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NEWSLETTER

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A Prayer for Ascension to Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit, come and speak through a new generation of men and women as you spoke through the prophets of old.

Grant us new prophets who will announce God's truth, love, mercy and justice.

Come, Holy Spirit, who descended on Mary as she conceived the Son of God in her womb. Descend on us and form us into the image of Jesus.

Come, Holy Spirit, who filled the unborn John the Baptist with joy in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth. Fill all the baptised with the joy of our calling and a new desire to witness in the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, who descended on Mary and the apostles at the first Pentecost, enlivening the Church in its infancy.

Descend on us anew, filling us with new life. Pour out your gifts and miracles upon us as you once did in the Upper Room.

Come, Holy Spirit, free us from fear and fill us with a holy courage as you did for the infant Church so that your Church may proclaim the Good News to the men and women of today to the ends of the Earth. Amen.

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An Invitation

Three Actions from Ascension
to Pentecost

Recite

the prayer from the
diocese

Decorate

the door of your home
with red ribbons, image
of the Holy Spirit or
wind-chimes

Wear

an item of red clothing
on Pentecost Sunday

'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News'

Send pictures of your pentecost decorations to our
Kandle Facebook Account or tag
us in your social media posts.

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Welcome everyone on this Feast of Pentecost! Today is a joyful day, celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

Gathered this day as Church, we are thankful for the gift of being able to physically unite in prayer at this Mass and we join our prayers with those participating online.

On this Pentecost Sunday may we be ready to welcome the gift of the Holy Spirit once more into our lives and into our Church.

And as we gather this day, here and on line, may we draw on the experience of the early church. In the days after the resurrection, the disciples were fearful and uncertain, but they trusted in the Lord and welcomed his continued presence among them. In the company of the risen Lord and with the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples found the confidence to continue to preach and share the good news of Jesus with others.

Today may each of us welcome the presence of Christ with us and the promise of the gift of his Spirit. We need not fear, we need not be anxious or uncertain – for the Spirit of the Lord

ANNIVERSARY LIST FOR THE COMING WEEK

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- SAT 22 11.00am
6.30pm
- SUN 23 9.00am **JOSEPH NOLAN, Rowanville**
PADDY FITZPATRICK, Market Square
11.00am **JIM WATERS**
CHANEL ARCHBOLD BROUGHAL.
- MON 24 9.00am **MICHAEL McWEY, Tower View**
- TUE 25 9.00am
11.30am
- WED 26 9.00am **ANNE KEOGH, nee HALPIN, Newbridge**
And ALICE HALPIN, Lourdesville
- THU 27 9.00am
- FRI 28 9.00am
- SAT 29 11.00am
6.30pm
- SUN 30 9.00am
11.00am **PHILOMENA NOLAN, Assumpta Villas 3rd Anniversary**
FRANK McGRATH, Tully East..
FRED McGOWAN, 2nd Anniversary

We remember

**KATE SCANLON, Campion Crescent,
BETTY FLYNN, Woodside Park
LIZZIE BROWNE, Walterstown**

who have died and for whom mass will be offered.

Extra Mass on Tuesday s at 11.30am
As well as the normal 9am mass in St. Brigid's Church, Kildare each
Tuesday, there will also be Mass at 11.30am until the end of June. This is
to facilitate pupils from Nurney School who will be joining us on our
Webcam. You are very welcome to attend.

Parish Office
Our Parish Office is now open
Monday to Friday 9.30am – 1pm.
People are asked to phone or email the office prior to
calling so we can deal with your query.
Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Ph : (045) 521352
Email: kildareparish@gmail.com

Re-opening of Church

the numbers of people who can attend religious services are as follows:

Parish Masses: 50 (or pods of 50)

Baptisms: Individual Baptisms, maximum attendance 6

Funerals: capped at 50 regardless of size of Church

Weddings: capped at 50 regardless of size of Church.

Mass Times in St. Brigid's Parish Church

Monday to Friday: 9am

Saturday: 11am and Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: 9am and 11am

Vulnerable parishioners are invited to attend a quieter weekday mass rather than returning immediately to Sunday Mass,

Mass can also be viewed on our webcam – kildareparish.ie
or mcnmedia.tv

Reminder that **FACEMASKS** are to be worn in the Church at all times.

There are hand sanitizers at all the doors.

Doors will be open during the Mass for ventilation

Seating in the church is marked out to observe social distancing

We are asking parishioners not to kneel during mass and remain seated

As we have 3 aisles in the Church with separate entrance/exits, we can have up to 50 in each aisle. You must enter and leave by the same door and strictly no movement of people between sections before, during or after the service.

Please adhere to all Social Distancing Guidelines

First Holy Communions 2021

Following the recent Government announcement, we wish to inform you that there will be NO COMMUNION CEREMONIES until September 2021 at the earliest.

Confirmation 2021

Following the most recent Government announcement, we wish to inform you that there will be no Celebration of The Sacrament of Confirmation during the month of June. We await further guidelines.

Baptisms

Bookings are now being taken for Baptisms – Contact Parish Office for available dates.

Weddings

Contact the Parish Office to book your date and for all information required

Rosary at the Grotto

You are invited to join us for Rosary at the Grotto each Thursday for the month of May at 7.30pm.

Please Observe Social Distancing

Live Streaming of Masses from St. Brigid's Parish Church

Log into: mcnmedia.tv – cameras – Kildare – St. Brigid's, Kildare Town.

Masses : Weekday: 9am Saturday: 11am Sunday: 11am

DONATIONS

PARISH COLLECTIONS If you would like to contribute directly, both bank accounts are in Bank of Ireland, Kildare.

