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**GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHTIN  
PARISH**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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

**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)

**Lay down your burdens this Lent**



*All of us carry burdens that cause us to walk through life with some experience of pain. We all have different times in our lives when these burdens can weigh heavy on our minds, our hearts and our souls. Sometimes the weight of these burdens is too much for us to bear alone. God doesn't want us to carry our burdens alone. He asks us to lay our burdens down at the foot of the cross. He wants us to*

*surrender our heavy load to him.*

*This Lent, we invite you to lay down your burden on the shoulder of the Lord. Visit St. Clare's or Holy Cross church, take a stone from the sacred space and reflect on the burdens of your life. Let them go by placing the stone on the pathway to the cross. Allow Jesus to shoulder your burdens this Lent. We also invite you to write your*

*burden, that the stone represents, on a piece of paper and place it in the petition boxes. Through the prayers of our parishioners and the intercession of Our Lady of*

**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  
MONSTER BINGO**



On Tuesday 4th March  
St. Fiacc's Hall @8.30pm

**Jackpot on 49 numbers €1,870  
Double number €600    Lotto €700**

**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE**

led by Fr. John Keane in Ss. Mary and Laurence Church, Crookstown, R14 WD80 on Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.  
All are welcome.



**ASH WEDNESDAY** - Discipleship is about fasting, giving to the poor and prayer.

Lent (meaning Spring) is the time we are given to examine how well we have embraced that discipleship. The ashes on our forehead remind us that time is short, and we learn again to face this reality with truthfulness and courage. Please join us on Ash Wednesday for one of the following services for the blessing and distribution of ashes.

**Prayer Service 8am in St. Clare's / 10am Mass in St. Clare's / 7pm Mass in Holy Cross**



**CHALLENGE YOURSELF THIS LENT**

- ♦ **Attend our Parish Holy Hour** which take place at 7pm over four Mondays 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> in St. Clare's Church.
- ♦ **Trócaire Boxes** are available at church doors. Families are asked to take one to make their contribution to those in need.
- ♦ **Support St. Clare's Hospitality** - food can be placed in the barrels at church doors or in the parish centre.
- ♦ **Visit the Lenten space** in Holy Cross or St. Clare's.
- ♦ **Pioneer Lenten Challenge** - Pope Francis invites us to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org) for those who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.
- ♦ **Follow the Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Facebook and X accounts** (@KANDLEI) for daily posts on how we can be **Pilgrims of Hope** this Lent.



**PARISH ENVELOPES**

*Thank You*

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.

**NEWLY CONFIRMED**

Congratulations to the 56 young people who were confirmed this weekend in St. Clare's church by Fr. John and Fr. P.J. We wish them every blessing as they embark on this next step on their faith journey. Thank you to their teachers and all who helped them in their preparation to become full members of our Christian Community.



**RENOVATIONS IN HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

The recent storms and adverse weather conditions caused substantial leaks in Holy Cross church, Killeshin. *MB Homes* are currently working to prevent further damage.



**LOURDES ANNUAL DRAW**

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

**ST. CLARE'S** **SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
6.30pm Patrick and Elizabeth Slater, Granby Row & deceased family members  
Anna Abbey, Garryhundon  
John McDermot, Clonmore, Killeshin  
Alan Doyle, Graigue  
John McAssey, St Fiacc's Terrace  
Chrissy O'Rourke, Lower Rossmore  
Tom Whitney, Killeshin Road, his father Tommy Whitney, Chapel Street  
June Connellan, Brownhill Road and Clonakilty, West Cork  
Paddy Brennan, Mullins Lane, daughter Nina Harney,  
and her husband Pat Kingsland  
Pat Hennessy, Church Street - ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
Maura Duggan - ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
Gwen Doyle, Graigue - BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
Elizabeth Clarke, Maher Road, and USA - BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
Maureen Curtin, New Jersey BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**ST. CLARE'S** **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
9am Michael and Mai Lyons, Loretoville, Oakpark Road  
David Doyle, Kyleshane, Palatine  
John Kinsella, Keelogue and the Phillipines  
Essie Webster, The Lock

**HOLY CROSS** **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
10.15am Margaret McGee, Killeshin Road  
Mick Scully, The Strand, and his mother-in-law Patricia McGrath

**ST. CLARE'S** **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
11.30am Margaret Brennan, Oakley Park  
Anne Brennan, Pearse Road  
June Connellan, Brownhill Road and Clonakilty, West Cork

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup>** 10 am Mick Darcy, St Clare's Road

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup>** 10 am John Joe Cullen, Hollywood Co Wicklow

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>** 10 am Baby Conleth Jowett  
Blake family intention

**St. Clare's** **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
6.30pm Thomas Ollie Nelson, New Oak Estate  
Seamus and Gaby Grant, Killeshin Road  
Kathleen Malone, Coolane, Killeshin  
Martin Cleare, The Numbers  
Tom Whelan, Ardenteggle  
Christy and Mary Kelly, Coolane  
Elizabeth Clarke, Maher Road and her husband Harry  
John and Annie O'Reilly, Lower Rossmore, and their son John



**St. Clare's** **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
9am Ita and Pdraig Culliton, Raheenduff, Timahoe their daughter Ita, her husband Simon and their Grandson Oisín Osborn

**HOLY CROSS** **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
10.15am Josie Dempsey, Killeshin (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**St. Clare's** **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
11.30am Noel Murphy, Green Road  
Aisling Nolan, Graiguealug, Nurney  
Baby Callum Nolan - ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
Elizabeth Callinan, 98 Street- BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Blue Bag € 1395      Donations €400  
Red Bag € 763      Tap Machine €33  
D. Debit Donation € 240

Thank You

## KILLESHIN 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. Cost: €650.  
Deposit €200 to Eddie Whelan (086 8173843)  
before Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF ABUSE

Pope Francis has established a special day of prayer to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery for victims and survivors of abuse. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones.

**Join Bishop Denis to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March in Carlow Cathedral at 6.30pm.** It will also be live streamed on the Cathedral Parish website [www.carlowcathedral.ie/](http://www.carlowcathedral.ie/) webcam for those who wish to join online.

## TRACTOR RUN FUNDRAISER

Presentation College are holding a Tractor Run on Sun 9<sup>th</sup> March. Registration is in the school from 11am with the Tractor Run leaving at 1pm sharp. Entry fee is €20. Proceeds are going to Éist Cancer Support Centre. Refreshments and raffle on the day. Kids Tractor run is at 12.15pm - entry is free but donations are appreciated. (Bring your own toy tractor).

## CARLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Carlow Active Retirement Members' Meeting will be held on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March @ 2.30pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre. New members welcome.

## ASKEA SENIOR CITIZENS

April holiday is to Galway on 6<sup>th</sup> of April. New members welcome. Easter party is in the afternoon on Sun 13<sup>th</sup> in The Seven Oaks. Contact Marian 059 91 43010.

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

## MOVIE SUGGESTION

**BONHOEFFER** is a gripping historical drama based on the life of German anti-Nazi resistance leader and true hero of the faith, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Directed by award-winning filmmaker Todd Komarnicki (*Elf*, *Sully*) and with Cinematography by John Mathieson (*Gladiator*), don't miss the chance to see this powerful movie at IMC Carlow from March 7<sup>th</sup>.



## REST IN PEACE

JIM BYRNE, St. Fiacc's Terrace / Wilton, Cork / Ballydavid, Kerry