

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**NEWSLETTER**

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*“She’s coming Home.....*

*St. Brigid died in 524AD and was buried beside the main altar in her monastic church in Kildare. Tradition holds that her body was exhumed and transferred to Downpatrick, Co Down for safety reasons in the 9th Century. Tradition also holds that three knights took a bone fragment from her head to Lumiar in Portugal in the 13th century. The relic is still venerated in the church of St. John the Baptist in Lumiar.*

*The Brigidine Sisters, Tullow, Co. Carlow, procured a portion of the Lumiar relic in the 1930's. To mark the 1500th anniversary of the death of St. Brigid, the Brigidine Sisters are very kindly presenting the Tullow Relic to our Parish Church. This historic occasion will be celebrated at the 11am mass in St. Brigid's Parish Church on Sunday 28th January.*

*Bishop Denis Nulty will preside at the eucharist and we will also be joined by Fr Francisco Rodrigues from Lumiar, Portugal.*

*We hope you can join us for this joyful celebration. “*



## **BRIGID 1500**

### **Thursday 1st February – Lá Feile Bhride**

**9.15am: - St. Brigid's Parish Church – Morning Mass  
Celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty**

**11.00am: - St. Brigid's Cathedral –  
A Service of Thanksgiving  
Led by Bishop Patricia Storey  
and Bishop Denis Nulty.**

**12noon: - A Pause for Peace. The people of Kildare extend and  
Invitation to people worldwide to pause for a minute's  
silence for peace.**

**7.00pm:- Bishop Denis will lead a diocesan celebration of  
Evening Prayer for the Feast of St Brigid in the Cathedral  
of the Assumption, Carlow at 7:30 pm.  
All are warmly invited.**

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**Anniversary Masses**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday January 2024**

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SAT 13 9.30am FUNERAL MASS

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6.30pm SEAN FITZPATRICK, Academy Street  
ELIZABETH DOYLE, Fair Green.. 5th Anniversary  
DES BRADLEY, Cherryville, 9th Anniversary  
JIM DOWNEY, Lourdesville.  
PADDY MORRISSEY, Dara Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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SUN 14 9.00am JIM KELLY & FAMILY, Mooretown  
LAR ROWAN, Tully Road.. Birthday Remembrance

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11.00am DONAL & KATHLEEN GREENE, Dublin.  
MASIE OXX, Curraghbeg  
ALEC BAILEY, Rowanville, KATHLEEN, MARY, EILEEN  
& DENIS BURKE, Bennetsbridge, Kilkenny  
TOM CLARKE, The Castle  
MARY HARRIS, Straffan & Kilkenny - Birthday Remembrance

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MON 15 11.00am FUNERAL MASS

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TUE 16 9.30am PAUL DOYLE, Drumcree  
ANTHONY OHAYAGHA R.I.P. .  
And God's consolation on his Family  
THE McCORMACK FAMILY

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WED 17 9.30am ANTHONY CHUKWUMA  
Brother of Sr. Ijeoma who is being buried today.

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THU 18 9.30am THE COLMAN FAMILY

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FRI 19 9.30am THE HUNT FAMILY  
OLIVER DOYLE, Dara Park.. Birthday Remembrance

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SAT 20 11.00am LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION

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6.30pm ANNE THERESE SHRENNON, Maryville  
MARY MELODY, Old Road. 5th Anniversary  
MARIE FLANAGAN, Woodside Pk 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
ANN HEAVEY, Maryville  
& ELIZABETH NOLAN, Bishopsland and ROBERT HEAVEY

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SUN 21 9.00am THOMAS & ROBERT HALL  
PACKIE & MONICA HEFFERNAN, Newtown Hse  
And CHARLIE HEFFERNAN, Grangebeg.  
And his brother THOMAS HEFFERNAN, Oranmore, Galway  
Recently deceased.  
PAT KINSELLA, Nurney.. Birthday Remembrance

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11. 00am TOM, CATHERINE & EAMON HENNESSY  
JOHNNY & PEG CULLEN & AISLING O'ROURKE  
NANCY & FREDDIE McGOWAN, Grey Abbey Rd.  
MARY McSTAY, Friarstown  
LIAM HEFFERNAN, The Deanery  
GERRY GORMAN, Woodside Park.  
JOHN KELLY, Cloghgarrett Abbey.

