

Sunday 15th December 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

NEWSLETTER

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Advent

“If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great.

Christmas takes nothing away and gives you nothing. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life.”

Advent is a waiting time,

- We await the celebration of the birth of Jesus.*
- We await Christi’s second coming,*
- But God waits for us too.*

God lives today, and so...

*Our first challenge is to bring Jesus to life in our own living.
To become aware of his presence.*

*The presence of the Spirit working within us, prompting us,
Sustaining us, working through us, waiting for us.*



Anniversary Masses

Saturday 14th - Friday 20th December 2024

SAT 14 6.30pm VAL REGAN, The Curragh
BESSIE BYRNE, Curragh Road.
PAT FLAVIN, Melitta Tce ..5th Anniversary
MICK, SADIE, PAT, RICHARD & NOELEEN MOORE
BRIGID, HUGH & JOHN KELLY
BILLY & JENNY FITZPATRICK, Tower View
LARRY & ROSE NEWMAN, LOUISE MULLEN
And JIM & ROSE MOLLOY.
TOM & JOHANNA BRENNAN, Assumpta Villas

SUN 15 9.00am GORDON RICKERBY
MICHAEL HEFFERNAN
JOE COATES Jnr, Kill
KITTY, JOHN, SEAN, NUALA O'DONNELL, Donegal

11.00am PADDY & MAEVE CONLAN, Tully Road
MAURA CORRWAY, Maryville
PADDY KEMMY, Newtown
PAT TREACY, Maryville

12.15pm PRIVATE MASS – (42 + 3)

MON 16 9.30am CAROLINE McGARR,
EDMUND COLEMAN, Tullyvale

7.00pm CHRISTMAS CONCERT – St. Brigid's Primary School

TUE 17 9.30am

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WED 18 9.30am

7.30pm PENITENTIAL SERVICE

THU 19 9.30am KATHLEEN MAGEE, Bishopsland

FRI 20 9.30pm PATSY CONWAY & SHEILA CONWAY.

SAT 21 6.30pm FRANCES BERNS, Tully East 3rd Anniversary
And 96th Birthday Remembrance
JOHN KELLY and BILL & MARGARET MANGAN
And THE KELLY FAMILY.
FRANK & SHELIA FLYNN, French Furze Rd
JACK CONWAY, Station Road.
MICHAEL DOYLE, ANN HIGGINBOTHAM DOYLE
And ELIZABETH McCABE.
CHRISTINA & CHRISTOPHER COX, Birthday Remembrance

SUN 22 9.00am

11.00am JOHNNY O'CONNOR, French Furze Rd.
MICHAEL KELLY Snr, Lourdesville
PETER CONLAN, Bishopsland House
JOHN, MARGARET & EAMON FITZGERALD, Friarstown
BILL & KATHLEEN CULLAGH,
And JIM FORTUNE & JOHN ENRIGHT

Christmas Concert
in
St. Brigid's Parish Church
Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December at 7pm
With the Pupils of St. Brigid's Primary School

CONFESSIONS

Confessions available each Saturday at 5.45pm

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.

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: 9am and 11am

Live Streaming of Masses from St. Brigid's Parish Church
Log into: mcnmedia.tv - cameras - Kildare - St. Brigid's, Kildare Town.

Masses : Weekday: 9.30am

Saturday: 11am and Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: 9am and 11am

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 visits 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 or Margie at the Parish 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

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.



CHRISTMAS ORDER OF SERVICES 2024

St. Brigid Parish Church

Penitential Service

Wednesday 18 December at 7.30pm

Monday 23 December - Morning Mass 9.30am

Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24 December

Morning Mass: 9.30am

Vigil: 5.00pm
 8.00pm

Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December

Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am

Christmas Week

Thursday 26 & Friday 27 December

Morning Mass: 11.00am

Monday 30 December – Friday 3 January

Mass: 11.00am

Nurney / Kildangan

Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24th December

Nurney : 7.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Kildangan: 9.00pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Christmas Day – Wednesday 25th December

