

Sunday 21st July 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEWSLETTER

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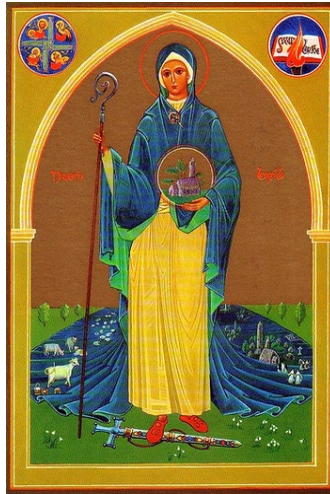
Safeguarding Officers: Fiona Reid c/o Kildare Parish Office
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Reflection

"Life is no straight and easy corridor along
which we travel free and unhampered,
but a maze of passages,
through which we must seek our way,
lost and confused, now and again
checked in a blind alley.

But always, if we have faith,
God will open a door for us.
not perhaps one that we ourselves
would ever have thought of,
but one that will ultimately
prove good for us."

A.J. Cronin



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 20th - Sunday 28th July 2024

SAT 20 11.00pm LITURGY OF THE WORD with HOLY COMMUNION

6.30pm LARRY & ROSE NEWMAN, LOUISE MULLEN
And JIM & ELIZABETH MOLLOY
EAMON FITZSIMOPNS, THE CAHILL FAMILY
And TOM ANDERSON.
TISH KEEGAN, Shanacloon
JOE FITZPATRICK
JOHN HIGGINS, Assumpta Villas
& ELLEN CONNELL, Mullingar.

SUN 21 9.00am MARY HOULIHAN, Kyle.. Months Mind.
JORDON EDWARD NOLAN, Kildare

11.00am JOHN BALLESTY, Green Road.
ELIZABETH CLARKE, The Castle
JOSEPHINE MURPHY, Mynagh.
ANTHONY 'TONY' LAMBE, Maryville... 1st Anniversary
And SPECIAL INTENTION for A SICK FRIEND
GERALD CURTIN & THE FRAWLEY FAMILIES

MON 22 9.30am ACHYUT 'BOB' GANGULY.. 1st Anniversary

TUE 23 9.30am SR. UNA LENNOX

WED 24 9.30am

THU 25 9.30pm JOHN 'JACK' HALPIN, Lourdesville

FRI 26 9.30pm

SAT 27 11.00pm LITURGY OF THE WORD with HOLY COMMUNION

6.30pm

SUN 28 9.00am

11.00am STACEY MASTERSON

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

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

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 – 1pm and 2pm - 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.

Keep in touch with the Parish on

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....

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Envelopes can still be dropped into the Parish Office.

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.

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Run to Remember

5K Run – Jog – Walk



**Sunday 3rd November 2024 at 12pm
Kildare Town**

*Your person being remembered will be added
to the memory wall*

**ALL REGISTERED WILL RECEIVE A
REMEMBRANCE CANDLE
CHIP TIMED**

Adults - €15.00 - Child - €7.50 - Family - €35.00



Register : www.justrunsevents.ie

RUN TO REMEMBER
Registration is NOW OPEN
for the
ANNUAL RUN TO REMEMBER

taking place Sunday 3 November,
Register at: www.justrunsevents.ie

CEMETERY MASSES 2024

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| Nurney Cemetery | Friday 14th June | 7.30pm |
| Lackagh Cemetery | Monday 17th June | 7.30pm |
| Ballybracken (Kildangan) | Friday 21st June | 7.30pm |
| Kildangan Stud Cemetery | Wednesday 3 rd July | 7.30pm |
| St. Conleth's Cemetery | Monday 8th July | 7.30pm |
| Knavinstown Cemetery | Friday 12th July | 7.30pm |
| Black Abbey (Tully) | Monday 15th July | 7.30pm |
| Grey Abbey | Monday 26th August | 7.30pm |

Message from Gardai to Parishioners Important Reminder

Please be aware that the Garda do not call looking to check if your money is counterfeit and take it from you. Another such theft occurred in Laois. Stay vigilant and protect yourself from fraud.

Kildare Dementia Cafe

It's our BIRTHDAY !!

Come celebrate with us on Thursday 25th July 2.30pm – 4.30pm at Kildare Community Development Centre (Old Presentation Convent) Meadow Road, Kildare Town. R51 RF88.

Music from Naas Men's Shed and Tea & Refreshments sponsored by SICAP & Newbridge Lions Club.