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MON 22 9.30am

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TUE 23 9.30am TOM BLENNERHASSETT, White Abbey Lawns 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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WED 24 9.30am ANN JOHNSTON, Campion Crescent 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary

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THU 25 9.30am

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FRI 26 9.30am

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SAT 27 11.00am LITURGY OF THE WORD with HOLY COMMUNION

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6.30pm BILLY WATSON, Fair Green  
TABBER HOLT, Bishopsland  
VERA HOLMES, Tower view Park  
BERNADETTE CHOY, nee BRENNAN, Athy Rd Months Mind.

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SUN 28 9.00am

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11.00am JOHN ANDERSON, St. Barbara's Pk... Months Mind  
GERRY SWEENEY, Larch hill. 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
MATT LEIGH Jnr, Athy... 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary  
PEGGY & FRANK McGRATH, Tully East.

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*We remember*

**JOHN 'JACKIE' KINSELLA**, Connagh Close  
**SYLVIA FITZPATRICK nee BOLGER**, The Curragh & Maryville  
**ELIZABETH 'LIL' FARRELL**, Chapel Hill  
**GEORGE GRICE**, Portarlinton & Kildare  
**LAURA ANDERSON**, Magee Tce.  
**THOMAS 'TOMMY' COX**, North Glebe  
**JACQUELINE 'JACKIE' LAWLESS**, Ruanbeg & Ballybrack  
**DOLORES 'DOLLY' BYRNE nee MOLLOY**, Rathangan

*Who have died and for whom mass will be offered*

### **Mass Time**

Week-day Morning Mass in St. Brigid's Parish Church

Our week-day morning mass (Monday - Friday) celebrated at 9.30am.

The Rosary will be prayed before mass

**In the event of a Funeral, the normal morning mass will NOT take place. Instead, it will be replaced by the Funeral Mass on that day.**

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

Log into: [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live) - cameras - Kildare - St. Brigid's, Kildare Town.

Masses :

Weekday: 9.30am

Saturday: 11.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 9.00am

11.00am

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Our Live streaming web address has been updated.

To access MCN Media, please go to **[www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live)** on your web browser. To watch Mass on our Parish Website there will be no change, everything remains the same.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**The Church Yard is open  
for Church and Parish Centre Use**

**Monday to Friday**

**9.00am – 12.30pm**

**3.00pm – 4.30pm**

## **Funeral Ministry**

Kildare / Nurney / Kildangan have formed a Funeral Ministry Group which have received full training from members of the Diocesan Faith Development Services. This group will assist families in their time of need and great loss. The members help the family of the deceased to choose readings, select music for the funeral Mass and guide them through the entire funeral process which will provide an opportunity to celebrate the life and memory of their beloved. With this ministry we are looking to the future when the lay faithful will be more involved in carrying out ministries in our parishes.

The group formed are as follows: Marie Watson, Marcella Fullam, Alan O’Braoin, Esther Crowe, Mary Lennon and Ber Madigan

## **House Visits**

Fr. Adrian and Fr. Andy visit the housebound and sick once a month. If you would like to be included in the visits, please contact the Parish Office on (045) 521352

## **Baptisms**

Please contact the Parish Office on 045 521352 during office hours 9.30am – 4pm to arrange a date,

## **Weddings**

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

## **Parish Office**

The Parish Office is based in the Parish Centre – Aras Bhríde and is open Monday to Friday

**Office hours : 9.30am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm.**

We can be contacted on: Ph : (045) 521352

Email: [kildareparish@gmail.com](mailto:kildareparish@gmail.com)



“There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit.  
There are all sorts of services to be done, but always to the same Lord”

Would you like to share some of your time and gifts with the life of our  
Parish in any of the following areas?