Nurney: 10.00am

Kildangan: 11.00am

St. Brigid's Cathedral

Sunday 15 December

Carol Service : 3.30pm

Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24 December

Holy Communion with Carols: 11.00pm

Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December

Holy Communion: 11.30am

Carmelite Friary

December 16 – 24 Holy Mass Novena to Infant Jesus at 10am

Confessions: 21 December 12noon – 1 and 4pm to 5pm

23 December – 12noon – 1pm and 4pm – 5pm

Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24 Masses 8am & 10am

Vigil Mass: 9.00pm

Christmas Day: Wednesday 25 December

Masses:- 8am, 10am and 12 noon

St. Stephen's Day: 26 December Holy Mass at 8am

Mass for Triduum at 10am

Friday 27 December

Holy Mass : 8am

Mass for Triduum :10am

Saturday 28 December

Holy Mass 8am & 10am

Vigil Mass 7pm

Sunday 29 December

Holy Mass 10am & 12 noon

Monday 30 December

Holy Mass 8am & 10am

Tuesday 31 December

Holy Mass 8am & 10am

Novena Mass 7.30pm

New Year's Eve :

Eucharistic Adoration 11pm – 11.30pm

Holy Mass at 11.30pm

2025

Wednesday 1 January

Holy Mother of God's Feast Day

Holy Masses 8am & 10am

Thursday 2 January

Holy Masses at 8am & 10am

St. Brigids Cathedral

St. Brigid's Cathedral

Carol Service Sunday 15th December at 3.30pm. All Welcome

(Followed by refreshments)

St. Brigid's Cathedral

The Cathedral is proud to host Eimear Quinn's - Songs of Winter Dreaming Kildare

Saturday 21st December at 8pm. Tickets €26.30 available from

<https://ticketstop.live/events/338>

Christmas List

Christmas Lists are available at the Church doors, please leave completed lists back to the Parish Office to be remembered at all the Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS STATION envelopes available at the church doors or use the envelope in your box of Parish Envelopes.

Parish Lotto

Draw held Wednesday 11 December 2024. The numbers drawn were 1, 2, 25, 28.

There was NO Jackpot winner. We had 2 winners in the match 3 numbers game.

Congrats to FRANCES DOYLE, promoter John Robinson & BILLY GRAHAM,

promoter Connie Hennessy who won €125 each. Congrats also to CARMEL

O'KEEFFE winner of the subscribers draw, promoter Eilish McNamara. 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.

Christmas & New Year arrangements

Wednesday 18th December final draw for 2024

First draw of 2025 will take place on Wednesday 8th January .

St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Draw Week 10

€300 - DJ Lawless

Hamper – Sean de Paor

Hamper – John Connolly

€50 – Valerie Rowan

Ham – Breda Thackaberry

Ham – Michael Joyce

Turkey – John Delaney

Turkey – Emma Hewison

Turkey –Audrey Brennan
Turkey – Ciaran Murray
Turkey – Eamon Cullagh
Turkey – John Delaney
€30 Voucher – Ross Rooney
€30 Voucher – Stephen Walsh
€30 Voucher – Jol Springs Naas
Promoters Prize Turkey – Brid Downey & Rosie McCormack.
Special Promoters Prize - Caroline O'Reilly. Extra Promoters Prize – Rita Lindy
Wishing everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year, thank you for
your continued support.

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.

SVP Shop

The shop is looking for donations of Bags of all sizes. Open hours: Mon – Sat
9.30am – 5.30pm. Ph: 045 531092

SVP Shop – Christmas Raffle

Hampers Galore – Tickets on sale from SVP shop and Parish Office.
€2 per strip or 3 strips for €5. Draw takes place Thursday 19th December.

St. Conleth's Day Care Centre

Have you spare time? Volunteer driver needed for St. Conleth's Day Care Centre.
Category D1 licence essential. Contact Connie at 045 521748.

Kildare Town AFC

Christmas Raffle. Lovely prizes on offer. Tickets €5 each. Contact Lesley on 087
6445896
Winners announced 20th December

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>

Graiguecullen Bingo

Graiguecullen Monster Christmas Bingo in St. Fiacc's Hall, Graiguecullen. Sunday 15th December @ 3pm. Jackpot on 40 numbers €700. Double number €3330. Lotto €1400. Chocolates left and right of the winners & Great raffle prizes too.

