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**GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHTIN  
PARISH**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



SCAN TO DONATE

**PARISH TEAM:** Fr. John Dunphy, Cathriona Kelly, Mary Dooley, Catherine Ryan, Vera Bolger

**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)

**PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

**Our theme for the 20<sup>th</sup> year of our Parish Novena is PILGRIMS OF HOPE.  
NINE MONDAY NIGHTS**

**28 April – 23 June 2025**



**7.10pm - Rosary led by the Poor Clare Sisters  
Mass begins at 7.30pm**



**OUR GUEST SPEAKERS FOR 2025**

- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April** **Dana Rosemary Scallon** - Irish singer, songwriter & former politician
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May** **Fr. Shaun Doherty** - Catholic priest & former presenter with Highland Radio
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> May** **Peadar Tóibín** - TD and Founder and Leader of Aontú Political Party
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> May** **Niall Quinn** - Former professional footballer and sports pundit
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May** **Dermot Dooley** - Chaplain of De La Salle College, Waterford
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June** **Therese Dooley** - Former UNICEF Advisor & Carlow native
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June** **Richie Power** - Former Kilkenny Hurler and All-Star Winner
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> June** **Ger Brennan** - Former Dublin footballer & Manager of Louth GAA team
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> June** **Elizabeth Zion** - Writer and advocate for Youth Empowerment

**Join us as we support each other in prayer.**

**Please place your petitions in the boxes provided in St. Clare's Church or send by email to gkparish@gmail.com.**

**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.



**TRAINING FOR NEW MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**



Wed 9<sup>th</sup> April: 5.45-7pm  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 6-7.30pm

To book in, contact Cathriona via WhatsApp on 085 1450321

**NEWLY BAPTISED**

This week we welcome one new member into our parish community  
**EDEN ANNE KELLY-SHIELS**



**GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO**



Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
in St. Fiacc's Hall 8.30pm

**Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,520  
Double number €950  
Lotto €700**

**LENTEN HOLY HOUR continues**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> @7pm in St. Clare's. Join us for an hour of music & prayer.



**GRAIGUECULLEN MONSTER EASTER ST. FIACC'S HALL R93 P030**



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

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 3PM SHARP**

**FLYER SHEET €50 - €100 - €300**

**EASTER EGGS LEFT & RIGHT OF WINNERS**

**PINK SHEET €50 - €50 - €150**

**ALL LINES €50 ALL DOUBLE LINES €60**

**IN-HOUSE LOTTO + JACKPOT**

**ALL FULL HOUSES €150 AND €200**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

resumes every Wednesday 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.



**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Daffodil Day coffee morning fundraiser. A special thank you to those who baked cakes, donated spot prizes, our raffle sellers and to the ladies who served endless cups of tea and coffee. In total over €1,840 was raised. All proceeds go to the Irish Cancer Society.

**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.



**PALM SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses next weekend. Palm Sunday that marks the beginning of Holy Week. We remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as Saviour and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The many people gathered there shouted

*"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

**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 5<sup>th</sup>

6.30pm

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  
Patsy Bolger, The Numbers - **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Bernadette Mannion, Ballyhide & her daughter Ann Pinkney  
John Lewis Lennon, Leighlin Road  
Caroline Maria Cullen, Leighlin Road  
Joe Walker, St. Patrick's Avenue  
Joe Foley, Oakley Park  
Rose Kearns, Sleaty Road  
Betty Townsend, Cloghna  
Donal and Ollie Brennan, 98 Street

Thomas Devereux, Duggan Ave  
Patricia Hynes, St. Clare's Road



### ST. CLARE'S SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup>

9am

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

### HOLY CROSS SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup>

10.15am

Peter Nelson, Killeshin  
Jimmy Delaney, O'Hanrahan Avenue  
Sharon Murphy, Rossmore View and her grandparents  
Maureen and John Whelan, Keelogue  
Patricia Hynes, St. Clare's Road



### ST. CLARE'S SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup>

11.30am

Matt Kelly, Radharc Oisín – **Month's Mind**  
also, 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**  
Patricia O'Boyle, Killeshin Road  
Michael Bowden, Rath Glen Killeshin  
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  
Ray Conlon, Killeshin Road  
Patsy Bolger, The Numbers- **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Jimmy and Josie Brennan, Staunton Avenue

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

### WED 9<sup>th</sup>

10am Colette Bolton, Lower Rossmore  
Edward (Ned) Dowling, Lower Rossmore  
Gerry Bradley, Maryborough Street  
Brigid Perry, Bestfield, Athy Road

### ST. CLARE'S SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup>

6.30pm

Bill Abbey, Garryhundon  
Inez Feehan, Ballickmoyler  
Kathleen Byrne, Ballickmoyler and St. Fiacc's Terrace

### ST. CLARE'S SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup>

9am

Betty Hurley, Chapel Street



### HOLY CROSS SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup>

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 13<sup>th</sup>

11.30am

Josephine Shaw, Maher Road and her father Denis Shaw



### REST IN PEACE

**PJ Fitzpatrick, Upper Tomard, Bilboa**  
**John Lawlor, Graiguecullen, formerly Castledermot**

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> March

Blue Bag €1,598  
Red Bag €785  
Tap Machine €78

D. Debit Donation €179  
Donation €80

*Thank You*

## FIT TO FARM

Carlow County Council is delighted to announce a new 'fit to farm' programme beginning on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.familycarers.ie).



## CARLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT

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

## 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 or Rounders, please register your interest on <https://itsplainsailing.com/org/gcg> and visit our Facebook page "Graiguecullen community games" for more information.

## BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will visit the Talbot Hotel on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> from 12-3.30pm and again from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April from 3.45-8pm. Check your eligibility & book your appointment at [giveblood.ie](http://giveblood.ie) or call us on 1800 222111.

## THE CARLOW STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

meet next Friday April 11th, 2.30-4pm, at St. Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Meetings are informative and social, open to stroke survivors and carers. For further information call/text Lynda 085-7331522".

## 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.