**Liturgy:** Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors,  
Flowers etc for the Church

**Pastoral:** Preparation of children and parents for the sacraments of  
Baptism, Communion and Confirmation

**Communication:**

**Maintenance of Property:**

**Care of the Environment:**

**Would you like to reflect on what the call of the Gospel may be to us  
as a Community of Faith today?**

If you are interested, please contact any member of the Parish Pastoral  
Council, Fr. Adrian, Fr. Andy or Margie at the Parish Office.

We are trying to establish a Flower group who would be willing to share  
that love and/or their flowers to embellish the Altar in St. Brigid’s Parish  
Church. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 045  
521352 or email [kildareparish@gmail.com](mailto:kildareparish@gmail.com) or pop into the office...

**New Facebook Page:**  
St. Brigid’s Parish, Kildare Town

**Instagram:**  
[st.brigids.parish.kildare](https://www.instagram.com/st.brigids.parish.kildare)

**Web page:**  
[kildareparish.ie](http://kildareparish.ie)

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# **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.

You can also donate through our newly updated website: [kildareparish.ie](http://kildareparish.ie) and clicking on the DONATE BUTTON.... and follow the link....

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## **Safeguarding**

If you would like to know more about safeguarding in our Diocese, look at the Safeguarding section on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie).

If you ever wish to report a child or vulnerable adult safeguarding concern, please contact the Diocesan DLP on (085) 8021633 or the statutory authorities of the Gardai, TUSLA, HSE.

## **Marian Pilgrimages**

Kildare – Monasterevin – Rathangan Pilgrimage to LOURDES.

5 nights departing from Dublin, 27th May – 1st June 2024.

Spiritual Directors Fr. Liam Merrigan & Fr. Bill Kemmy.

Staying at 4\* Hotel Eliseo.

Cost- €825pps. Call to Parish Office for Booking Form.

## **M. Nerney Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2024**

Direct flights to Mostar - Medjugorje

Dublin to Medjugorje in Half the Time

12th - 19th June 2024 - €765

Price increases to €815 after 2nd Feb 2024

Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Hyland C.C.

Contact: Michael Nerney

086 815 7305

## **Cill Dara Wranglers**

Line Dancing .. come and Learn... class each Tuesday evening in Aras Bhríde, 6.45pm – 9.30pm.... Beginners very welcome...  
Contact Mag on 087 6344736 for more information.

## **St. Brigid's Primary School Kildare Town Community Concert**

Friday 19th January 2024 in  
St. Brigid's Cathedral, Tickets €15,  
on sale at Parish Office.

All proceeds to Day Care Centre, Kildare Town & UNICEF.  
Dress warmly & bring a cushion.  
Supported by Kildare Centre of Mission

## **Parish Lotto**

Draw held Wednesday 10 January 2024. Numbers Drawn were 8, 10, 20, 22. NO Jackpot Winner. We had 1 winner in the match 3 numbers game. Congrats to CLINTON BARRETT, promoter John Robinson, who won €91. Congrats also to ANN GLEESON 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 €15,000.

## **Cill Dara Irish Figure Dancing**

in De La Salle Hall, Kildare Town every Friday night

Beginners 6pm – 7pm

Grade D 6.30pm – 7.30pm

All other grades 7pm – 8.30pm.

All classes are €3 per child.

For more information follow our Facebook page: Cill Dara I.F.D.C.  
or ph 085 108 1847.