Jive and Line dance classes in CMWS Hall, Kildare

Learn to jive, Waltz, Quickstep, Country Line Dance and lots more. Beginners/advanced – Monday's 7.30- 8.30pm.

Total Beginners Tuesday 7pm – 8.15pm. Everyone welcome, guaranteed to be the best form of exercise. No partner required. €10 pay as you go. Text Noeleen 086 8690332 to book your place.

Kildare Indoor Bowls Club

Meet in the Old Presentation Convent, Meadow Road, Kildare. R51 RF88. Every Tuesday and Friday from 7pm – 9pm. New members welcome. Contact John on 087 7417686

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

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 Tidy Towns

We would ask everyone to help by keeping their own areas litter free & tidy.

“Beauty dies..... Where litter lies “

Shrines of France

Parish- Lisieux-Normandy Beaches – Honfleur

Monasterevin & Kildare escorted Group Pilgrimage. 5 Day Pilgrimage departing from Dublin, 28 April – 2 May 2025.

Accompanied by a Spiritual Director – Fr. Liam Merrigan PP & Fr Anthony O’Carm.

For more information contact Monasterevin Parish Office 525 346 or Carmelites office 521391 or Marian Pilgrimages (01) 878 8159

Fatima Pilgrimage

17 – 22 April 2025 – Group leader: James Treacy – Escorted Tour

visiting Chapel of the Apparitions – The Church of the Holy Trinity – Guided tour of the Sanctuary – Hungarian Stations of the Cross – Aljustrel – Partake in the Easter Celebrations.

Includes:

flights ex Dublin to Lisbon

5 nights full board basis staying at 3* Santo Amaro Hotel

Religious itinerary with a guided tour of the Sanctuary area and excursion to Aljustrel
Taxes and charges

Cost per person - €859pp sharing. For further information please contact group

Leader James Treacy on 061 921470 or MOB 086 0572216

Barter’s Travelnet: 021 485 1700 or kcallaghan@travelnet.ie

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 Freephone1800 80 45 91

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

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/

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.

CleverReach

Kildare Town Library

December 2024

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.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

The Kildare Town Library Team would like to thank all of our patrons for their support throughout 2024 and wish everyone a very happy holiday season and new year!

We will be open as usual on Saturday 21st of December and will then close for Christmas until Tuesday 31st of December

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Arts and Crafts Workshop for ages 9 – 12

Saturday 7th December 11am – 12.30pm

Join us for some fun winter-themed arts and crafts!

We will be painting during this workshop, so children are advised to wear old clothes, as it might get a little bit messy!

Book here for Arts and Crafts Workshop for Ages 9 - 12

Arts and Crafts Workshop for ages 5-8

Saturday 7th December 3 - 4pm

Join us for some fun winter-themed arts and crafts!

Book here for Arts and Crafts Workshop for Ages 5-8

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!

Christmas Storytime Sessions with Carmel

Saturdays 14th and 21st of December 11am Suitable for ages 0-5

We're thrilled to welcome back award-winning storyteller Carmel Hester for some special Christmas storytime events! Carmel worked in Kildare Town Library for many years, sharing her love of stories with countless children, and received the 2022 Children's Books Ireland Award in recognition of her work.

Carmel will be delivering two special storytime events for us, which are bound to be filled with festive fun and cheer!

No Booking Required – Everyone Welcome!

Online Coding Clubs with Kildare Town Library
and Coding Ireland

Suitable for ages 7 - 18

Kildare Town Library is offering free self-taught and self-paced online coding classes for children through Coding Ireland.

Our online coding lessons, in collaboration with Coding Ireland, provide accessible resources for children and young adults to learn digital skills at home and at their own pace.

Online Coding Club for ages 07 – 09

Online Coding Club for ages 10 – 12

Online Coding Club for ages 13 – 15

Online Coding Club for ages 16 – 18

Christmas Movie with your Teddy

Saturday 14th December

2 – 3.30pm Suitable for children aged 6 – 10 years

Snuggle up with your favourite teddy and enjoy a magical movie at Kildare Town Library!

Bring your coziest blanket, your cuddliest friend, and settle for a heartwarming holiday film filled with laughter, joy and Christmas cheer.

