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**GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHTIN
PARISH**

**Sunday 13th April 2025
PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND**



SCAN TO DONATE

PARISH TEAM: Fr. John Dunphy, Cathriona Kelly, Isobel Brooker, Catherine Ryan, Vera Bolger, Mary Dooley
YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM: Sarah Alsybury, 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 Alsybury, Cathriona Kelly
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GK PARISH SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



HOLY THURSDAY 17th April

10am Morning Prayer in St. Clare's Church
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper in St. Clare's
All children from the parish preparing for First Holy Communion are invited to attend. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30pm.
9.30pm Night Prayer in St. Clare's Church

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April

10am Morning Prayer in St. Clare's Church
12 noon Children's Stations and Veneration of the Cross in St. Clare's
All children preparing for First Holy Communion are invited to attend.
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion in St. Clare's
7.30pm Outdoor Stations of the Cross followed by veneration in Holy Cross, Killeshin
7.30pm Gathering at St. Clare's church to process to St. Mary's COI for 8pm Service

HOLY SATURDAY 19th April

9.30am-10am Confessions in St. Clare's Church
10am Morning Prayer in St. Clare's Church *includes blessing of Easter Food*
8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass in St. Clare's Church
All newly Confirmed young people from the parish are invited to attend.

EASTER SUNDAY 20th April

6am Easter Dawn Mass at Oisín House, Upper Rossmore
9am & 11.30am Masses in St. Clare's Church
10.15am Mass in Holy Cross, Killeshin
Mon 21st April 10am Mass in St. Clare's Church



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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for praying the Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Communion on Monday 14th in St. Clare's Church.

NEWLY BAPTISED

This week we welcome two new members into our parish community

*Ollie Patrick Delacey
Enda Robert McDonald*



GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO



Tuesday 15th April
in St. Fiacc's Hall 8.30pm

DAWN MASS

Easter Sunday 20th April, at 6am at Oisín Park/House, Upper Rossmore, Killeshin. People travelling to the event are asked to arrive no later than 5.45am and to share transport where possible to help with the parking. Wrap up warm and bring something to sit on!

TRÓCAIRE BOXES can be returned to the parish office or at any of our Easter Ceremonies.



CHRISM MASS - You are invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, 14 April at 7.30 pm. Please come early to ensure a seat. Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College, St. Patrick's. Music led by Fr. Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

GRAIGUECULLEN MONSTER EASTER

St. FIACC'S HALL R93 P030



**INTERVAL & WHITE SHEETS
€50 - €50 - €300 + JACKPOT**

SUNDAY 13th APRIL 3PM SHARP

FLYER SHEET €50 - €100 - €300

EASTER EGGS LEFT & RIGHT OF WINNERS

JACKPOT ON 50 NUMBERS €2,650

**ALL LINES €50 ALL DOUBLE LINES €60
ALL FULL HOUSES €150 AND €200**

**DOUBLE NUMBER €1,020
LOTTO €750**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT every Wed in St. Fiacc's House from 10.30am - 12.30pm. All are welcome to come and spend some time in silence, prayer and reflection. Why not have a cuppa & a chat in the Sleaty café afterwards.



PRIESTS EASTER COLLECTION the quarterly collection for the support of the priests will be taken up at all Masses over the Easter weekend. Special envelopes are in your envelope boxes or you can use the special envelopes available at church doors.

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 12th
6.30pm Mary Murphy, New Oak Estate and Whitney Place (**Month's Mind**)
 Billy Nolan, Coon and Graiguecullen (**First Anniversary**)
 Bill Abbey, Garryhundon
 Inez Feehan, Ballickmoyler
 Margaret Kieran, Fr. Byrne Park
 Kathleen Byrne, Ballickmoyler and St. Fiacc's Terrace
 John Kinsella, Ballyhide
 Bridie and Tom Slattery, St. Fiacc's Terrace, their sons Tommy and Jim
 Matt Gorman, Rochfort Manor (**Birthday Remembrance**)

ST. CLARE'S SUNDAY 13th
9am Betty Hurley, Chapel Street

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY 13th
10.15am Maureen and Paddy O'Rourke, 'Hillview' Killeshin
 Denis Dempsey, Killeshin
 Teresa and Dinny Doran, Keelogue
 Chris Delaney, St. Killian's Crescent
 James and Mary O'Regan and their son Martin, Keelogue



