

Sunday 4th February 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEWSLETTER

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*From the homily of Bishop Denis at the Installation of the Relic of
St. Brigid last Sunday 29th January.*

*.... "What were the character traits that defined St. Brigid of
Kildare? To mention just a few, she was hospitable, she was a
peacemaker, she was a strong woman of faith".....*

*.... " Legend suggests that Brigid was born in a doorway, on a
threshold. I think the image of a doorway speaks to us in the
Kildare and Ireland of 2024. An Ireland of one hundred thousand
welcomes, céad míle fáilte, but sadly as recent events suggests, not
always if you are fleeing persecution, war or trauma. The scenes on
some of our streets and the misinformation that passes unverified on
social media disturb, because this is not the hospitality that St.
Brigid espoused. As the monk and local scholar Cogitoisus would
remind us, with Brigid "every guest is Christ".....*



Domi

epis

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)

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 3rd - 11th February 2024

SAT 3 11.00am LITURGY OF THE WORD with HOLY COMMUNION

6.30pm JACKIE KINSELLA, Months Mind
LARRY & ROSE NEWMAN, Lourdesville
MARCELLA KELLY, Lourdesville.. 2nd Anniversary
PATRICK BYRNE Snr.. Maryville

SUN 4 9.00am TESS KENNEDY, Elm Park.
MARY & ELIZABETH HEFFERNAN, Leinster Walk.

11.00am JOHN EGAN, R.I.P. Galway
ROSE MULRENNAN, Maryville, 3rd Anniversary
LAURENCE CREEVY, Fennor.. 5th Anniversary
MICHAEL DOYLE, Drumcree
WILL BRABSTON, Campion Crescent ... Months Mind
LIAM MOYLAN, Tully West.
PHILOMENA & JOE KINDREGAN, Assumpta Villas
And Deceased family members.

MON 5 11.00am DAN CONROY, Cherryville

TUE 6 9.30am LIAM MOYLAN, Tully West
WALLY PATCHELL

WED 7 9.30am ELIZABETH MURRELL, Maryville

THU 8 9.30am

FRI 9 9.30am MARGARET & WILLIAM MANGAN, Assumpta Villas
SARAH CULLEN, Knavinstown.
ROSE Corrigan, Dublin & Kildare
MARY O'CONNOR, Assumpta Villas
And MARGARET & PAUL HUBAN

SAT 10 11.00am LITURGY OF THE WORD with HOLY COMMUNION

6.30pm LAURA ANDERSON, Months mind
JOHN MOORE, Drumcree
And PATRICK MOORE, Shanacloon
JOHN, PATRICK & MARY VAUGHAN, Melitta Rd
And Deceased Members of THE VAUGHAN FAMILY.
PATRICK McNAMARA, Tully West.
ANNE MADDEN, Maherfelt, Co. Derry.

SUN 11 9.00am SHEILA HANNON, Melitta Park

11.00am WILLIE MOORE, Rowanville..8th Anniversary
DENISE COMMINS & Deceased Members
of THE COMMINS FAMILY
JOHN ROCHE, Silliot hill
LIAM McDONALD, Melitta Road
CHARLES & EILEEN HEFFERNAN, The Square
And ALICE JOHNSTON
BILL & MARGARET MANGAN, Assumpta Villas
KATHLEEN NEWMAN, Maryville... Months mind

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

Our Live streaming web address has been updated.

To access MCN Media, please go to **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

“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.

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.

Thursday 1st February

Thank You: to KILDARE FARM FOODS, for their wonderful generosity in providing the nourishing food to all who attended the Service of Thanksgiving in St. Brigid's Cathedral last Thursday.

Thank you: to KILDARE CMWS COMMITTEE for their warm welcome and hospitality in making the hall available.

Thank You: to members of our PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL for your help and support throughout the day.

May St. Brigid continue to inspire our Christian Community.

