

Sunday 4th August 2024

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEWSLETTER

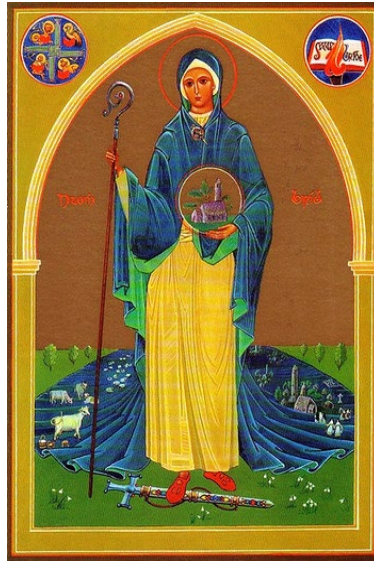
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As Fr. Andy takes up temporary residence with the St. Patrick's Society Missionary Fathers in Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow, Bishop Denis has appointed Fr. Adrian as Administrator of Kildare Parish and Fr. Locky Flanagan as Assistant Priest.

We warmly welcome Fr. Locky to his home Parish (he was born and reared in Kildare) and wish them both every blessing as they work together to serve our communities.



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 - Sunday 11th August 2024

SAT 3 6.30pm BRIAN DALY, Elm Grove.. 3rd Anniversary
FRANK KNIGHT.
COLETTE 'COLLIE' KINSELLA, Rowanville
And Deceased Members of THE KINSELLA FAMILY.

SUN 4 9.00am JIMMY KEMMY, Grangebeg.
FRANCIS HEFFERNAN, Claregate Street.
And UNA HEFFERNAN, grey Abbey
THOMAS SLATTERY, Rowanville
And MICHAEL KINSELLA, Ballyadams.

11.00am HARRY HOLMES, Ozanam Court...Months Mind
JOE KENNEDY, Rathbride Road
And FREDa NOLAN, Farrenberg Glebe
PATRICK FLANAGAN, Mountain View ..70th Anniversary

MON 5 11.00am

TUE 6 9.30am

WED 7 9.30am ANNE THERESE HALL

THU 8 9.30pm

FRI 9 9.30pm

SAT 10 6.30pm BETTY BOLAND, The Square & JOHN BOLAND
BART GUILFOYLE, Woodside Pk 2nd anniversary
NOELEEN WALSH, Maryville

SUN 11 9.00am MICHAEL HEFFERNAN, Rathilla

11.00am RENE & SIMON HEFFERNAN, French Furze Rd
LIA LEIGH Ni DROIGNEAIN, Fennor Lawns

PLEASE NOTE

CONFESSIONS

have moved to a new time

Confessions available each Saturday at 5.45pm

CEMETERY MASSES 2024

Grey Abbey Monday 26th August 7.30pm

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. Locky 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 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....

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.

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**

Rose of Tralee

On Sunday 11th August we welcome the 2024 Rose of Tralee contestants to St. Brigid's Parish as they visit the Relic of St. Brigid and Kildare Town

We wish each of the contestants the very best in this years' Rose contest.

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. Due to circumstances beyond our control we find ourselves in need of 3 host families. 2 single and 1 couple. One of our hosts had to withdraw. If you would like to help out please contact Mary Kavanagh on 087 6242051.

Seeking Volunteers

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments.

If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

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



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.

Parish Lotto

Draw held Wednesday 31 July 2024. The numbers drawn were 3, 4, 20, 29..... There was NO Jackpot winner. We had 1 winner in the match 3 numbers game.

Congratulations to EDDIE HEFFERNAN, promoter The Sweet Shop who won €72. Congrats also to CATHERINE CHAPMAN winner of the subscribers draw, promoter Bernard Conway... 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

PILGRIMAGES

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

Pat Sweeney Pilgrimage to Lisieux 2024

Friday 27th September – Tuesday 1st October 2024

Spiritual Director: Rev Fr. Simon Nolan O.Carm Provincial

5 Day Pilgrimage for the Feast Day of St Therese of Lisieux to include:

Pontifical Mass in the Basilica

Evening Candlelight Procession of St Therese's Relics.

