>

9am

Natas Budrys, Lithuania

#### HOLY CROSS

#### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup>

10.15am

Josephine Twomey, Killeshin Road  
Denis (Dinny) Hennessy, Springhill Road  
Johnny Kelly, Rossmore  
Philomena Beckett  
Róisín Moran - **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**



#### ST. CLARE'S

#### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup>

11.30am

Eddie Whitney, Chapel Street - **MONTHS MIND**  
Liam and Bridie Flemming, Maryborough Street  
John and Mary Haughney, Green Road  
Lil Nolan, Croppy Place  
Tommy White, The Numbers  
Ger and Mary Nolan, Henry Street, son Stephen and deceased family members

#### MON 17<sup>th</sup>

11.30am

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Tommy Tyrrell, Dublin - **60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
Liam Shaw, Bridge Street  
Shelia and Christy Bolton, Clogrennane  
Margaret Lacey, St. Fiacc's Terrace  
Joe Fitzpatrick, Sleaty Street - **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

#### TUES 18<sup>th</sup>

10am Fred Byrne, St. Fiacc's Terrace

#### WED 19<sup>th</sup>

10am Eamon Hand, Father Byrne Park

#### THURS 20<sup>th</sup>

10am Joe and Josie Kelly, St. Fiacc's Terrace  
Ken and Sarah Usher, New York  
Margaret (Peg) and Michael Duffett, Oakley Grove  
Michael Carolyn, Maganey  
Thomas (Tom) Bohanna, Pacelli Avenue, also his sister Gretta, Mac Gamhna Road - **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
and nephew Dessie Whitty, Talbot Terrace - **FIRST ANNIVERSARY**  
Roisin Moran, Keelogue, Killeshin - **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

#### ST. CLARE'S

#### SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>

6.30pm

Martin Curran, Clonmore, Killeshin  
Ann Doyle, Father Byrne Park  
Carmel Pierce, Mount Leinster Park  
Michael Mullins, Coolnariska  
James Mullins, Toronto  
Anastasia Dalton, Dungarven  
Margaret and Denis Helehan,  
Thomas Flynn, St. Fiacc's Terrace and deceased family members  
Jim (Seamus) Byrne, Wilton Cork formerly St. Fiacc's Terrace - **MONTHS MIND**



#### ST. CLARE'S

#### SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>

9am

May Carpenter, her parents Paddy and Bridie O'Rourke and brother Seamus

#### HOLY CROSS

10.15am

Michael Mullins, Coolnariska  
James Mullins, Toronto  
Anastasia Dalton, Dungarvan



#### ST. CLARE'S

11.30am

Jim and Denis Moran, Whitney Place  
Nancy Dooley, Pearse Road

#### REST IN PEACE

*Pat (Patrick) Farrell, Burrin Road*  
*Matt Kelly, Radharc Oisín*  
*Rory Comer, Galway*  
*Patricia Delaney (née Mallon), Walsh Island*  
*Mary Murphy (née Dowling) formerly Whitney Place*



### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> March

Blue Bag €1621 Donations €1200  
Red Bag €968 Tap Machine €54  
D. Debit Donation €120

Thank You

#### OISÍN PLAYERS present Michael J. Ginnelly's hilarious 3

Act play **Betwixt & Between** on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>, Fri 28<sup>th</sup>, Sat 29<sup>th</sup>, Sun 30<sup>th</sup> March @8pm in *The Glenside Lounge, Killeshin. Doors open @7pm.*  
Contact 087 9905205 for more information.

### COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10am-12noon at the Methodist Church car park, Athy Road, Carlow. Collection of much-needed items for pregnant mothers and families with new babies around the country. Every donation will go directly to a family in need.



#### Acceptable Items (new only)

Nappies – size 1 to 6, Baby wipes, nappy Sacks, Baby Wash/Shampoo,  
Vaseline, Baby Sponges, Baby Cotton Wool.  
Packs of babygros and vests (newborn to 6 months) Baby hooded towels, Baby blankets, packs of baby bibs, Baby bottles.



#### Unopened Gift Items for Mothers:

Hand cream, lip balm, body lotion, body wash, fluffy socks/slippers, etc. **Financial donations also accepted.**

### CARLOW FLOWER CLUB

Carlow Flower Club are hosting a garden talk by Mary Keenan on "Preparing your Garden now for Summer Colour" on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Mary is the editor of "The Irish Garden Magazine" and the owner of Gash Gardens in Co. Laois. This is sure to be a most informative night for all those who garden.

### CARLOW LIONS CLUB - Charity Auction in aid of Éist

Cancer Support Centre. **Seven Oaks Hotel Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm** Great selection of Lots on offer. Your support is very much appreciated.

### COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME VACANCIES

Crettyard Soccer CES-2379947  
Killeshin Soccer CES-2361197  
Oisín Park CES-2371447



St. Abban's Athletics Club CES-2382929

Anyone interested in a position the application is available on Jobsireland.ie or you can contact MDCE Project directly on 056 4442711 or email us at [mdceproject@gmail.com](mailto: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

### KILLESHTIN DANCING GROUP

Outing to the Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> May – Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June. B&B, lunch, evening meal, daily tours. €650 - Deposit €200 to Eddie 086 8173843 before 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### GRAIGUECULLEN COMMUNITY CHILDCARE

(on the grounds of St. Fiacc's Primary School) have a limited number of spaces available for Preschool in August 2025 for children aged 2, 3, and 4 years of age. Free 2 year ECCE Scheme and National Childcare Scheme places available. For more info, 059 91 37105 / 085 1155646.

