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**GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHTIN
PARISH**

**Sunday 30th March 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



SCAN TO DONATE

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

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM: Sarah Alsbybury, 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 Alsbybury, Cathriona Kelly

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

THE PRODIGAL SON

JOHN NEWTON

*Afflictions, though they seem severe; His father saw him coming back,
In mercy oft are sent; He saw, and ran, and smiled;
They stopped the prodigal's career, And threw his arms around the neck
And forced him to repent. Of his rebellious child.*



*Although he no relents felt Father, I've sinned — but O forgive!
Till he had spent his store; I've heard enough, he said,
His stubborn heart began to melt Rejoice my house, my son's alive,
When famine pinched him sore. For whom I mourned as dead.*

*What have I gained by sin, he said, Now let the fatted calf be slain,
But hunger, shame, and fear; And spread the news around;
My father's house abounds with bread, My son was dead, but lives again,
While I am starving here. Was lost, but now is found.*

*I'll go, and tell him all I've done, 'Tis thus the Lord his love reveals,
And fall before his face To call poor sinners home;
Unworthy to be called his son, More than a father's love he feels,
I'll seek a servant's place. And welcomes all that come.*

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

Tuesday 1st April - St. Fiacc's Hall 8.30pm
Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,390
Double number €880 Lotto €650
SAVE THE DATE!
MONSTER EASTER BINGO
SUN 13TH APRIL 3PM

NEWLY BAPTISED

This week we welcome one new member into our parish community:
JANE ANDREA DOOGUE



HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY



Mothering Sunday is celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So, each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home... a day off to visit their mother and family, usually taking gifts of cake or flowers. Nowadays it's a day to show our mothers that we appreciate and love them.



LENTEN CONFESSION WEEKEND

At all Masses next weekend there will be a penitential Service. An opportunity to renew our hearts before our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

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 mandatory one-hour sessions before being commissioned.

LENTEN HOLY HOUR continues on Monday 31st at 7pm in St. Clare's Church. Join us for this hour of reflection, silence, music and prayer.



COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

will be brought to during this coming week.



MONTHLY MEN'S ROSARY

Saturday 5th April at 1.30 pm.
Potato Market Carlow.
All are welcome to attend.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Our programme continues next Sun 6th April 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.

PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

Our next pre-Baptism meeting will take place on **Wed 2nd April @7pm** in the Parish Centre. All parents presenting their child for Baptism over the next few months are encouraged to attend.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for praying the Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Communion each Monday during Lent at 10am 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 6.30pm	SATURDAY 29th Mary Clare Burroughs and her brothers and sisters Róisín Jowett Stasia Dalton (née Mullins) Rossmore Thomas Anderson, St. Fiacc's Terrace Phillip and Agnes Hunt, Ballyhaunis Co. Mayo and Manchester John and Margaret Walsh, 'Stanney' and deceased family members Carmel McDonald and Annie Maher, Co Dublin Mary Clare Fennell, (née Haughney), Carlow Prayer request for those who are ill in Graiguecullen and Killeshin Prayers for a special intention
ST. CLARE'S 9am	SUNDAY 30th Breda (Biddy) Haughney, Crossneen Arnold Mahon, Derrymoyle Margaret and James Fleming, Pacelli Ave
HOLY CROSS 10.15am	SUNDAY 30th Liam Doran, Keelogue - First Anniversary John Pheasant, Kent Stasia Dalton, (née Mullins) Rossmore Esther Ryan, Limerick Arnold Mahon, Derrymoyle
ST. CLARE'S 11.30am	SUNDAY 30th Mary Keating, St. Fiacc's Terrace Josie Collins, Bestfield Aidan Power, Pacelli Avenue Bernard Keating, Fr. Byrne Park Arnold Mahon, Derrymoyle Pat and Lily Gallen, New Oak Estate Eileen Maher (née Gaule) Oakley Park Esther Reddy James Morrissey, Pearse Road Maud Lacey, St. Mary's Park Luke Lacey, Heatherhill, formerly Maher Road and deceased members of Lacey family Martin and Annie Fitzpatrick, Coolenaugh, and daughter-in-law June Fitzpatrick, Wexford
TUES 1st	Bernadette Mannion, Ballyhide, and her daughter Ann Pinkney - 1st Anniversary Caroline Malone, Crossneen - Birthday Remembrance
WED 2nd 10am	Pauline McCarthy John (Busty) Kearns, Chapel Street and his wife Kitty
THURS 3rd 10am	Liam Haughney, Sleaty Street – 25th Anniversary Patsy Bolger, The Numbers – 10th Anniversary
Fri 4th	10am Jack Cullen, Maher Road
ST. CLARE'S 6.30pm	SATURDAY 5th Patrick (Pat) Farrell, Avondale Drive – Month's Mind his wife Mary (Myra) Farrell (née Nelson), & their sons John and Brendan Tom Dormer, Sleaty Road – First Anniversary & deceased family members Bernadette Mannion, Ballyhide & her daughter Ann Pinkney - 1st Anniversary John Lewis Lennon, Leighlin Road Caroline Maria Cullen, Leighlin Road Joe Walker, St. Patrick's Avenue Joe Foley, Oakley Park Rose Kearns, Sleaty Road
ST. CLARE'S 9am	SUNDAY 6th Gerry Nolan, Crossneen Jim Lawlor, Radharc Oisín and St. Fiacc's Terrace
HOLY CROSS 10.15am	SUNDAY 6th Peter Nelson, Killeshin Jimmy Delaney, O'Hanrahan Avenue
ST. CLARE'S 11.30am	SUNDAY 6th Matt Kelly, Radharc Oisín – Month's Mind aso his wife Rita Kelly and her sister-in-law Janet Kelly, Hemel, Hempstead Willie Casey, Tommy Murphy Park - First Anniversary Frank Callinan, Bestfield - First Anniversary Nancy Hutchinson, Crossneen John Alcock, Pearse Road Paddy Smullen, Maher Road Claire McGrath, Maher Road Michael Taylor, Maher Road Ray Conlon, Killeshin Road John O'Reilly, Harristown Patricia O'Boyle, Killeshin Road Jimmy and Josie Brennan, Staunton Avenue

REST IN PEACE


Michael Ryan, "Claremont", Killeshin Road

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 22nd / 23rd March


Blue Bag €1,475 D. Debit Donation €180
Red Bag €998 Donation €440
Tap Machine €69 *Thank You*

OISÍN PLAYERS Last chance to see Michael J. Ginnelly's hilarious 3 Act play **Betwixt & Between** on this weekend - Sat 29th, Sun 30th March @8pm in *The Glenside Lounge, Killeshin*. Doors open @7pm.

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 

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 

CARLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT

members' meeting will be held on Wednesday the 9th April at 2.30 at the Cathedral Parish centre. New members welcome.

KILLESHTIN TIDY TOWNS

will partake in clean up Laois week. We will meet at Killeshin community centre at 10am on Saturday April 5th. We would like to thank Gortahile wind farm for their grant towards the new solar bin.

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.

ASKEA SENIOR CITIZENS

Holiday to Galway on 6th April. New members welcome. Easter party is in the afternoon on Sun 13th in The Seven Oaks. Contact Marian 059 91 43010.

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.