## **School Enrolments**

Scoil Bhríde, Lackagh are now accepting applications for Junior Infants for September 2024 (forms available to download [www.scoilbhridelackagh.ie](http://www.scoilbhridelackagh.ie) or email the school office: [info@scoilbhridelackagh.ie](mailto:info@scoilbhridelackagh.ie)). Applications are also welcome for all other classes. We are a small rural co-educational school close to Monasterevin, Kildare and Rathangan. Afterschool available from 2pm-3pm.  
Monasterevin, W34VW50  
Phone number: 045 529134

## **Skerries Irish Figure Dancing**

- Classes returns in Nurney GAA Hall on Friday evenings at 7pm. New dancers are welcome from primary school goers up to 30 and ex dancers are welcome too

## **St Brigid's Camino Walk, Monasterevin Parish**

takes place on Monday 5th February starting at St Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice at 11am, led by Bishop Denis. The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the new canal Blueway and finish in Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm. For more details please contact Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346

## **Kildare Town Twinning Assoc**

are holding an EGM on Monday 22nd January at 8pm in Aras Bhríde. All new members are very welcome. For further information, please contact 085 8887549.

## **Monasterevin Ping Pong Club**

are looking for new members. Open to all adults or over 16's accompanied by a parent. The club meet every Monday 20.45pm to 22.00pm in Monasterevin Community Centre. For more information contact Pauline 087 061 2689. find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/monasterevinpingpong>

## **“Lecto Divina”**

Scripture sharing group resumes on Monday 8th January in Solas Bhríde at 7.30pm.

## **Seated Exercise Class**

Adapted SEATED EXERCISE class for people with arthritis Wednesday mornings at 10.30am – 11.30am and continues weekly during school term. This programme is sponsored by Arthritis Ireland Kildare Branch. All are welcome. For further information phone Eva 087 6321833

## **Adult Literacy for Life**

Do you know in Ireland that almost 1 in 5 adults have difficulty with reading and writing? 1 in 2 have difficulty using digital devices?

If you or an adult family member would like support, you can contact: Kildare & Wicklow Education Training Board at 045 988000. This service is free and confidential.

## **Kildare Country Market**

New Bakers required due to increased demand!!

Drop in any Thursday morning to the Carmelite Hall, Kildare Town R51 X827

9.45 a.m. - 12 noon or contact us on Facebook: Kildare Country Market (cupcake icon) , INSTAGRAM Official Kildare Country Market

PH: 085 8445299 or Email: [officialkildarecountrymarket@gmail.com](mailto:officialkildarecountrymarket@gmail.com)

Just a reminder that Kildare country Market is on every Thursday morning from 9.45am – 12 noon in the hall beside the Carmelite Church in Kildare town. A wide selection of tasty home bakes available including bread, scones, tarts, cakes. Savoury meals also available as well as free-range eggs and homemade jams and marmalades. Drop in and have a cuppa n chat.

## **Kildare Community Garden**

meet at Men's Shed, Campion Crescent. Each Tuesday & Friday from 10.30am – 12.30pm. All are welcome and the kettle is always on....

Ph Mary on 087 9562158 .... For more information

## **Kildare Town Men's Shed**

The group meet each Tuesday from 10.30am to 12 noon.

New members welcome. Contact Jimmy on 086 0655728

## **Mortgage Arrears / Abhaile Scheme**

Is your mortgage in arrears? Are you worried about losing your home? If so, you may be entitled to FREE Financial advice. This is a state funded service. For more information contact Financial Solutions Ireland on 085 8674883 or [www.fsireland.ie](http://www.fsireland.ie)

## **Kildare Tidy Towns**

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

## **Community Café**

New Community Café for Dunmurray and Surrounding areas. Everybody Welcome!! 11am until 12.30pm, every Tuesday in Bishopsland Community Centre, R51 TO24. Join us for a cuppa, some light refreshments, and a chat.

## **Good Morning Kildare'**

This service provides a FREE friendly phone call on a regular basis to adults in their own home or place of residence.

It is a friendly chat about everyday things e.g., Gardening, Cookery, Sport, TV, Pets etc. All calls are strictly private and confidential.

The phone operators are Garda Vetted.

