

Sunday 26th January 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEWSLETTER

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Prayer to St. 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 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*



Anniversary Masses
Saturday 18th - Sunday 26th January 2025

SAT 25 6.30pm **MAY MORRISSEY, Dara Park.. Months Mind.**
GERRY SWEENEY, Larch Hill
& Kildare Town 17th Anniversary
THE BARBER FAMILY, Cleamore Tce
BILLY WATSON, Fair Green
JOHN KELLY, Cloghgarrett Abbey.. 6th Anniversary

SUN 26 9 00am PEGGY McGRATH, Newbridge & Tully East

11.00am PHILOMENA 'PHIL' BRETT, Rowanville.. Months Mind
LIAM HEFFERNAN , The Deanery..3rd anniversary
ALEC BAILEY, Rowanville

MON 27

TUE 28 9.30am MONA MURPHY, Rathangan.. 1st Anniversary

WED 29 9.30am

THU 30 9.30am THANKSGIVING MASS

FRI 31 9.30am **MADGE RYAN, Dara Park... Months Mind**
BEATRICE DOYLE, Dublin

SAT 1 6.30pm VERA HOLMES, Tower View
MATT LEIGH, Athy
DAN CONROY, Cherryville
And SARAH CULLEN, Knavinstown

SUN 2 9 00am MARY & ELIZABETH HEFFERNAN, Leinster Walk

11.00am MARCELLA KELLY, Lourdesville
MARY RANKIN, Months Mind

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

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.

Book Launch

Meet St. Brigid as Child, Nun, Saint

Her intriguing story will enrich you. The history of Irish Community life is fully captured in this book – *St. Brigid, Her Definitive Story*, by Tom Madden.

It is a beautifully presented hard backed book published by Fitzwilliam Publishing and retails at €40 per copy. Trade discount 25%

Lavishly illustrated with original photographs and drawings that chronicle the early Irish monastic movement of which St. Brigid was a leader and innovator. This book is a ten-year thoroughly researched study of the spread of Celtic communities through Ireland and their embracing of Christianity.

St. Brigid's travels as theologian, educator, goldsmith and guest orator are explored as is her reputation as a prayerful miracle worker.

This book contains hitherto un-referenced details learned from the recorded lives of other contemporary saints who acknowledged her as mother patroness of all monasteries.

Her monastery at Kildare housed Schools, A scriptorium, Hospital, metal working and a most beautiful place for Divine worship.

The illustrations from all over Ireland are monuments to the care and inspiration of the communities where she served as educator extraordinaire.

St. Brigid – Her Definitive Story, is available from all local bookshops.

Or from : Tom Madden, Fitzwilliam Publishing, Assumpta Villas, Kildare town, Co Kildare R51 V020

Email: thomasa4madden@gmail.com

Ph 087 98138678

The Launch takes place Wednesday 29th January 2025 in Aras Bhride, Parish Centre, Kildare Town R51 W997

Time: 7.30pm Tea & Chat

8.00pm Official Launch by Rev Fr. Adrian Carbery

Followed by Literary observations of Dr. Paul Hollywood

Head of Humanities and DBS.

Kildare Tidy Towns

Celebrate Spring and the ancient feast of Imboloc by making your own St. Brigid's Cross, A traditional 4 arm or an ancient 3 arm cross , Monday 3 Feb 11am – 3pm at The Market Square.

Pause for Peace

The people of Kildare, Ireland, call on people worldwide to Pause for Peace for 1 minute's silence/reflection at 12 noon, local time, on St. Brigid's day, February 1st each year. By pausing for Peace we send out a message that we actively oppose warfare and the proliferation of arms in our world.

A global Pause for Peace Movement was jointly launched by Kildare Tourism and Solas Bhríde in Kildare in 2023 to mark the new national holiday in honour of St. Brigid who was renowned as a Peacemaker in early Ireland. One of the most popular legends associated with Brigid is that of giving away her father's precious sword to a poor person so that it could be bartered for food to feed his family. It is a rolling pause for peace commencing in New Zealand and moving seamlessly through continents and islands on St. Brigid's Day. Since its inception in 2023, the Pause for Peace is gaining widespread support nationally and internationally.

The Pause for Peace is promoted by trained peace ambassadors from schools throughout County Kildare and further afield – an initiative of Kildare Town Community School.

Join us! Answer the call!