Visit the Cemetery where St Therese and her family are buried

Visit to Les Buissonets -the home of St. Therese

St Pierre Cathedral in Lisieux

Day trip to Alencon or Caen, both with strong links to the Martin family

Staying in the beautiful Hotel de l'Esperance, Lisieux 4*

This 4-star hotel is in a prime location in the centre of Lisieux and withing walking distance of the major sites. All bedrooms are ensuite.

Price per person sharing: €1,050.00

Price includes:

Return flights Dublin/Beauvais on the services of Ryanair.

One 10 kg bag on board plus one small bag (must fit under seat).

Transfers on arrival and departure.

4 nights' accommodation, twin sharing, - Dinner, bed and breakfast basis each day

Porterage at hotel.

Day trip to Alencon or Caen.

Not included:

* Single room supplement €50.00 per night * Travel insurance

How to book:

Please contact Marcie Sweeney Duggan on 085 8887549 for further information

Note: This quotation is based on a minimum of 20 paying passengers.

Pilgrimages for 2025

Special Kildare/Carlow Pilgrimage (Limited availability)

to Fatima EX Dublin Easter 2025

13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony

13th October 2025 for the Miracle of Sun

All flying with TAP Airlines

Contact James Treacy 061 921470 / email jamestreacyphotography@gmail.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

Ladies only SELF DEFENCE

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

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

Vision Ireland

We will be reopening our new store (VISION IRELAND)

on the 8th August. Pop in for chat, coffee and bargains galore,!!

Unit T3, Nugent St, Station Road, Kildare Town.

Kildare Choral and Organ Festival Celebrates Brigid 1500.

The 2024 Kildare Choral and Organ Festival, which takes place in St Brigid's Cathedral from the 14th to 28th August, will mark the 1500th anniversary of the death of St Brigid with a range of performances from acclaimed women musicians in Ireland.

The annual Festival, will this year explore the theme, 'Women in music honouring Brigid 1500'. It begins on **Wednesday 14th August, 7.30pm**, with an organ recital from Dr Carole O'Connor, organist and choir director of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Whitefriar Street, Dublin.

The second night of the Festival, **Friday 23rd August, 7.30pm**, will feature a choral performance from the celebrated Irish female vocal ensemble, Dulciana. Since its very inception, part of Dulciana's mission has been the promotion of music by female composers, both those neglected by history, and those currently making history. They are particularly firm supporters of contemporary female Irish composers.

The closing night of the Festival, **Wednesday 28th August, 7.30pm** will feature Tatiana Konina on organ and Aoise O'Dwyer on viola. Tatiana is the Director of Music and Organist of Christ Church, Bray and Aoise is a violist, music educator and orchestral musician from Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Commenting on the Festival, the Dean of St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare, Very Rev Isobel Jackson said, "Last year's Festival marked the 800th anniversary of the construction of St Brigid's Cathedral, so this year we wanted to celebrate the founder of our ancient hilltop site, St Brigid herself. She is strongly associated with the arts,

so it is wonderful to think that 1500 years after her death, glorious sacred music continues to reverberate on the site she founded”.

Tickets are €15 per concert or €40 for the whole festival. They can be purchased online on Eventbrite (see links below) or at the door on the night of the concerts.

Ticket links:

Carole O’Connor (14th August): <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/kildare-choral-and-organ-festival-2024-carole-oconnor-tickets-951305669867>

Dulciana (23rd August): <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/kildare-choral-and-organ-festival-2024-dulciana-tickets-951378086467>

Tatiana Konina and Aoise O’Dwyer (28th August):
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/kildare-choral-and-organ-festival-2024-tatiana-konina-aoise-odwyer-tickets-951472829847>

For more information, see <https://stbrigids cathedral.com/>

Fundraising concert in aid of Kildare refuge with Niamh Strong and guests

On Saturday 31st August, Niamh Strong will headline a special fundraising concert, entitled ‘Songbird’, with Newbridge Gospel Choir and Mairéad Carroll in the historic surrounds of St Brigid’s Cathedral, Kildare in aid of a local women and children’s refuge, Teach Tearmainn.

The concert will include a premium pre-concert reception which will begin at 6.00pm, followed by the main performance at 7.30pm.