The service operates from 9.15am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday.  
'Good Morning Kildare' supports Independent Living & Social Connection.  
The service is supported by the HSE, DEASP, An Garda Síochána.  
If you are interested in availing of this service or you know somebody who would benefit, please contact 045-859037 / 045-870268 or  
E-mail:goodmorningkildare@yahoo.ie

## **Community First Responders**

Do you live in Kildare Town?  
Do you have a few hours every month to volunteer in your community??  
Do you want to learn life saving skills??  
No experience necessary  
All training provided  
Help make a difference in our community.  
Email us cfrkildaretown@gmail.com for more information

## **Teach Tearmainn:-**

Working to end Domestic Violence.  
Provides free and confidential emotional support, guidance and information.  
provides short-term accommodation for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Ph 045 527584.

## **Kildare Small Jobs**

The Kildare Small Jobs is a DIY property maintenance service for people over 65 living in County Kildare. For a subscription fee of €65 you will get up to 5 callouts. Each callout offers you two qualified, experienced, and insured KSJ Workers calling to your home for 1.5 hours, to get your small job done. There is no charge for us calling out to assess a job. For further information and a list of what jobs, we can do please feel free to call us on 086 060 7346  
KILDARE SMALL JOBS is a Social Enterprise and a Community Employment initiative hosted by County Kildare LEADER Partnership, funded by The Department of Social Protection and Dorman Account Funding.

## **All-Ireland Pollinator Plan**

Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and herbicides These potent chemical cocktails are designed to kill various organisms. One of the best things you can do for pollinators is avoid using them. Why: Insecticides have been found to kill, harm, and disorientate pollinators. Herbicides kill the 'weeds' that provide them with important food. [www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

## **Treasure Ireland**

A new video series launched recently by the Irish Dominicans is an ambitious project that will take the friars to every county in Ireland, filming roughly ten videos

in each county, highlighting the many and varied stories that make up the history of Irish Christianity.

The series is currently focussed on the counties which overlap with the territory of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin: Laois, Kildare, Carlow, and (soon!) Kilkenny.

Some of the sites visited include Timahoe, the Rock of Dunamase, and the Brownshill Dolmen. The story of Jesuit photographer, Fr Frank Browne, is told in a video recorded in Emo Court, and that of pioneering scientist, Fr Nicholas Callan, in a video from Maynooth.

The stories of the great saints of these counties feature prominently: there are videos on St Brigid, St Mochua, St Moling, St Fergal of Aghaboe, and the Dominican martyr, Blessed Peter O'Higgins. There'll soon be added to that list the stories of two great bishops of Kildare and Leighlin: Daniel Delany (d. 1814) and James Doyle (d. 1834), also known as J.K.L. ('James of Kildare and Leighlin').

All of these stories are told in a way designed to interest believers and non-believers alike, showing, bit by bit, that the Gospel is woven inseparably into the fabric of Irish history.

The videos can be viewed on <https://www.kandle.ie/treasure-ireland/> and <https://www.youtube.com/irishdominicans>

## **Mass**

Mass for the African Community celebrated in St. Brigid's Parish Church on the 3rd Sunday of each month. All Welcome

Drug and Alcohol addiction knows no boundaries,  
You Are Not Alone, help is always available.  
Please contact You Are Not Alone support group  
on 085-7872730 for a confidential and non-judgemental service.

## **CleverReach Kildare Town Library January 2024**

Children's events:

Storytime for children aged 0 – 5 years.  
Fridays January 19th and 26th @ 11am  
Why not come along and join in the fun. Lots of new stories and songs for children under 5 years.

No booking required – just come along to Kildare Town Library!  
Everyone welcome!

Age Friendly Coffee Mornings for over 55s

Wednesday 10th and 24th January

10am – 12.30pm

Welcome to 2024 – Join us in celebrating a New Year while you browse the newspapers or magazines at your leisure. Our staff will be happy to tell you about all the free events and services available to you through your local library.

Enquiries to Kildare Library - Phone: 045 520235

Cear dlann Beochana - Dúlra Draíochta' / 'Animation Workshops – Magic Nature with Richie Conroy for ages 8-12 years.

