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GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHTN

PARISH

Sunday 27th July 2025



SCAN TO DONATE

PARISH TEAM: Fr. John Dunphy, Cathriona Kelly, Isobel Brooker, Mary Dooley **SACRISTANS:** Catherine Ryan, Vera Bolger
YOUTH MIN TEAM: Sarah Alsbyury, Hannah Keogh, Gary Dowling, Annie Sheehan, Ava Sheehan, Amelia Chodorska, Aoife Whelan, Giulia Hutton

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS: Breda Lloyd, Cathriona Kelly

DIOCESAN DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON: Ailish Higgins 085 8021633

PRIEST ON CALL FOR CARLOW AREA: Emergency Only 087 2588118

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.



How do we feel about prayer?

Some people would answer that they have great faith in prayer and pray all the time. Others would say that they feel prayer doesn't really work and so they don't do it, or pray only very briefly. Some of us will consider prayer as a last option. If there are other options, we will most likely pick those first. Our downfall is probably that our approach to prayer is all wrong. We approach God with a kind of shopping list of all the things we feel we need. We approach God with prayers that are foolish! Worse, we try to bargain with God, promising that we will go to church more often if only he will sort out our problems. "Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock and he door will be opened for you..." It would be wonderful to believe these words, but before we believe them we really need to understand them. It's clear that we need to know what to pray for and how to pray.

Today Jesus gives us a prayer: "The Lord's Prayer". But he isn't just giving us a prayer to recite. What he is giving us is a model on which to base our own prayers. In the Lord's Prayer we are invited to pray to God as our Father, acknowledging his holiness and praying with the shared commitment to have his will done on earth. We are invited to pray for our 'daily bread' the things we genuinely need. Lastly, we should approach God with the faith we approach a loving parent. Even parents with very average parenting skills know how to give children what they need. "How much more," says Jesus, "will the father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask..."



GOVERNEY PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION would like to invite all residents, past and present to our annual Estate Mass which will take place on Staunton Ave on Thursday August 7th at 7.30pm sharp. This year with the support of Carlow Co Council and the Community get-together we will have tea/coffee, refreshments and some sweet treats from the Primrose Cafe after Mass. Weather permitting this will all happen on Staunton Ave however if the weather is unfavourable, we will hold Mass in the GAA club enabling us to serve the refreshments after Mass too. We would like to thank the Graiguecullen GAA for giving us this option should we need it. We will keep our Facebook page updated on the day of the Mass so if in doubt please check it.

PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

Our next pre-baptism meeting will take place on Wed 30th July at 7pm in the parish centre. All parents who are presenting their child for baptism in the next few months are invited to attend.



FIRST FRIDAY - There will be a special penitential service during the 10am Mass in St. Clare's this Friday 1st August.



MEN'S MONTHLY ROSARY

Sat July 2nd at the Liberty Tree (opposite McDonald's) at 1.30pm in unison with 24 venues in Ireland and across the World. Men's Rosary for the conversion of Ireland and World Peace. All are welcome to attend.

TWO HEARTS COMMUNION OF REPARATION

vigil on Friday 1st August in Carlow Cathedral starting with 8pm Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart which includes Anointing of the Sick. This is followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9 offices of the Sacred Heart, Rosaries, Confession and Benediction. Finishes with 12am Mass in honour of the Immaculate Heart. All welcome.



RECOLLECTION WEEKEND

22nd - 24th Aug in Cluain Chiarain Prayer Centre, Clonmacnoise. A retreat for adult Catholics seeking to deepen their spiritual life and grow in holiness. A time for silence, reflection and fellowship with talks from various guest speakers. €180 - all meals and accommodation provided with custom welcome pack. For more details visit www.thecollect.ie

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO



Tuesday 29th July
in St. Fiacc's Hall 8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,650
Double Number €670 Lotto €1,550
Great prizes! All are welcome.

LIGHT THE FIRE EVENT

Sunday 3rd August

Slane, Co. Meath 1pm - 4.30pm
As it stands there are not enough names on the list to book a bus. If you are interested, please contact the parish centre asap.

NEW MINISTRY ROTA

Copies of the new ministry rotas are available from the parish centre and have also been sent to all WhatsApp groups.



COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND
will be brought during this coming week.

ST. FIACC'S HOUSE NOTICES

The daycare and cafe will be closed until Monday 11th Aug, there will be no adoration during these two weeks as the centre will be closed.



St. Fiacc's House are looking for a part time locum nurse. For more details contact Laura or Karrie on 059 91 43892.



