

# Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Parish, Kildare Town  
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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*





Bríd

We sing a  
song to  
Brigid

Awakens all the fields  
and the flowers  
And calls the birds  
to sing.

Brigid  
brings the  
spring

1500  
years

Pause  
for  
Peace





*A Prayer to St. Brigid*

*Brigid, you usher in the Spring,  
You guard our families and flocks,  
You shelter the poor in your cloak,  
You soften the hate that divides us,  
You cherish what comes to birth,  
You bless our wells and streams,  
You mirror Jesus in your life,  
You embrace us deep in your heart.*

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**Anniversary Masses  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 2025**

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

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

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11.00am **MARY RANKIN, Months Mind**  
MARCELLA KELLY, Lourdesville  
JOHN EGAN, Galway

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MON 3 11.00am GERTRUDE RYAN, Carlow  
And PATRICK DOYLE, Carlow.

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TUE 4 9.30am MICHAEL DOYLE, Drumcree

7.30pm CEREMONY OF LIGHT – St. Brigid’s Primary School

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WED 5 9.30am LIAM MOYLAN, Tully West

7.30pm CEREMONY OF LIGHT - St. Brigid's Primary School

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THU 6 9.30am

7.30pm CEREMONY OF LIGHT –  
Gael Scoil MhicAodha & Educate Together

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FRI 7 9.30am ELIZABETH MURRELL, Maryville  
LIAM MOYLAN, Tully West

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SAT 8 6.30pm **LAURENCE NEWMAN, Lourdesville .. Months Mind**  
And LARRY & ROSE NEWMAN, Lourdesville  
PATRICK MOORE, Shanacloon  
And JOHN MOORE, Drumcree  
PATRICK BYRNE Snr, Maryville

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SUN 9 9 00am TESS KENNEDY, Elm Park  
SHEILA HANNON, Melitta Pk 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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11.00am DENISE COMMINS, Cutbush & Celbridge  
LARRY CREEVY, Fennor  
LIAM McDONALD, Melitta Rd.  
ROSE CORRIGAN, Dublin  
BILL MANGAN, Assumpta Villas  
ROSE MULRENNAN, Maryville...4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
JOHN McCARTHY, Friary Road..

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## CONFESSIONS

Confessions available each Saturday at 5.45pm

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### **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](http://mcnmedia.tv) - cameras - Kildare - St. Brigid's, Kildare Town.

Masses : Weekday: 9.30am

Saturday: 11am and Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: 9am and 11am

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### **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](mailto: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

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# Safeguarding

If you would like to know more about safeguarding in our Diocese, look at the Safeguarding section on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie).

If you ever wish to report a child or vulnerable adult safeguarding concern, please contact the Diocesan DLP on (085) 8021633 or the statutory authorities of the Gardai, TUSLA, HSE.

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## ***St. Brigid, Her Definitive Story, by Tom Madden.***

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](mailto:thomasa4madden@gmail.com)

Ph 087 98138678



## **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.solasbhride.ie](http://www.solasbhride.ie)

[www.intokildare.ie](http://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 29 January 2025. The numbers drawn were 3,13,21,30. There was 1 Jackpot winner. Congratulations to The McNamara Household, Bough from Rathvilly/ Kiltegan Parish. We had 3 winners in the match 3 numbers game. Congrats to SHEILA MORRISSEY, promoter Margie Sheridan, ANN CLEARY, promoter Ann Hill & DAVID MAHER, promoter Bernard Conway who won €39 each. Congrats also to MAURA LOUGHRAN winner of the subscribers draw, promoter Connie Hennessy. Tickets €2 each from The Sweet Shop, Bernard Conway, Margie Sheridan, Fiona Reid, Ann Hill.

Next week's jackpot will be €10,000.

Thank You for your continued Support.

## **Feile Bhride 2025**

### **Solas Bhride – Tully Road.**

#### **Saturday 1st February**

Cross Weaving Workshops at 10am/10.30am/ 11am

Kildare calls for a Global Pause for Peace, 2025

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**Sunday 2nd Feb** – Mass at St. Brigid's Well at 10.30am

~Gathering around the Hearth at 2.30pm

**Monday 3rd** - A Ramble on St. Brigid's Pastures – Assemble in Solas Bhride at 2.15pm

**Tuesday 4th** – Sacred Circle – Dance the dance of God's own blessed Brid at 10.30am

Saint Brigit and The Ox Way at 7.30pm

**Wednesday 5th** – **Brigid**: A Woman of Contemplation and Action at 4pm.

Annual Celtic Lecture 'The Material World of St. Brigid' at 7.30pm hosted in Kildare Education Support Centre

Both events are in person & online.

**Thursday 6th** – Celebrating Spring with Flowers – A floral; Art Demonstration at 2.30pm

Kildare Town Library Literary Event at 7pm. A night of poetry, readings and music with Mae Leonard and Friends

**Friday 7th** – A guided Meditation while taking a mindful nature walk in Solas Bhride at 11am

**Saturday 8th** – Afri Conference – registration from 10.15am  
'Brigid's Light' – Illuminating Paths of Justice & Solidarity'

## **Feile Bhride 2025**

Thursday 6 February – 7pm – 9pm in Kildare Town Library

An evening of Poetry and Songs with Mae Leonard.

Join local writer Mae Leonard and members of the Wordsmith Writing Group for this special event as part of the Feile Bhride programme in Kildare Town Library.

Everyone Welcome.

## **Celebrating Irish Craft**

Intergenerational knitting

Weaving & crochet

Learn a skill

Teach a Skill

All ages welcome

Free drop in workshops at Kildare town Library

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March

(every Saturday for 4 weeks) 11am – 1pm

For more information email:

[wildkidsforestschool@gmail.com](mailto:wildkidsforestschool@gmail.com)

## **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

## **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.

## **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](http://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](http://www.HUGG.ie)

Call: 01 513 4048

Email: [support@HUGG.ie](mailto: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 Freephone 1800 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://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.**

**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](mailto: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