

Sunday 25th February 2024

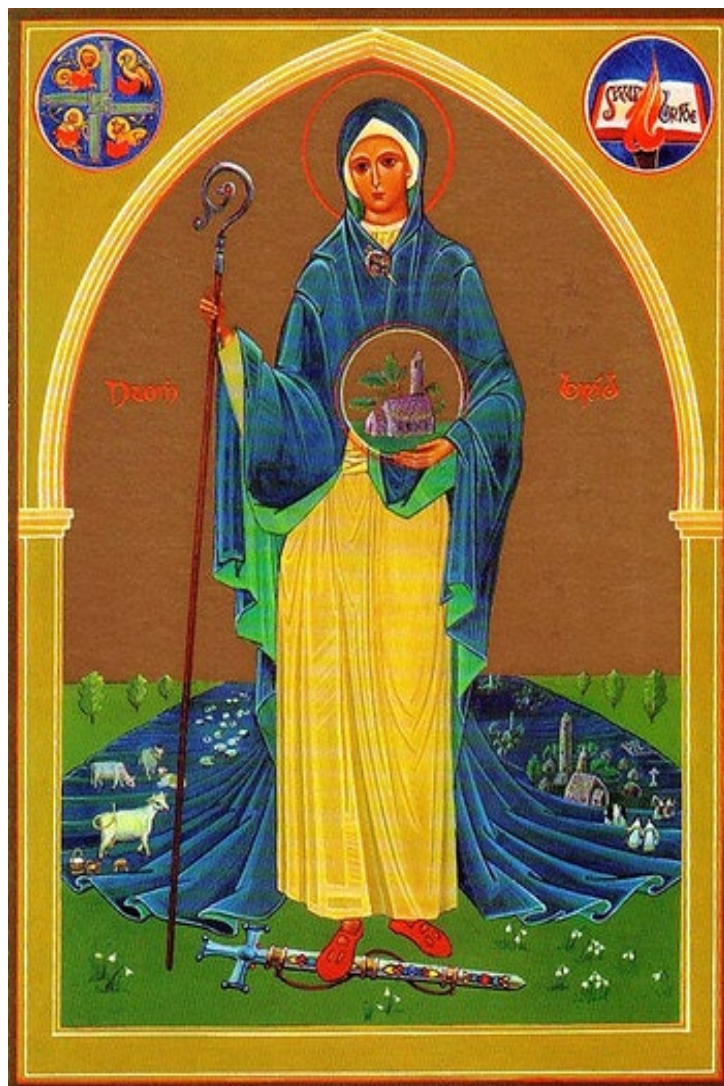
2nd Sunday of Lent

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)

Lent: Springtime of the Spirit

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal
First the bud, then the blossom, and finally the
shoot.

Spring dresses the trees in a new robe,
And makes them young again.

But this is possibly only because in autumn
They let go of their old leaves,
And in between endured a period of nakedness.

Lent is in the springtime of the spirit
Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits,
And to face our spiritual poverty,
In order that you may renew us, and so at Easter
We will feel young again in our discipleship.

Flor McCarthy

**TROCAIRE BOXES are available at the church
doors....**

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 17th - 25th February 2024

SAT 24 11.00am LITURGY OF THE WORD with HOLY COMMUNION

6.30pm PAUDIE & DIANE SHEEDY, Swansea & Dara Park.
NAN CONLAN, 15th Anniversary
MICK CONLAN, Lourdesville.. Months Mind..
ANN LYNCH Nee NOLAN, Melitta Tce.
BETTY FITZPATRICK, Academy Street.
ROSE DONOHUE, 10th Anniversary
JIMMY MULLEN, Rowanville
KEVIN McCORMACK, Bishopsland... Months Mind.

SUN 25 9.00am JOE HANNON, Assumpta Villas
MARGARET HEFFERNAN, Rathilla

11.00am DESSIE ASTON, Dublin Rd
And SARAH FINN Assumpta Villas
JAMES & MAUREEN FITZSIMONS, Maryville
DAVID GILHOOLY, Donaney.. Birthday Remembrance
JOHN McCARTHY, Friary Road.
PADDY & MARGARET RYAN,
LIAM & DECLAN RYAN and DEIRDRE McKENNA

MON 26 9.30am SPECIAL INTENTION

TUE 27 9.30am NEOLLE NORTHROP, Ellistown

WED 28 9.30am PADDY & KATHLEEN MURPHY, The Square

THU 29 9.30am

FRI 1 9.30am J. J. MAHON, Claregate Street.
MAUREEN DOWNEY, Assumpta Villas.
TOM FITZPATRICK, Silliot.. Birthday Remembrance

SAT 2 11.00am LITURGY OF THE WORD with HOLY COMMUNION

6.30pm MAURA REID, Rowanville, 3rd Anniversary

SUN 3 9.00am JULIA MAHON, Athy

11.00am BRIAN 'BEANO' CAREY, Maryville#
BERNARD CONWAY, Oghill.. 30th Anniversary
MARY & JAMES BEHAN, Tully West.

We remember

SEAMUS FURLONG, Rowanville
who has died.

We also remember

PATRICK, MARY, JOHN VAUGHAN, Melitta Road
Whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom mass will be
offered

for whom mass will be offered

The Housebound of the Parish
Will be visited in the week ahead.

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

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](https://www.instagram.com/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....

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.

Saturday 2nd March 6.30pm Mass will be as Gaeilge!

This is to welcome all the groups from around the County who will be gathering here that day to celebrate MEITHEALL CHILL DARA - Failte romhaith go léir

An Exhibition of Art presented by the pupils of St. Brigid's Primary School to celebrate Brigid 1500 is on view at the Parish Church.

We thank our school children for keeping the spirit of St. Brigid alive in our Community.

Would you like to be a reader in our church,

A 2-night training course takes place in Aras Bhride, Kildare Town on Wednesday 6th & 13th March from 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

If you are interested, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office. if interested please contact parish office... training course will take place soon....

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

Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat in St. Peters and Paul's Parish Church

Portlaoise. Saturday 2 March 2024, 10am to 1.30 pm. Holy Mass @ 10.am -

Confessions available

Retreat continues in Parish Centre from 10.45 am to 1.30 pm (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry) Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305 Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P All Welcome

Cill Dara Wranglers

Line Dancing .. come and Learn... class each Tuesday evening in Aras Bhride, 6.45pm – 9.30pm.... Beginners very welcome...

Contact Mag on 087 6344736 for more information.

Kildare Active Retired

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 29th February at 2.15pm in Aras Bhride.

A community Garda will attend with some good advice and answer any queries you may have. For further information contact Teresa 086 0749023

Parish Lotto

Draw held Wednesday 21 February 2024 Numbers Drawn were 13, 20, 23, 28. No jackpot winner. We had NO winners in the match 3 numbers game. Congrats to NOEL WHITE winner of the subscribers draw, promoter John Robinson. 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 €12,000.

Night of Joy –

Newbridge Gospel Choir & Kilcullen Gospel Choir
on Friday 1st March @ 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm in St., Brigid's Church, Curragh Camp. Special Guest Orla Gargan, MD of Dublin Gospel Choir. Tickets €15 Adult / €5 child. Available on Eventbrite. Raffle on the night 3 Tickets €5. In aid of St. Brigid's NS Ballysax & St. Joseph's NS Halverstown

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

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 Bhride, come along for Tea/coffee & a chat on **Wednesday 6th & 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.

Kildare Town Soccer Club

Annual General Meeting takes place Thursday 29th February at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse.

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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 or email the school office:

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

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

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/

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 Brownhill 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.



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 LGBTQ+ 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. Comhraile 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