Let us continue to sow seeds of peace across the globe.

www.solasbhríde.ie

www.intokildare.ie

Supporters for the Pause for Peace Movement include:

President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins

Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann

Kildare Local Authority

Irish Embassies and Consulates

A quotation from President Higgins with reference to the Pause for Peace:

“Your efforts to bring together communities from across the globe in the name of Naomh Bríd (St. Brigid) is truly admirable. Mar Uachtarán na hÉireann (As President of Ireland) may I thank you for this initiative which constitutes a form of active global citizenship at its best.

This new Pause for Peace Movement is a unique event which breaks new ground in recognising the cultural and historical importance of St. Brigid beyond borders and aims to form a spirit of solidarity and peace in societies all over the globe.”

K & L Kildare Parish Co-Op Lotto Parish Lotto

Draw Wednesday 22 January 2025. The numbers drawn were 11, 23, 26, 31. There was NO Jackpot winner. We had No winner in the match 3 numbers game. Congrats also to ERIN McLOUGHLIN winner of the subscribers draw, promoter Margie Sheridan. Tickets €2 each from The Sweet Shop, Bernard Conway, Margie Sheridan, Fiona Reid, Ann Hill.
Next week's jackpot will be €20,000.

Spinning & Carding

Free Drop in workshop at Kildare town Library on Saturday 25 January
11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm
Locally sourced curragh fleece carded and spun into wool. For more info:
email:wildkidsforestschool@gmail.com.

St. Brigid's Camino Walk Monasterevin Parish

Monday 3rd February at 11am
Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine
At Mountrice W34 X529 via Umeras , along the Canal Blueway, finishing in STs Peter & Paul Church W34 KD61 with a service of Light at 12.30pm
For more info contact
Parish Office (Monasterevin) on 045 525346

Brigid's Busking Festival

3 February 2025, 12noon to 4pm
Call out to all budding performers, musicians and poets
In honour of Brigid, we are hosting Brigid's Busking Festival in Kildare Town. We encourage 3 people of all ages and backgrounds to come showcase their talents
For more information contact us
brigidsbuskers@gmail.com

Dana's Cross & Cloak Concert

in aid of the All Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade. Sunday 2nd February 2025 – featuring local artists. 7.30pm (doors open at 6.30pm) at The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois, R32 VE24. Tickets €25 (book on Eventbrite.ie). for more information contact Antoinette 086 0803047

Cill Dara Wranglers

Line Dancing .. come and learn... class each Tuesday evening in Aras Bhride, 6.45pm – 9.30pm.... Beginners very welcome...
Contact Mag on 087 6344736 for more information.

QiGong & Wellbeing for Beginners

Monday – 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Wednesday 10am – 11am
In Aras Bhride – Kildare Town Parish Centre. Age Friendly
€15 walk-in / €60 block of 5 classes.
For more information contact Ambra – 087 1470210

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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. Brigid's Parish Church 6.30pm FOLK GROUP

Anyone interested in joining – singers – musicians are all welcome, just come along.
The group meet from 5.30pm on Saturday evenings for practice. For more
information contact Tony at 087 0920359

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

Jive and Line dance classes in CMWS Hall, Kildare

Learn to jive, waltz, quickstep, slosh, country line dance & lots more – at CMWS
Hall, Kildare Town (R51 WN51), Monday 7.30pm – 9pm. No partner necessary.
€10 pay as you go. For more information contact 086 8690332

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

SVP Shop

if you have any unwanted Christmas Gifts, please drop them to the shop. We are looking for donations of Paper Bags – all sizes. Opening hours 9.30am – 5.30pm, Monday to Saturday.

St. Conleth's Day Care Centre

Have you spare time?

Volunteer driver needed for

St. Conleth's Day Care Centre. Category D1 licence essential.

We are also looking for Volunteers to deliver meals, 1 hour per week
Contact Connie at 045 521748.

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>

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 “

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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

January 2025

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 email kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie and include your name and mobile number.

Sensory Pod

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

Sessions last approximately 30 minutes and children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the session

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!

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.

Book here for Ages 7 – 9

Book here for Ages 10 – 12

Book here for Ages 13 – 15

Book here for Ages 16 – 18

Children's Book Club

Friday 31st January 3.30 – 4pm 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 January, the book club will be discussing *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown.

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

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 by Employ Ability Service.

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

Ciorcal Comhrá

Déardaoin 9ú agus 23ú Eanáir 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

'A Chat About Books' Book Club

Wednesday 22nd January 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!