FEILE BHRIDE 2024

Saturday 3 February

Revisiting the Customs & Traditions associated with St. Brigid

Presenter Brenda Kindregan & Margaret Walsh

Time 2.30pm – 4pm

Venue: Solas Bhride.

Adm €15.

Sunday 4 February

Mass at St. Brigid' Well at 10.30am. Car Parking at Solas Bhride.

The Making of a Modern Book of Kildare with Josephine Hardiman

Venue: Solas Bhride

Time: 3pm – 5pm.

Adm €5. Booking essential.

Monday 5 February

A walk on the Curragh Plains – St. Brigid's Pastures

Assemble at Solas Bhride Centre – Tully Rd, Kildare

Registration 2.15pm, bus departs at 2.30pm

Cost €10 Bus & Tea/Coffee – dress weather appropriate and wear suitable footwear for soft/wet ground underfoot. Car parking facilities at Solas Bhride.

Booking details : www.solasbhride.ie or info@solasbhride.ie

Tuesday 6 February

Meditation : A gift of Quiet for the Dawn of Spring in Solas Bhride

Presenters – Solas Bhride Team,

Time: 10.30am – 11.15am.

Adm FREE

In person and Online – Booking details : www.solasbhride.ie or info@solasbhride.ie

Wednesday 7 February

Brigid 1500: A woman, A Life, A Legacy – An Interpretation through Floral Art

Presenter Christine Hughes AOIFA

Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Venue: Solas Bhride,

Adm €10. Booking Essential.

Wednesday 7 February

St. Brigid: Woman of boundless Heart, Faith, Courage and Love

A meditation using the legend of St. Brigid and the fox

Presenter: Brenda Kindregan

Time: 7.30pm – 8.15pm GMT – Online event.

Adm €10

Booking details : www.solasbhride.ie or info@solasbhride.ie

Thursday 8 February

Annual Celtic Lecture: The Secrets of St. Brigid

Presenter: Eoghan Corry

Time 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Kildare Education Support Centre, Friary Rd, Kildare Town R51 KN66

Enquiries to KESC , ph 045 530200

Email : office@eckildare.ie

Friday 9 February

Meditative Walk in Solas Bhride Garden

“Go out into the natural world, look, listen and know your place within creation”

Author unknown

Presenter Solas Bhride Team

Time 10.30am – 11.15am

Venue Solas Bhride, Tully Rd.

Adm €5 include Tea/Coffee

Saturday 10 February

Justice and Peace Conference – The light of Peace

Hosted by AFRI – Action from Ireland

Time 10am – 4pm

Venue – Solas Bhride, Tully Rd.c

Adm €35 (concession €25)

Full details of the Conference available on www.afri.ie

Booking essential : adm@afri.ie or phone 01 8384204

Booking details for events at Solas Bhride

www.solasbhride.ie or info@solasbhride.ie

Ph 045 522890

Eircode R51 Y281

Bookings for Kildare town Library
Ph 045 520255

Kildare Heritage Centre
Ph – 045 530672
Email: info@kildareheritage.com

St. Brigid's Cathedral
Opening Hours – Please check with Kildare Heritage Centre or Solas Bhríde

Meet the Makers – Kildare Town

– Market Square –
Monday 5th February
11.00am – St. Brigid Cross/ Brideog doll making
12 noon – Needle Work
1.00pm – Storytelling
2pm – Raw Wool Finger Spinning
3pm – Natural Cordage
/ Hapa Zome

Workshops will be in open air spaces & limited to 8 people per workshop.
To book contact kildareheritagecentre@gmail.com

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.

Parish Lotto

Draw held Wednesday 31 January 2024 Numbers Drawn were 8,15,22,29. 1 Jackpot winner OF €17,000 in Newbridge Parish Congratulations to MARY SHIELS. We had 1 winner in the match 3 numbers game. Congrats to FRANCES CUNNINGHAM, promoter Ann Hill who won €39 each. Congrats also to MARGIE SHERIDAN 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 €10,000.

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

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.

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 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

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 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.



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