Catholic Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Knock

Takes place this year on the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 28th July. Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland will lead the pilgrimage. Anointing of the sick takes place at 2.30pm in the Basilica followed by Mass and a Rosary Procession. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Lotto

Draw held Wednesday 17 July 2024. The numbers drawn were 15, 17, 25, 26..... There was NO Jackpot winner. We had 1 winner in the match 3 numbers game. Congratulations to COLETTE CAREY, promoter Ann Hill who won €125. Congrats also to HARRIET DUNNE 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 €20,000.

Art with Rebecca

This Art Group meet in Teach Dara, Community & family Centre, Academy Street R51 D803, each Thursday morning from 10am to 12 noon. Cost €10. New Members welcome.

Nurney/ Kildangan Community Employment Project

Nurney Kildangan Community Employment Project Limited by Guarantee have a number of vacancies in Nurney, Kildangan and Kildare Town. To enquire about these positions or to find out if you qualify for Community Employment, please contact the Project Supervisor Mary Byrne on 087 1745524

12 Week Group Run

Training starting 1st July.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7pm.
Led by a fully qualified trainer
Register at: www.justrunsevents.ie
For information: phone Lisa @ 087 250 1850

Medjugorje Pilgrimages April – Oct 2024.

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

Tel. 01 4434510 or website www.med-irishcentre.com

MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518

IRELAND: 00353 1 443 4510

Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

Local communities can lead the way in creating an Ireland where pollinators can thrive. Our Bees and other pollinating insects are in trouble.

The good news is that you can help by making your garden pollinator friendly. Every garden, no matter its size, can be a haven for hungry pollinators. Download the set of pollinator friendly garden guidelines www.pollinators.ie

Kildare Town AFC

Family 5K run / Walk

Sunday 28th July at 11am, starting and finishing at the clubhouse.

Register now : www.justrunsevents.ie

Adults - €15 / Child - €10 / Family - €40

Kildare Town AFC 4G Astroturf Fundraiser.

Ladies only SELF DEFENCE

Classes Limited spaces – Female instructor. Saturdays 10am – 11am.

Eircode R51 PK70. Book your space on www.cilldaramartialartsacademy.com

HUGG

(Healing Untold Grief Groups)

New HUGG Kildare

Suicide bereavement support group, led by trained volunteers with lived experience of suicide loss.

To join visit www.HUGG.ie

Call: 01 513 4048 / Email: support@HUGG.ie

Kildare Community Garden

meet at Men's Shed, Campion Crescent. Each Monday & Friday from 11am – 1pm..... All are welcome and the kettle is always on....

Ph Mary on 087 9562158 For more information

St. Conleth's Day Care Centre

The Centre is now OPEN to NEW CLIENTS. It is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 3.30pm. The clients will be collected and brought back home by bus. For more information contact Connie, on 045 521748

Kildare Town Twinning

Kildare Town Twinning are celebrating their 30th Anniversary this year, with their twinned town of Corps Nuds in Brittany, France with a visit from families from Corps Nuds, Thursday 15 August – Sunday 18 August. The committee are looking for Host Families for our visitors, if you are interested in helping out, please contact Mary Kavanagh on 087 6242051.

Wild Kids Forest School



**Forest School
Summer Camps 2024**



Monday 1st July - Thursday 4th July
Monday 15th July - Thursday 18th July
Monday 29th July - Thursday 1st August



Pond Dipping
Bug Hunting
Art & Craft
Fire Making
Bushcraft
Fairy Trail
Mud Kitchen
Games
and lots of
Outdoor Fun!!!

10am to 2pm daily
Age 5-12
€135 euro
For more information and sibling
discount code email:
wildkidsforestschool@gmail.com



Member of
**Irish Forest
School Association**
clr.ie/135892

Forest School Summer Camps for children in The Irish National Stud
& Japanese Gardens

Mon 29 July – Thu 1 Aug

10am – 2pm daily,

Age 5 – 12 years

For more information and sibling discount code email:

wildkidsforestschool@gmail.com

Games, crafts, bushcraft and lots more

Senior Line

Would you like someone to talk to?? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people, open every day of the year 10am – 10pm. They can be contacted on Freephone 1800 80 45 91



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.



The Dementia café

The Dementia Cafe gathers on the last Thursday of every month from 2.30pm to 4.30pm 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.

Eagle Martial Arts

– Kildare Town, each Wednesday in Gael Scoil Mhic Aodha, Kildare.

Juniors 6-7pm, Teens/Adults 7-8pm.

With Darren Brady, Self Defence Expert, 2nd Dan Black Belt.

Ph 085 1158367.

We are open all summer long, new members always welcome to our inclusive club where positivity is the key to growth

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.

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>

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 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. “Beauty dies Where litter lies “

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](https://www.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