For **weekly envelopes** the name of the a/c is: KILDARE PARISH.

The IBAN is: IE51 BOFI 9011 6711 587935.

For the Priests' Collections: (Easter Station, Easter Collection)

KILDARE PARISH CLERGY.

The IBAN is : IE18 BOFI 9011 6727 388762. We thank you for your generosity and patience. Frs. Andy and Adrian

You can also donate through our newly updated website: kildareparish.ie and clicking on the DONATE BUTTON.

Retired Priests Collection

takes place weekend 29th / 30th May.

This fund is essential to the care of our retired priests and your generous support is greatly appreciated.

How to make your donation:

- Through the Special Envelope in your box of Parish Envelopes
- Through the envelopes at the Church doors marked “Retired Priests Fund”
- Through our Website – “kildareparish.ie”, click on the DONATE button, Select “Special Collections” and complete the donation form for “Retired Priests Fund”

Thank You

Are you being called to the Permanent Diaconate?

Permanent Deacons are ministers of the Word, the altar and service.

Bishop Denis is inviting expressions of interest in learning more about formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to men aged between 30 and 60 who have a genuine sense of vocation to this calling. Deacons are self-supporting and continue in their family lives and secular employment.

A new programme of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese will commence in October 2021.

For further information please contact Rev. John McEvoy before Saturday July 31st. Tel: 059 9161114.....

Email: permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie

K & L Kildare Parish Co-Op Lotto

Draw held Wednesday 19 May 2021.

Numbers Drawn were: 5, 15, 17, 25..

There was NO Jackpot Winner

We had 1 winner in the match 3 numbers game.

Congrats to: **JOHN SCANLON**, promoter John Robinson.

Congratulations also to **CARMEL CONROY** winner of the subscribers draw, promoter Margie Sheridan.

Tickets €2 each from, The Sweet Shop, Bernard Conway, Margie Sheridan, Fiona Reid, Ann Hill. Thank You for your continued Support.

Next week's jackpot will be €16,000.

St. Conleth's Day Care Centre

Win a SEAT IBIZA – Prize Draw in aid of St. Conleth's Day Care Centre, celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year.

1st Prize – Seat Ibiza

2nd Prize - €2,000 Holiday Voucher

3rd Prize - €1,000 Home Heating Voucher

4th Prize - €500 Tesco Voucher

More prizes including 4 Ball from Royal Curragh Golf Club, Weekend Breaks. Tickets €20 each or a book of 6 for €100, available from Day Care Centre, Aras Bhride, Vincents Shop, other local outlets. For more info call (045) 521748.

St. Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare

Caretaker/ Verger required

The Caretaker / Verger will receive a free house in return for certain duties which include preparing the Cathedral for Services, cleaning, keeping the grounds, opening the Cathedral to the public.

Application form and further details available from the Secretary of the Select Vestry, Mrs Margaret Dunne:mandkdunne@gmail.com

Carmelite & Parochial Silver Circle Draw

May Draw.

€500 – P.Menehan . €200 – Monica Broughan €100 – Josh Downey. €50 – Fr Praveen O’Carm. €40 – Caroline Websdale €30 – Paddy + Sadie Fitzpatrick €20 each: Susan Conroy, Richard Coleman, Rosie Hall, Jamie Collins, Janice Whyte, Brodie Collins, Edward Cullen. Promoters Prize: Philip Hickey, Una White, Patrick Barrett.

Outdoor Skills Weekend

June Bank Holiday - Sat 5, Sun 6, Mon 7.

Cruinniú na nÓg Nature Connection. Are you aged between 13 – 18?

Interested in:

- Bushcraft and foraging skills,
- Nature crafts and tools,
- cooking on fire,
- presentation and life skills.

Contact us: for more info and booking email: kcgkildare@gmail.com

Nurney Primary School - Enrolments

Are you interested in sending your child to a small picturesque country primary school, traffic free, just 6 minutes from the Kildare outlet village?

Nurney National School is located in a tranquil setting amid playgrounds, green areas and sports amenities in the heart of the beautiful village of Nurney.

The school enjoys a lovely, pleasant, stimulating and attractive new modern building, with large, bright, well-equipped rooms on spacious grounds ensuring the needs of every child can be met each day. We have one of each class junior infants to 6th class.

With enrolments now being accepted for September in all classes, the school warmly welcomes you to visit us for a personal tour and a chat. The school principal, Vinny Thorpe, can be contacted at sbnurney@gmail.com or (045)526767. For more information, please visit www.nurneyns.com

Kildare Town Library

Would you like to be able to access your local library services on the Internet, download your favourite books or listen to audio books but you're not sure how to do this?

Let our Kildare Library Age Friendly Digital Ambassadors show you how to get online. You don't even have to be a member of your local library already, we'll help you join.

To find out more contact: Orla or Eileen
Kildare Town Library, Co. Kildare
Email: kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie
Tel No: 045 520235

Kildare Tidy Towns -.

We would ask everyone to help by keeping their own areas litter free & tidy.
"Where litter lies Beauty dies..."

Towards Healing

Free & Confidential Helpline & Counselling Referral Service. This is a support Service, funded by the Catholic Church for survivors of Institutional, Clerical & Religious abuse and provides the following: helpline support ... Counselling.

FREEPHONE

(IRE)1800 303416

UK & Northern Ireland) 0800 0963315

Mobile no for hearing impaired users 085 8022859

www.towardshealing.ie

The service is provided by lay, independent and fully accredited therapists

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.