ST. CLARE'S SUNDAY 13th
11.30am Denis Whitney, Chapel Street (**First Anniversary**)
 Josephine Shaw, Maher Road, and her father Denis Shaw
 Joseph Comerford, Rossmore View
 Mary Moran (née Dermody), New Oak Estate

WED 16th 10am Paddy Maher, St Clare's Road (**Birthday Remembrance**)

HOLY THURSDAY 19th
7.30 PM Bob Rees, Bristol, England

*Those who die go to God
and God is very near.*

DAWN MASS EASTER SUNDAY 20th
6am Jimmy and Josie Brennan, Staunton Avenue

ST. CLARE'S EASTER SUNDAY 20th
9am Betty Hurley, Chapel Street
 Mary Jo Barcoe, Avondale Drive, and her daughter Mandy
 Liam Haughney, Sleaty Street and deceased family members

HOLY CROSS EASTER SUNDAY 20th
10.15am Christina Dempsey, Lower Rossmore
 Patsy Fitzpatrick, Cappalug, also his parents
 William and Mary Fitzpatrick, Clonmore

ST. CLARE'S EASTER SUNDAY 20th
11.30am Helen Nash, Church Street
 John and Nan Kearns, Knockbeg Road
 Mary Drennan, Mortarstown, formerly Killeshin
 William and Bridget Drennan, Killeshin
 Angela Amond, Riverside and husband Patrick
 Frank Scully, Green Road and his wife Margaret



REST IN PEACE

Claire Ryan (née Haughney) Grange Court and St. Killian's Crescent
 Maurice Dunne, Aigleolin House, Carlow

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 5th / 6th April

Blue Bag €1,885 D. Debit Donation €90
 Red Bag €1,198
 Tap Machine €45

Thank You

FIT TO FARM

Carlow County Council is delighted to announce a new 'fit to farm' programme beginning on 23rd April for 7 weeks. This fitness and wellbeing programme has been developed as a follow-on programme from the Carlow Wellbeing Initiative that was held in Carlow Mart last year. Fit to Farm has been created specifically for members of the farming community and will incorporate different health and fitness elements and nutritional information and advice every week. It is free to attend and will be held in St. Fiacc's hall, Carlow Town every Wednesday evening from 7-9pm. To sign up contact Michael on 059 9136202 or michaelmccarthy@carlowcoco.ie

ARE YOU CARING FOR A LOVED ONE AT HOME WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS?

A spouse, partner, child, close relative, or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.



GRAIGUECULLEN SWIMMING POOL ADULT SWIMMING LESSONS

5 Week Course - €60
****Work on your strokes, breathing & fitness****
 Starting Monday 28th April 2025 @11am
 (excluding bank holidays)
 Fill in a booking form at the pool office.
 Limited spaces. PH: 059 9140330

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will visit the Talbot Hotel from Mon 14th to Thurs 17th April 3.45-8pm. Check your eligibility & book in at giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 222 111.

CARLOW TOWN MACRA CLUB

Macra are re-establishing a club in Carlow Town, and are holding an information session on Thurs, April 10th at 8.30pm in the Seven Oaks Hotel. If you are aged between 17 and 35, and would like to meet new people, learn a new skill or start a new hobby then we would love for you to join us. On top of a selection of great discounts with our partners, Macra offers it's members access to courses and personal development, travel opportunities both in Ireland and abroad, and a jam-packed social calendar. For more info, please contact Patrick on 087 6722757, or Gráinne on 086 4402233.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER WITH ACCORD

Support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage by training as a facilitator with ACCORD. For more info, contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie or call 01 5053112.



THE HOPE FOUNDATION

Ann Nolan and her grandson Dara Coakley extend sincere thanks to all who supported the recent coffee morning. They raised €1,205 for *The Hope Foundation*. A special thanks to Fr. Dunphy, Isobel, the Primrose Café and all who helped on the day.

FOOD DONATIONS

We are so grateful for all food donations to St. Clare's Hospitality, however, recently, there have been quite a few donations that were out of date. This may lead to families and the Food Kitchen itself receiving food they cannot use. **We ask you to please take a moment to check the use by date on items before dropping food in.** This will save our volunteers valuable time.