Kildare native Niamh Strong, comes from one of Ireland's most recognisable musical families, the Strong family. Her father Rob Strong is the legendary blues singer, and her brother Andrew Strong is best known for playing Decco Cuff in the movie, The Commitments. Niamh’s sister Alex also runs Strong’s Café & Bistro on Market Square in Kildare town, just outside the entrance to St Brigid’s Cathedral.

In March 2018, Niamh recorded a special album in honour of the American singer and musician Eva Cassidy, who died from melanoma at the age of 33. Niamh’s tribute album was titled, ‘Niamh Strong sings Eva Cassidy’. This album will form the core material for the fundraising concert in St Brigid’s Cathedral, alongside special performances by the renowned and uplifting Newbridge Gospel Choir, as well as Newbridge-based musician, singer/songwriter, poet, storyteller and traditional Irish fiddle player, Mairéad Carroll.

All proceeds from the event will go to Teach Tearmainn, which is a non-profit organization in Kildare town, with charitable status, serving women and children who are experiencing domestic violence and abuse.

The year 2024 marks the 1500th anniversary of the death of St Brigid, who in 480 AD founded her hilltop church of oak ('Cill Dara' in Irish), where St Brigid's Cathedral now stands. In honour of St Brigid's legacy, the 'Songbird' concert will predominantly feature local women in music and its fundraising target will be to support women who access the services of Teach Tearmann.

The concert is produced by the Kildare Centre of Mission, which is a special initiative of the Church of Ireland Dioceses of Meath and Kildare, to increase outreach and engagement through St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare.

Tickets for the premium pre-concert and concert are €60 and tickets for the concert only are €30. Both are available on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/songbird-fundraising-concert-for-local-domestic-abuse-support-service-tickets-916885688777?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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

Kildare Community Garden meet at Men's Shed, Campion Crescent. R51 EH21

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

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.

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 Library

All events at Kildare Town Community Library are free of charge and open to everyone. Some events may require booking.

To book or for more information, phone (045) 520 235 or emailkildarelib@kildarecoco.ie and include your name and mobile number.

Sensory Pod & Sensory Toybox

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

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

Events for Children

Storytime for children aged 0 – 5 years

Fridays 11am

Why not come along and join in the fun. Lots of new stories and songs for children under 5 years.

No Booking Required – Everyone Welcome!

Summer Stars Arts & Crafts Workshops

Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th of August 11 – 12pm for ages 5 - 8

Join us for some fun arts and crafts to celebrate Summer Stars! To book your place, please contact the library on 045520235 or email kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Summer Stars Arts & Crafts Workshops

Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th of August 3 – 4pm for ages 9 - 12

Join us for some fun arts and crafts to celebrate Summer Stars!

To book your place, please contact the library on 045520235 or email kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Comic Writing Workshop with Fighting Words

Tuesday 20th August 12 – 2pm for ages 7-9

In this free workshop with Fighting Words, children will get creative and learn all about how to write and draw their own comics.

Heritage Week Event

Busy Bee Painting Workshop for 6-8 Year Olds

Wednesday 21st of August 11.00am

We are buzzing with excitement for Heritage Week in Kildare Town Library and our theme this year is celebrating the importance of bees in our ecosystem.

To kickstart celebrations, we will have a busy bee painting workshop for our 6–8-year-old Summer Stars workshop on the 21st of August. There will be a lively discussion about how we depend on bees and a fascinating factsheet will be provided. This is a popular Summer Stars workshop so please book ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Contact the library at 045520235 or email kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie to book your place.

Summer Stars Party with Waffles the Wonderful

Saturday 31st August 11am & 3pm

Come and celebrate with us as we end our 2024 Summer Stars Reading Programme at Kildare Town Library! Join us on Saturday August 31st for some fun and magic with Waffles the Wonderful. Waffles the Wonderful: Have Ireland's best female magician perform magic tricks for young and old. Waffles tricks are goofy and fun, and she is sure to bring a smile to all. Laugh at Waffles mind reading bear. Smile as she brings a grown up for a rope trick. Hoot and howl as kids make things appear and

disappear. Waffles was selected by President Higgins to perform at the Aras and has over 15 years' experience. Terrific command of the audience from the moment the show starts! Waffles will be performing twice on the day and attendees should book only one of these shows.