HOLY CROSS SODALITY MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Holy Cross Sodality are requested to bring their Yearly subscription up to date. Contact Pat Whelan 086 1657435 or James Hennessy 087 2142122



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 26th

Michael and Mary White, Killeshin Rd
Molly and Johnny Keegan, Castlehill
Eileen Hade, St. Clare's Rd and her son Paul Hade
Tommy Brennan, Ballyharmon
Michael Harvey, Pollerton Rd
Martin, Anne, Michael and Noeleen Delaney, Portlaoise
and deceased family members



ST. CLARE'S

9am

SUNDAY 27th

Patrick Callinan, Rossmore View
Mary Keating, St. Mary's Park, also her husband Bernard,
her son Patrick, daughter Mary and son-in-law Seamus Byrne

HOLY CROSS

10.15am

SUNDAY 27th

Alice Byrne, Ballyharmon - **5th Anniversary**
Tony O'Toole, Dublin - **30th Anniversary**
Michael Bolton, Craughaun, Springhill
Mary Walsh, Killeshin
Jane Walsh, Graiguecullen and Athy

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

ST. CLARE'S

11.30am

SUNDAY 27th

Joseph Callinan, The Field, Pollerton Little - **Month's Mind**
Mick Lowry, Rose Cottage, Clogrennane
Maria Fitzpatrick, Ballyhide - **Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance**

Tues 29th

10am

Maria Barcoe, Ballyhide - **Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance**

Wed 30th

10am

Cathy Carroll, Seven Springs, Tullow Rd - **First Anniversary**
Nora Judge, Longwood, Co. Meath

Thurs 31st

10am

Sinéad Ní Nualláin, Barrowvale and Duggan Ave (**Special Intention**)

ST. CLARE'S

6.30pm

SATURDAY 2nd

Noeleen Callinan and her sister Mary, St. Fiacc's Terrace

HOLY CROSS

10.15am

SUNDAY 3rd

Baby Calum Farrell, Sruth na Gheanna - **First Anniversary**
Tom Kelly Snr, Upper Rossmore - **20th Anniversary**
Columba Thompson & Ollie Harte, Lealand Walk, Clondalkin
Josephine Brennan, Coolane

ST. CLARE'S

11.30am

SUNDAY 3rd

Noel McAssey, St. Clare's rd



REST IN PEACE
SHARON BRENNAN (NÉE COSGROVE)
KILLESHTN AND TULLOW



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 19th / 20th July

Blue Bag €1,770

D. Debit Donation €120

Red Bag €875

Tap Machine €90

Donations €200

Thank You

GRAIGUECULLEN SWIMMING POOL

are taking bookings for children's lessons for September term. To book a place you must fill in a booking form at the pool office with min €50 deposit per child. Limited places on each session. Minimum age is 4 years.



Mondays - 1st Sept-8th Dec (excl 27th Oct)

5-5:45pm / 6-6:45 pm - 14 weeks @ €160 per child

Tuesdays - 2nd Sept-9th Dec (excl 28th Oct)

5- 5:45pm or 6- 6:45pm - 14 weeks @ €160 per child

Wednesdays - 3rd Sept-10th Dec (excl 29th Oct)

5- 5:45pm or 6-6:45pm - 14 weeks @ €160 per child

Saturdays - 6th Sept-13th Dec (excl 1st Nov)

9- 9:45am, 10-10:45am, 1- 1:45pm

14 weeks @ €160 per child

GIVE BLOOD

Blood Donation Clinic in Talbot Hotel, Carlow on Monday 28th - Thursday 31st July. 3.45pm - 8pm
Check your eligibility & book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 222 111.

ASKEA MONTHLY NIGHT OUT on Wed 30th in Askea parish centre bingo, music and cuppa. New members welcome. Transport available. Annual day trip is on Wed 27th Aug to Kilmore quay and Wexford names and money to be in by 20th of August our autumn holiday is to Tralee on 6th Oct. Bookings and deposits starting now. Contact Marian 059 9143010.

FUNDRAISER IN AID OF



**DRUG REHABILITATION UNIT
FOR CUAN MUIRE, ATHY**

Empower recovery - Sponsor Hope

Sat 9th Aug 10am - 4pm in An Gairdín Beo

80% New Items - Clothes, Books, Shoes, Bags,
Jewellery, Household Items. Free Entry - Donation
Buckets on site. Big raffle with great prizes!



**AN GAIRDÍN BEO CAFÉ
& VEGETABLE STALL**

is open every Wednesday from

10.30 am - 12.30 pm during July and August.

We look forward to your visit.



HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED FOR SPANISH STUDENTS - ATTRACTIVE RATES

A request came in from the team at www.evanscourses.com for families from our parish to host Catholic Spanish students for autumn or full term post-primary starting this August. This is a family run team with a strong affiliation to our parish and St. Clare. They regularly attend Mass as a group with their students in St. Clare's. If you're interested in hosting, please contact 087 9492590 or email stanmailmike@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME VACANCIES

Crettyard Soccer CES-2396610 Oisín Park CES-2396613
Killeshtn Soccer CES-2396615 (2 Vacancies)
Anyone interested in a position the application is available on Jobsireland.ie or you can contact MDCE Project directly on 056 44 42711 or email us mdceproject@gmail.com. If anyone over 50 and signing for credits is interested in a CE Scheme position please get in touch.



STAND FOR PEACE - MARCH FOR PALESTINE

We are heartbroken and outraged by the suffering in Gaza and Palestine. But this is one action we can take, to come together in peaceful solidarity with the people of Palestine. Please join the **Kilkenny Community Palestine Solidarity Group** for a 'March for Palestine' on **Saturday, August 2nd at 1pm**, beginning at the **Kilkenny Castle Main Gates**. In the words of Pope Leo XIV - "From the Gaza Strip, we hear rising ever more insistently to the heavens, the cries of mothers and fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies of their children..."