

Sunday 17th March 2024

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

NEWSLETTER

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Brigid

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those
who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in
our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to
reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice
for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness
in mind, body and spirit.
Amen.

(author unknown)



Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today
Through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 16th - 24th March 2024

SAT 16 11.00am LITURGY OF THE WORD with HOLY COMMUNION

6.30pm JOHN KINSELLA, Maddenstown
And Deceased Family Members
MICHAEL KEMMY, Newtown
BRIGID TOLAN
HUGH, BRIGID, JOHN KELLY, Fennor
LARRY & ROSE NEWMAN, LOUISE MULLEN
And JIM & ELIZABETH MOLLOY
MICK DUNNE, Maryville

SUN 17 9.00am MARY HEFFERNAN, Grey Abbey
MICHAEL O'CARROLL, Maryville
THOMAS, BRIGID & TIM DELANEY, Ballysax

11.00am SEAMUS FURLONG, Rowanville – Months mind.
MICHAEL FITZPATRICK, Woodside
AUSTIN & MARY O'TOOLE, Watergrange

MON 18 11.00am BRIGID & GERRY DUNNE, Chapel Hill.

TUE 19 9.30am MARY, LIL & JACK McCORMACK

WED 20 9.30am

THU 21 9.30am TOM WATERS and JANE MURPHY

FRI 22 9.30am MICHAEL & ELLEN STANLEY, Tully West
ADAM TALBOT, Ballyshannon.

SAT 23 11.00am LITURGY OF THE WORD with HOLY COMMUNION

6.30pm JOHN MOORE, Tully 16th Anniversary
PATRICK BYRNE Jnr. Maryville
PADDY WATTERS, Chapel View

SUN 24 9.00am

11.00am BREDA FITZGERALD, Beechpark
GEORGE & JOHANNA JOHNSTON, Campion Crescent
MICHAEL, BRIGID & JOHNNY BERGIN, Newtown.
MICHAEL & SARAH FLANAGAN, Fair Green
ELLEN & CHRISTOPHER TREACY, Maryville

Chrism Mass:

Bishop Denis invites you to join him for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. It will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Carlow on Monday, 25 March at 7:30 pm.

At this diocesan Mass, the holy oils are blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year and the priests of the diocese renew their priestly promises. The diocesan choir will lead us in singing, for the first time, the newly composed Mass of St Brigid by Fr Liam Lawton.

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 - 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

The Church is open each day until 6pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available each
Saturday evening from 6.00pm to 6.30pm
in Parish Church.

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

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

“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 or pop into the office...

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

Instagram:
st.brigids.parish.kildare

Web page:
kildareparish.ie

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 and clicking on the DONATE BUTTON.... and follow the link....

**EASTER STATION envelopes available at the Church Doors
of in your box of parish envelopes.**

**Donation can also be made Online:
KILDARE PARISH CLERGY.**

The IBAN is : IE18 BOFI 9011 6727 388762.

Safeguarding

If you would like to know more about safeguarding in our Diocese, look at the Safeguarding section on 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.



First Communion Preparation

This year's Communion Children and their families are invited to join us for our 6.30pm mass next Saturday 23rd March.

TROCAIRE BOXES

are available at the church doors....



SVP Easter Raffle,

Easter Egg Hampers, tickets on sale at Parish Office and SVP Shop,
€2 a strip of 3 strips for €5

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

Fatima Pilgrimage

Special Kildare Pilgrimage to Fatima Pilgrimage 9th-14th August EX Dublin.

Mass in Santarem where bleeding host took place, visit visionaries' homes, Hungarian Stations of the Cross.

Lisbon with church of Saint Anthony where he was born and baptised, seaside excursion. Payments can be made by instalments.

Contact James Treacy 061921470 or email jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

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.



Parish Lotto

Draw held Wednesday 13 March 2024. The numbers drawn were 2,5,10,14. There was 1 Winner of €10,000 Jackpot – Congratulations to RHYAN, AVA, LILY & MAISIE from Hacketstown Parish. We had 1 winner in the match 3 numbers game.