New: Midlands LGBT+ Book Club

Thursday 23rd January 6.30 – 7.30pm

Kildare Town Library will be launching a new book club for adults in collaboration with Midlands LGBT+ Project, where we will focus on books with LGBTQ+ themes or by LGBTQ+ authors. For the first meeting, we will be discussing Radical Love by Neil Blackmore. Copies of the book are available at the desk in the library.

To enquire about joining, email kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie or phone (045) 520 235.

Kildare Library Book Club

Thursday 30th January 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

Creative Communities Bursary Information Session

Wednesday 29th January 10 – 11am

Calling all artists, creatives, community and social groups in Kildare!

Kildare Library & Arts Service will host a number of Information Sessions this January/February about the Creative Communities programme in County Kildare, including details for how to apply for the Kildare Creative Ireland Bursary Award in 2025. Creative Communities is delivered through Kildare County Council as part of the Creative Ireland initiative, an all-of-government culture and wellbeing programme that inspires and transforms people, places and communities through creativity.

With bursary awards available between €3,000-€10,000 we seek to support creative cultural projects and interdisciplinary collaborations across the areas of the arts, heritage, creative industries, climate action, wellbeing and more. An application form with full details will be launched in mid-January at

<https://kildarecocoarts.submit.com>

For further information, contact Colleen Werle, Creative Communities Engagement Officer at creative@kildarecoco.ie

Book here for Creative Communities Information Session

Brigid, Gobnait & Sheela-na-gig with Edel Meade

Thursday 30th January 6.30 - 7.30pm

Celebrate St. Brigid's Day with an unforgettable evening of songs, stories and reflections from Edel Meade. The award-winning performing artist and Tipperary woman will present a rich tapestry of music and anecdotes to honour Brigid, Gobnait and Sheela-na-gig, celebrating the Divine Feminine and reflecting on how ancient wisdom can inform our present and future. This unique event will appeal to anyone interested in Irish music, Irish folklore and mythology, women's stories, the Irish language and Celtic spirituality. Admission is free and all welcome to attend.

Kindly supported by the Kildare County Council under the Brigid, Spirit of Kildare programme.

Book here for Brigid, Gobnait & Sheela-na-gig with Edel Meade

Creative & Arts Grants for 2025 from Kildare County Council Arts Service -

Application portal open

Kildare County Council Arts Service has published details of 17 separate grants, commissions and bursary award opportunities to support the development and presentation of creative and artistic projects in the county in 2025. Applications will be accepted from individual artists and creatives, arts collectives, community groups, youth groups and schools.

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 12pm, Friday 28th February 2025 *
Full details of the eligibility criteria are available through each individual call out. For more info. click here: Kildare County Council - Library & Arts**

***Please note the earlier deadline for the Drama League of Ireland Summer School Bursary Award - Friday 24th of January, 12 noon.**

Arts Grants & Bursaries Information Sessions 2025

Kildare County Council Arts Service will host grants information sessions around the county in January 2025. Sessions will be of particular interest to individual artists, art collectives, community groups, youth groups and schools who intend to apply for Arts Grants from Kildare County Council in 2025.

Information Sessions:

- Athy Library – Tuesday 14th Jan. 6-7.30pm | Register to attend
- Maynooth Library - Friday 17th Jan. 10.30 – 12pm | Register to attend
- Naas Library and Cultural Centre – Saturday 18th Jan. 10.30 – 12pm | Register to attend

Please note that information imparted at each session will be the same - there is no need to register to attend all 3 sessions. All are welcome to attend this FREE session, but booking is recommended.

Lost in Transition - Rediscovering Your Identity in Motherhood Presented by Anne Morgan

Thursday 23rd January 7pm

Becoming a mother is an incredible, life changing experience, and it is also one of the most significant psychological and physical changes a woman will ever have. No matter how prepared we are for the arrival of our little one, we often overlook the impact this transformation will have on our sense of self.

Regardless of what stage of the journey you are on, if you ever find yourself saying “I don’t really know who I am anymore” then this talk is for you. My aim is to provide you with some practical tools and useful insights to reconnect with your sense of self, to rebuild your confidence and to help you get your spark back by doing more of what makes you feel alive. This is a reminder that we can fully embrace motherhood, while fully embracing ourselves too.

Book here for Lost in Transition

Age Friendly Coffee Mornings for over 55s

Wednesdays 8th and 22nd January 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!

Retro Cinema Club

Wednesday 8th January 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!

Exhibition: 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!

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.

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,
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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