

Sunday 25th May 2025

6th Sunday of EASTER SUNDAY

NEWSLETTER

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Queen of the May

Bring flowers of the rarest,
Bring blossoms the fairest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May,
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May,
Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true
As long as the bowers, Are radiant with flowers
As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.
Sing gaily in chorus,
The bright angels o'er us
Re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
Their harps are repeating, The notes of our greeting,
For Mary herself is the cause of our mirth.



Welcome Pope Leo XIV

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators:

Plant pollinator friendly trees

Native trees and shrubs such as Willow, Hawthorn, Rowan, Crab Apple, and Holly support huge numbers of insects including pollinators.

Why: Trees that blossom in Spring are a low-maintenance, vital source of food for pollinators. Trees contribute to a healthy climate and biodiversity, supporting a rich variety of organisms such as lichens, mosses, birds, mammals, and insects.

Where: Anywhere there is space.

pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 24th May - Sunday 1st June 2025

SAT 24 6.30pm MICHAEL McWEY Snr, Tower View
 BEATRICE SNOWDEN, French Furze Grove,
 4th Anniversary
 PADDY FITZPATRICK
 FRANCIS CUNNINGHAM, Ruanbeg, 1st Anniversary
 MARY CAHILL, Campion Crescent

SUN 25 9.00am JAMES DOWLING, Maddenstown..1st Anniversary

 11.00am THOMAS MURRAY, Chapel View
 PHILOMENA NOLAN, Assumpta Villas,
 7th Anniversary

MON 26 9.30am

TUE 27 9.30am LUKES INTENTION
 LUDWIKA CICHOCKI

WED 28 9.30am MARIAN'S INTENTION

THU 29 9.30am ANN'S INTENTION

FRI 30 9.30am MARIAN'S INTENTION

SAT 31 6.30pm JAMES & JOHN McCABE, Campion Crescent
LAURENCE & TERESA FLOOD, Rathangan
CARMEL GORRY, 12th Anniversary
JIM MURPHY, The Curragh

SUN 1 9.00am

11.00am PADDY FLANAGAN, French Furze Rd, 4th Anniversary
EAMON NUGENT, Bishopsland

We Remember

MARTIN P FLEMING, Claregate Street

*Whose anniversary occurs at this time
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 Bhride
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.

**Kildare and Leighlin
Annual Diocesan Collection
for our
Retired Priests
takes place
24th/25th May 2025**



**Please give generously
to continue the support
of our Retired Priests.**

Thank you.

Retired Priests Collection
Takes place this weekend,
use the special envelopes at the church doors
or in your box of parish envelopes

K & L Kildare Parish Co-Op Lotto Parish Lotto

Draw Wednesday 21 May 2025. The numbers drawn were 3, 18, 23, 31.. There was NO Jackpot winner. We had NO winner in the match 3 numbers game.

Congratulations to ANTHONY DOYLE winner of the subscribers draw, promoter Philip Hickey. 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 €11,000.

Kildare Town AFC 3G Astroturf Fundraiser

– International World Cup open to everyone in community.

Saturday 31st May, 10am – 5pm. Tournament Entry: €20 per child.

World Cup Tournament 6 – 9, 10 – 12, 13 – 16.

Family Fun!

Kid's Games,

Inflatable,

Candy Floss,

Ice Cream,

Coffee Van

(Age Groups Entertainment).

Lets build our 3G Astro Pitch together.

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram@KildareTownAFC

For more info contact DEAN 086 2614049.

Kildare Active Retired

Next meeting Thursday 29th May at 2.15pm..in Aras Bhride.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our 20th Annual Parish Solemn Novena will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen commencing on Monday 28th April and will run for nine consecutive Monday nights until 23rd June. We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St Clare's Church or send them by email to gkparish@gmail.com. Through the prayers of our faith community and the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry. The rosary will be recited at 7.10pm and Mass begins at 7.30pm.

Our next Guest Speaker will be:

Dermot Dooley- Chaplain of De La Salle College, Waterford

Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat - St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church
Portlaoise Saturday 29th. May 31st 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

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.

Kildare Dementia Cafe

The Dementia Cafe gathers on the last Thursday of every month from 2.30pm to
4.30pm at Kildare Community Development Centre (old Presentation convent), R51
RF88. It is a welcoming space for people living with dementia and their families and
friends to have a cup of tea and a chat.