Saturday 20th January 3 – 4pm

This workshop, supported by Creative Ireland and led by screenwriter Richie Conroy (Two by Two, Malory Towers, The Ugly Duckling) will introduce children into the world of animation, how to draw and create characters. Richie will show examples from his own films to inspire the participants' creativity and encourage them to look at the magic of nature through artists' eyes.

Target audience/ages 8+ Beidh an cheardlann seo trí Ghaeilge ach fáilte roimh chách.

Children attending this workshop must be accompanied by a parent /guardian .

This workshop is supported by Creative Ireland.

Book here: <https://app.tickettailor.com/events/kildaretownlibrary/1100726>

Book Launch: The Book of Kildare by Josephine Hardiman

Sunday 28th January 2.30 – 4.00pm

Josephine Hardiman is a Calligrapher and Artist based in County Kildare. The launch of The Book of Kildare is the culmination of a seven-year project. Every page of the book, which includes stories of Ancient Kildare, Brigid of Kildare and Kildare's rich heritage, is drawn, painted and calligraphed by her expert hand.

Inspired by Ireland's ancient manuscripts, this book has been described as "breath-taking in scope, artistic endeavour, and originality". The launch of The Book of Kildare coincides with the celebration of Brigid 1500, in 2024.

The event will include the presentation of the book to Kildare's schools, guest speaker and a musical performance by Sive.

The Book of Kildare is supported by Brigid 1500 and Kildare County Council

Booking essential: Home - Kildare Library Service ([kildarecoco.ie](http://kildarecoco.ie))

More information: <https://linktr.ee/josephinehardiman> or contact

Kildare Town Library [kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie)

Turus – an Exhibition by J.D. Luttrell / Taispeántas Spreagúil ó J.D. Luttrell

Running for the month of January during Library opening hours



### ***Journey/Pilgrimage/ Round.***

Julie Duane Luttrell is a multifaceted, multidisciplinary artist. Her creative journey, a pilgrimage to connect and communicate with both inner and outer landscapes, is expressed in these artworks. Strong beautiful aesthetics underpin an ambiguous, yet very human creative journey.

Beidh fáilte roimh chách - Everyone welcome

Bookworms Book Club

Thursday 25th January @ 6.30pm

Orla would like to wish her members a very Happy New Year and looks forward to seeing you all back again in January.

Enquiries to Kildare Library: 045 520235 or email [kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie)

Ciorcal Comhrá

Déardaoin 11ú agus 25ú Eanáir

3.00 – 4.30pm

Fáilte ar ais go Leabharlann Baile Chill Dara – Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise díbh do 2024.

Gach eolas ón leabharlann: Fón: 045 520235 / Ríomhphost [kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie)  
Daoine Fásta – Adults

Community Craft Group – Wednesdays @ 10am

Enquiries to Kildare Library - Phone: 045 520235

Get Crafty! –Thursdays @ 6.30pm – Take some time-out for yourself to knit, sew, crochet, quilt – whatever your passion!

Everyone welcome – Enquires to Kildare Library - Phone: 045 520235

Coming early February!

Féile Bríde 2024 - “A Parcel of Miracles”

Friday 2nd February @ 7pm

Celebrating Brigid 1500 with specially commissioned poem by Martin Dyar; visualization by Stephen Pulbrook and readings by Mae Leonard and the Wordsmiths Writers Group. Music and refreshments also on the night.

Employ Ability Services, Drop-in Clinic

Every Friday

10.00am – 1.00pm

Are you looking to return to work after illness, injury or disability? Or maybe you're an employer looking to take on new staff? We may be able to help.

Free and friendly advice for Job Seekers and Employers, provided Employ Ability Service.

Drop in and chat to Gerard at the library any Friday from 10am – 1pm.

### Sensory Pod

– now available for booking at Kildare Town Library or just drop in when you are passing and check it out for yourself.

Those using it have access to a calming environment- for relaxation or de-escalation.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers for their wonderful support in 2023 and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Go mbeirfimid beo ar an am seo arís.



