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GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHIN **PARISH**

Sunday 30th March 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT





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

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM: Sarah Alsybury, 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 Alsybury, Cathríona 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.

When famine pinched him sore. For whom I mourned as dead.

Although he no relentings 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,

What have I gained by sin, he said, Now let the fatted calf be slain, My father's house abounds with bread, My son was dead, but lives again,

But hunger, shame, and fear; And spread the news around; 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



COMMUNION TO THE SICK

AND HOUSEBOUND

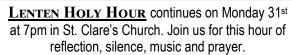
will be brought to during

this coming week.

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.

MONTHLY MEN'S ROSARY

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

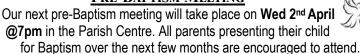




FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

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



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 SATURDAY 29th

6.30pm 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

SUNDAY 30th St. Clare's

Breda (Biddy) Haughney, Crossneen 9am Arnold Mahon, Derrymoyle

Margaret and James Fleming, Pacelli Ave

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY 30th

Liam Doran, Keelogue - First Anniversary 10.15am

John Pheasant, Kent Stasia Dalton, (née Mullins) Rossmore

Esther Ryan, Limerick Arnold Mahon, Derrymoyle

SUNDAY 30th St. Clare's

11.30am 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

Maud Lacey, St. Mary's Park James Morrissey, Pearse Road

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 Pauline McCarthy

10am John (Busty) Kearns, Chapel Street and his wife Kitty Liam Haughney, Sleaty Street – 25th Anniversary THURS 3rd 10am Patsy Bolger, The Numbers – 10th Anniversary

Fri 4th 10am Jack Culllen, Maher Road

St. Clare's SATURDAY 5th

Patrick (Pat) Farrell, Avondale Drive - Month's Mind 6.30pm

> 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 Foley, Oakley Park Joe Walker, St. Patrick's Avenue

Rose Kearns, Sleaty Road

St. Clare's SUNDAY 6th

Gerry Nolan, Crossneen 9am

Jim Lawlor, Radharc Oisín and St. Fiacc's Terrace

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY 6th

10.15am Peter Nelson, Killeshin Jimmy Delaney, O'Hanrahan Avenue

St. Clare's SUNDAY 6th

11.30am 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 Red Bag €998

D. Debit Donation €180 Donation €440

Tap Machine €69

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 Oisin 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.

KILLESHIN 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.