

Sunday 16th February 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEWSLETTER

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Snowdrops – The Footsteps of St. Brigid

*The footsteps of St. Brigid are everywhere I go
rising out of darkness from the earth below
little bells of spring time – pure and white as snow.
The footsteps of St. Brigid have travelled far and wide
unconstrained by boundaries, monarchies or tides*

*An abbess and a foundress, a holy one of God
whose prayers rose up like incense from rock & field & bog.
O Saint Brigid, Ireland's children still recall with greatest pride
All you did for church and country with the Cross your truest guide.*

*Ask the Saviour now to bless us, Ask Our Lady to enfold
in material wraps of goodness, all we are and all we hold.
Dear to us is Mother, dear to us this faith passed down
help us to uphold and value all that won for you a crown.*

*May we follow in your footsteps as you look from heaven above
May you shower upon your children heaven's grace and heaven's love.*

Ann Murray



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



Anniversary Masses
Saturday 15th - Sunday 23rd February 2025

SAT 15 6.30pm JOHN, PATRICK, MARY VAUGHAN, Melitta Rd
And Deceased members of THE VAUGHAN FAMILY
JIM DOWNEY, Lourdesville
MAY LINDY.

SUN 16 9 00am EILEEN NOLAN, Rowanville
And JOE HANNON, Assumpta Villas

11.00am KATIE BOLGER, Maryville.. Months Mind.
SEAMUS FURLONG & PATSY FURLONG, Rowanville
BERNARD & ROSE COMISKEY, Melitta Pk.
JOHN ELLIS & CATHERINE ARCHBOLD
WILLIE MOORE, Rowanville.. 9th Anniversary.
ELIZABETH 'LIL' NEVIN,
French Furze Grove, 4th anniversary

MON 17 9.30am ANNE HALPIN, Maryville
ANN, BEATRICE & GERALDINE SNOWDEN

TUE 18 9.30am JOHN GALLAGHER

WED 19 9.30am

THU 20 9.30am

FRI 21 9.30am

SAT 22 6.30pm JAMES TALBOT
PATRICK PRUNTY
MARY DOWNEY, Assumpta Villas
BETTY FITZPATRICK, Academy Street
MICHAEL & CLAIRE MOONEY, Rathcoole

SUN 23 9.00am MARGARET HEFFERNAN, Rahilla

11.00am RICHARD HARRIS, Ardclough & Dublin

We Remember

DARRAGH McWEY, Campion Crescent
GERRY 'NOBBY' CLARKE, Campin Crescent

Who have died and for whom mass will be offered.

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.

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

Ph 087 98138678

Kildare Tidy Towns

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

K & L Kildare Parish Co-Op Lotto Parish Lotto

Lotto Draw Wednesday 12 February 2025. The numbers drawn were 8, 11, 16, 18. There was NO Jackpot winner. We had 2 winners in the match 3 numbers game. Congratulations to *JANICE WHITE*, promoter Philip Hickey and *VERONICA DOWLING*, promoter Ann Hill who won €48 each. Congrats also to *PAUL HICKEY Jnr*, winner of the subscribers draw, promoter Philip Hickey. Tickets €2 each from The Sweet Shop, Bernard Conway, Margie Sheridan, Fiona Reid, Ann Hill. Next week's jackpot will be €12,000.

QUIZ NIGHT

Do you have what it takes to beat the quiz master Mr. Ger Connolly?.. Friday 21st February at 7.30pm at CILL DARA GOLF CLUB. €40 per team
Raffle on the night. Register you team today 045 521433
085 8019817

2 Day FAR

(First Aid Responder)

Refresher Course takes place Monday 17th & 24th February in Aras Bhríde
For more information contact Ger Ryan on 087 2874115

Kildare Town First Responders

Why not join Kildare Community First Responders!!

New and past members always welcome

Do you live in Kildare Town?

Do you have a few hours every month to volunteer in your community??

Do you want to learn lifesaving skills??

No experience necessary

All training provided

Help make a difference in our community.

Email us cfrkildaretown@gmail.com for more information

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 8th February to Saturday 1st March

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

For more information email:

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

Are you Handy?

Caretaker/Maintenance person needed with the Kare Community

Employment Scheme 19.50 hours per week

*You need to be eligible for Community Employment to apply -please check with your local Intreo office JOB Number : 2377855

Expressions of interest to contact Elaine Nolan on 045-448700 or email CV to: elaine.nolan@kare.ie

or contact your local Intreo office and enquire. Deadline 19 March 2025

Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat, St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise, Saturday 22nd. February 2025 [10.00 am to 1.30 pm]. Holy Mass @ 10.00 am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in Ratheniska Room Parish Centre after Mass @ 10.45 am (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry) Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305

Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P

WIN A TRIP TO MEDJUGORJE

Medjugorje Irish Centre Free Prize draw taking place on 1st April. Prize for one person includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flights up to €300.

To enter go to prize draw page on website

www.med-irishcentre.com

Tel. 01 443 4510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

WhatsApp No: 00387 63 630 604

IRELAND: 00353 1 443 4510

Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes

24th – 29th September 2025 – 5 nights.

Tour highlights – Mass at the Grotto – Anointing of the Sick – Torchlight Procession – Blessed Sacrament Procession – International Mass.

Contact Carmelite White Abbey on 045 521391 or Joe Walsh Tours 01 241 0800

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

Kildare Tidy Towns

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

“Beauty dies..... Where litter lies “

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

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

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

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.

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 Síochána 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 Síochána.
- 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