Please note that children must be accompanied at all times.

Book here for Christmas Movie with your Teddy

Children's Book Club

Friday 20th December 3.30 – 4.30pm Suitable for ages 8 - 12

Calling all bookworms aged between 8-12 - you are invited to join a new, exciting book club at Kildare Town Library. Join us for a lively discussion on what you loved or loathed about the chosen book. We will meet the last Friday of every month from 3.30pm – 4pm.

In December, the book club will be discussing *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell.

Places are limited so book a place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. You can do this by contacting Kildare Town library - Phone: 045 520235 or email kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Arts and Crafts Workshop for Ages 8 – 12

Saturday 21st December 3 – 4pm

Join us for some fun and festive arts and crafts!

Book here for Arts and Crafts Workshop for ages 8 -12

Christmas Decoration Making with Beth Murphy

Thursday 5th December 6.30 – 7.30pm

In this workshop, participants will learn to make beautiful Christmas decorations from willow with Beth Murphy of Willow Wonder.

Book here for Christmas Decoration Making Workshop with Beth Murphy

Making Edible Christmas Gifts with Bernard Gibney

Thursday 12th December 6.30 – 7.30pm

Edible Christmas gifts! Everyone knows that heartfelt gifts mean the most, well, here's your answer. This expert-led class teaches the techniques for making beautiful, scrumptious sweet treats in your own kitchen, including:

- A 100-year-old recipe for the most luxurious mincemeat
- Homemade Nutella (palm oil free)
- Traditional Turkish Delight

Book here for Making Edible Christmas Gifts with Bernard Gibney

Craft Workshop – Making a Wine Bottle Bird Feeder

Thursday 19th December 6 – 7pm

In this fun workshop, participants will learn how to recycle an old wine bottle to make a bird feeder.

Book here for Craft Workshop – Making a Wine Bottle Bird Feeder

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 by Employ Ability Service.

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

Retro Cinema Club

Wednesday 4th December 11am – 12pm

Step back in time with the Retro Cinema Club! Join us for a friendly gathering featuring classic films, delightful conversation, and a cozy cup of tea.

Whether you're a lifelong movie buff or simply looking for a relaxed way to spend your afternoon, this event is the perfect opportunity to enjoy nostalgic cinema and connect with others in Kildare Town Library.

No booking required – all welcome!

Age Friendly Coffee Mornings for over 55s

Wednesdays 4th and 18th December 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!

'A Chat About Books' Book Club

Wednesday 18th December 11am – 12pm

Have you ever read a book and said I wish I could talk to someone about it? - well this book club could appeal to you. We will meet every month to trade information and share what we have read in the last month. Not every book has to get the thumbs up but there will be an opportunity to take note of books that interest you. Afterwards you are welcome to order them at the library desk.

No Booking Required – All Welcome!

Gill Berry Art Award

Kildare Town Library is pleased to exhibit artwork from the 2024 KTCS Art Scholarship Award, which was first launched in 2021 in memory of local artist Gill Berry. The beautiful artwork that will be on display was created by students from Kildare Town Community School, who developed the work as part of their Leaving Certificate art project.

No booking required - all welcome!

Reclaiming the Workhouse

An exhibition of a digital archive of photographs of Athy Workhouse by Brian Cregan

Friday 6 December at 11.00 am in at Kildare County Archives and Local Studies, Harbour View, Naas

This is the culmination of two Creative Ireland funded projects in 2023 and 2024 which involved artist photographer Brian Cregan working with local communities to explore and reflect on the heritage and history of the workhouse in Athy through a series of creative workshops as well creating a digital archive of photographs.

For more information on the project
see:<https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/event/reclaiming-the-workhouse/>

Library Groups & Regular Events

Book Clubs · Carmel's Story Time · Craft Groups · Writing Group · Ciorcal
Comhrá/Irish Language Group · Home Schooling Group

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

Online Library Services

Your Library Account Online

Search and request items, renew items on loan, opt-in to SMS/email notifications for requests and more - [login here](#)

Library eServices

FREE eBooks, audiobooks, music, eMagazines, online courses and much more - visit our Online Services page

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