### **Kildare Town Youth Project**

The Hive

Main Street

Kildare Town

Kildare

R51CX52

Groups and workshops in Kildare Town Youth Project over the coming months.

### **Monday:**

**Young Women's Group (ages 14-18)**

Monday 4:00 pm to 6pm

This group is for young women who want this space to work on building positive relationships. They can discuss and work on issues that affect young people in their local area and wider society, with a specific focus on young women's issues.

### **LGBTQ Group (ages 14-18)**

Mondays 6.30pm-8pm

This is a supportive drop in space for LGBT+ young people to come in to meet up with their peers.

## **Tuesday**

### **Junior Drop In (ages 12-15) Mixed Gender 4.00pm to 6.00**

A safe space where young people can drop in and have a chat, a bite to eat and generally 'hang out'.

### **Senior Drop In (ages 16-18) Mixed Gender 6.00pm to 8.30pm**

A safe space where young people can drop in and have a chat, a bite to eat and generally 'hang out'.

## **Wednesday**

### **Climate Action Workshop ( ages 12+) 4.30pm-6pm**

This is based on areas relating to climate change and all things related to the environment with a specific focus on their local area.

### **Comhairle 6.00pm to 8.00pm ( ages 12 to 18)**

Kildare Town also has a Comhairle group was set up to give children and young people (under the voting age of 18) a voice in the development of local services and policies. All Local Authorities have regular meetings of Comhairle na nÓg, which link with adult decision-making bodies. This group is for young people.

## **Thursday**

### **Young Men's Group**

This group is for young men that come in, have some food, chat and engage in youth led activities. They will be engaging in some work with our new garden/activity space throughout the year so that young people their age have a space to use in their community. They will also be working alongside the local community gardens and men's shed through which they will learn new skills and get to know more about other community members.

## **Friday**

### **Monasterevin**

#### **Mixed group 1.15 to 2.30pm**

This group will be working on some activities that they will decide on over the coming months such as cultural events. Community involvement are paramount in this group.

#### **1st Year Group 2.30 to 3.30**

This group is very active in their community by participating in any events that take place in Monasterevin. They are also conscious of the importance of the peer support network they have created in their youth space and are always very welcoming to any young people that join. This year, they will be participating in this year's St Brigid's Day Parade in Kildare Town. They also want to work on issues about climate change that are affecting their local community.

#### **Monasterevin Comhairle 4pm to 5 pm**

Kildare Town also has a Comhairle na nOg group in Monasterevin who are currently working on a podcast. Comhairle groups were set up to give children and young people (under the voting age of 18) a voice in the development of local services and policies. All Local Authorities have regular meetings of Comhairle na nÓg, which link with adult decision-making bodies. This group is for young people aged 12-18.

#### **Kildare Town music group 6 to 8pm**

### **Other**

We are a needs-based service and are always open to developing new groups. If there are young people who would like to form their own groups, they can get in contact with us via phone or email to discuss.

If you feel any of these groups may be of interest, we can forward you on more details

i.e., a poster, parent information packs and registration forms.

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## **A message from an Garda Siochana**

An Garda Siochana wish to warn people of a doorstep fraud and theft offence which has become prevalent over the last number of weeks.

Elderly People are being targeted at their homes by Criminals who are impersonating Gardaí. The offenders are fraudulently pretending to be plain clothes Gardaí who are checking for dud money. They have duped people all around the country and stolen their cash on the pretence of checking to see if it is genuine money. They are producing false identification to assist the process.

### **Advice:**

- An Garda Siochana will never ask people about their finances on the doorstep of their homes and will never ask to check money
- Always ask for Identification and do not be afraid to question it. If in doubt politely tell the caller that you want to verify their true identity. If necessary contact your local Garda Station who will be able to establish quickly if the caller is a member of An Garda Siochana.
- Report any such activity to your local Garda Station even if you have not been the victim of a theft. That report could save a neighbour or someone else close by.
- Please check on elderly neighbours, family and friends and advise and reassure them