Congratulations to SALLY KELLY, promoter Bernard Conway who won €44.

Congrats to LAURIE KINSELLA winner of the subscribers draw, promoter

The Sweet Shop.. 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 €10,000.



"High School Musical"

"Kildare Town Community School is delighted to host our musical "High School Musical" from Wednesday March 20th to Friday March 22nd. Tickets are available at the KTCS reception. Please come and enjoy the talent of the younger generation of Kildare. Your support is appreciated."



The Dementia café

The Dementia Cafe gathers on the last Thursday of every month from 230pm to 430pm at Kildare Community Development Centre (old Presentation convent)

It is a welcoming space for people living with dementia and their families and friends to have a cup of tea and a chat. Each month there is a short talk given by a guest speaker. **Please note the earlier date for March is Thursday 21st.**

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock:

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in the Kildare & Leighlin Diocese for the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14th April 2024. Please ring 086 1637311 (Barbara Kinsella) to enquire or book a seat. Full bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie.

Forest School at The Irish National Stud & Gardens –

EASTER CAMP Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 April 10am – 2pm, €135 +BF...

Pond dipping, bug hunting, art& Craft, Fire Making, Bushcraft, New Fairy Trail, Mud Kitchen, Outdoor Fun.

Sibling discount available, email Georgina

wildkidsforestschool@gmail.com ph 085 1389777

Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin. This year our Novena is confined to 3 nights, commencing on

Wednesday, 20 - Friday, 22 March, 2024. Time: 7.30pm

Theme: Peace.

Wednesday, 20th March

Guest Speaker: Sr. Helen Cullanane, Mercy Sister, who started a grief Counseling Centre for children in Limerick.

Thursday, 21st March

Guest Speaker: people from Cuin Mhuire. Speaking about addictions.

Friday, 2nd March

Guest Speaker: James Kilbane -well known faith musician.

Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin

We are hiring "Director of Parish Development", closing date 25 March 2024. Job description and information on how to apply can be found on www.kandle.ie.

Kildare Older Persons' Council

will hold their Annual General Meeting on Thursday March 21st 2024 in the Westgrove Hotel, Clane from 11.00am – 1.00pm

The council represents the views, experiences and concerns of people over 55 years in county Kildare and is a partner organisation to the Kildare Age Friendly Alliance which includes organisations such as Kildare County Council, Health Service Executive (HSE), An Garda Síochána and others.

The committee will report on their work over the past year and partner organisations will share information relevant to older persons.

Tea and coffee will be served on arrival and a light lunch at 1.00pm. This is a free event and everybody is welcome.

Contact kildareopc22@gmail.com or telephone Carmel Cashin on 045 980200 for more information.

Kildare Town Library

Due to essential building works at Kildare Town Library, we ask all our customers to note that there will be NO in-library service until April. Customers wishing to return library items can do so at The Heritage Centre, Market Square, or any other Kildare Library. Customers can request items online & select an alternative Kildare Library as a collection point,

Newbridge – 045 906 130
Monasterevin – 045 529 239
Rathangan 045 528 078

Age Friendly Coffee Mornings will continue to be held bi-monthly at Aras Bhríde, come along for Tea/coffee & a chat on **20th March at 10am**. If you wish to return library books on those days or have any query, Margaret will be happy to assist you. We would like to thank our customers for your patience while the essential work is being carried out.

Family Carers Ireland

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.

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.

Skerries Irish Figure Dancing

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

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>

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

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

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

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/

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>

**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.**



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 nÓg 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.

Ger: 083-467 8030 geraldine.hamill@insync.ie

Elaine: 087-125 4897 elaine.whelan@insync.ie

Little Way Cancer Support Centre in Clane, Co. Kildare is here to help anybody in our parish who is affected by cancer.

Our services are free of charge for people affected by cancer (Patients and carers)



We are here to help you!

Counselling,

Complementary Therapies,

Support Groups For Cancer Patients

and their Carers

Our services are FREE of charge

*Little Way Cancer Support Centre,
2/3 Village Centre, Clane, Co. Kildare*

Ph:045902996

email: clane@little-way.org

facebook.com/LWCSC

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