Events for Adults

Heritage Week Event:

Connecting the Past with the Present with Cill Dara
Historical Society

Thursday 22nd August 6.45pm – 8pm

Take a virtual walk through some of the unusual gravestones and burials in Grey Abbey as we search for a new generation of carers for this beautiful graveyard. Muse upon the 1500th anniversary of our patroness - what does it mean to us to live in this year of her anniversary?

Cill Dara Historical Society in association with Grey Abbey Conservation Group, Kildare Town Heritage Centre and Kildare Community Library.

We would especially like to invite people who might want to take over the caring of Grey Abbey Graveyard.

No Booking Required – Everyone Welcome!

Heritage Week Event:

Meet a Beekeeper

Saturday 24th August 10am – 12.30pm

Meet the beekeeper – and the bees! As part of Heritage Week, we will be joined by a local beekeeper, who will be available to answer all your beekeeping questions, along with a live colony of bees, which you can view in an observation hive.

Drop in any time from 10am to 12.30pm to ask your questions and take a look at the bees.

There will be:

- An observation hive with a colony of bees
- A beekeeper to answer your bee-related questions
- An educational hive with graphics showing how the hive works
- Beekeeping equipment and paraphernalia
- Various bee products

No Booking required – Just drop in!

Kildare Library Book Club

Thursday 29th August 6.30pm

The Kildare Town Library book club meets on the last Thursday of every month. New members are welcome and copies of this month's book can be collected from the main desk.

Enquiries to Kildare Library: 045 520235 or email kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Ciorcal Comhrá

Déardaoin 1ú agus 15ú Lúnasa 3.00 – 4.30pm

Táimid go léir ag bailiú le chéile i Leabharlann Baile Chill Dara

Gach eolas ón leabharlann: Fón: 045 520235 / Ríomhphost kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Daoine Fásta – Adults

Community Craft Group

Wednesdays 10am

Enquiries to Kildare Library - Phone: 045 520235

Get Crafty!

Thursdays 6.30pm

Take some time-out for yourself to knit, sew, crochet, quilt – whatever your passion!

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

Employ Ability Services, Drop-in Clinic

Every Friday 10.00am – 1.00pm

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

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

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

Age Friendly

Age Friendly Coffee Mornings for over 55s

Wednesdays 10th and 24th July 10am – 12.30pm

Join us in Kildare Library for tea, coffee, or just a chat. Browse the newspapers or magazines at your leisure. Our staff will be happy to tell you about all the free events and services available to you through your local library.

No Booking Required – Everyone Welcome!

Exhibitions

Exhibition Launch: 'Uncovering Éire' by Isabelle Smith

Thursday 1st August 6pm - 7.30pm

Uncovering Éire is an exploration into Ireland's history as a progressive state. This exhibition contains work that explores the local history of the Curragh as a military training ground, and as an iconic, unique landscape. This work is hung in conjunction

with paintings of political and societal commentary of a more contemporary Ireland. The work aims to represent and celebrate the history and culture of our local history and its relationship with the wider collective.

The artist Isabelle Smith is a Fine Art student in NCAD, working predominantly in oil paint. She has been involved in both solo and group exhibitions, such as Where Things Stand in IMMA Studios and Future Stars in The Holy Art Gallery Barcelona. No Booking Required – Everyone Welcome!

'Connections, Routes and Networks' heritage of County Kildare

21 August, 11am - 12:45pm

Kildare County Archives and Local Studies

Harbour View, Naas, County Kildare

Come along and view a selection of items from the Kildare Local Studies collections relating to the Heritage Week 2024 theme of 'Connections, Routes & Networks'.

Maps, photographs, rare books, newspaper extracts and a selection of publications from the Kildare Local Studies collections will be on display. The immense transport heritage of Kildare, including road, rail & canal routes, along with other connections between people and communities in County Kildare history will all feature.

Local Studies staff will be available to answer questions and show resources available for local history research in County Kildare.

Booking essential: Email localhistory@kildarecoco.ie or Telephone 045906104

Library Groups & Regular Events

Book Clubs · Story Time · Craft Groups · Ciorcal Comhrá/Irish Language Group

For more information on our regular events, please contact the library.



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