Each month there is a short talk given by a guest speaker. This month's Café will
take place on Thursday 29 April. For any queries please contact Anne 0864411255

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

Pilgrim Walks In Glendalough

At the Glendalough Hermitage Centre, we are delighted to offer parish groups from
all localities a pilgrim experience in the beautiful valley of Glendalough, visiting the
sacred sites associated with the 6th Century Saint Kevin and the monastic settlement
which flourished through the “Golden Age of Celtic Christianity”.

Our project was initiated in the Jubilee Year 2000 by the Archdiocese of Dublin at
the

beginning of the third millennium, with the purpose of ‘restoring Glendalough as a
place of pilgrimage’ and during this Jubilee Year 2025, we invite all ‘Pilgrims of
Hope’ to experience a life-giving day in the Valley of the Seven Churches. Our own
parish church, St. Kevin’s of Laragh has been designated as an additional Jubilee
Church during this year.

More details and bookings available by emailing failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo

8th June 2025. €699.00 pps. Price includes return train/bus, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Guest speaker Marion Carroll who was cured at Knock. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick. Limited single rooms €200.00. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service

– Volunteer Drivers Needed

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

If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

Full training will be provided. There are a number of essential post-drive administration tasks that will require either existing knowledge of basic computer or IT skills, or the willingness to acquire such skills (such as scanning and uploading documents or attending virtual meetings).

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

Kildare CMWS Bingo

each Sunday evening, doors open 7pm “eyes down” @ 8pm sharp.

Single book + 4 flyers- €14

Additional flyers €2 each.

Pink Flyer – prize €500

Lilac Flyer Jackpot €11,00 in 46 numbers.

Orange flyer paid out on the night based on the cash amount taken in on this orange flyer.

Rosary at The Grotto

Rosary will be recited at the Grotto in the grounds of St. Brigid's Parish Church on Thursday evenings at 7pm for the month of May. All are Welcome to join us..

Irish Summer Camp

@ Kildare Town Community School.

10 – 18 years: A 2- week Gaelteacht experience including evening Céilís.
30 June- 11 July, - €350

5 – 10 years 10am – 1pm,
30 June – 4 July, €120

NOW ENROLING - COLAISTEAISLING@GMAIL.COM

Vision Ireland

–we welcome donations of Bric-a-brac, homewares, etc for their shop, at Station Road, Kildare Town. The shop is open Monday – Saturday, 9am – 5pm. Ph 087 1394325.

Family Carers Ireland

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Kildare Tidy Towns

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

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

Seated Exercise Classes

Classes for people with Arthritis takes place in Aras Bhride each Wednesday morning at 10.30am sharp. Adm : €5 .. All Welcome

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

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

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

PILGRIMAGES

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

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

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

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 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 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

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.

CleverReach - May 2025

Children's Events:

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.

Join one of the Kildare Town coding clubs by clicking below:

Ages 7 – 9: <https://www.codingireland.ie/RegisterStudent/wy887>

Ages 10 – 12: <https://www.codingireland.ie/RegisterStudent/nx798>

Ages 13 – 15: <https://www.codingireland.ie/RegisterStudent/vk269>

Ages 16 – 18: <https://www.codingireland.ie/RegisterStudent/nl454>

Children's Book Club

Suitable for ages 8 – 12 - Friday 30th May, 3.30pm – 4pm

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. Places are limited so book a place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. You can do this by contacting Kildare Town Library on 045 520 235 or by email - kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Children's Scrabble Club

Suitable for ages 8 – 12 - Saturday 17th May

Would you like to join our Scrabble Club? It will take place every second Saturday from 2pm-4pm, (dependent on Bank Holidays). Suitable for ages 8-12. Places are limited so please enquire at the desk, call 045 520 235. Come along and have lots of fun, learn some new vocabulary and make some new friends!

Children's Craft Workshop for Biodiversity Week!

Suitable for ages 6-10 - Friday 23rd May – 3.30pm-4.30pm

Come along to Kildare Town Library for a children's craft event to celebrate Biodiversity Week! We will be creating some fun nature inspired crafts and

decorations. Children must be accompanied in the library by an adult. To reserve a space, phone 045 520 235 or email kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Adult Events:

Chime – National Charity for Deaf & Hard of Hearing People / Outreach Clinic

Are you deaf or hard of hearing? Need support or advice? Visit the Chime Outreach Clinic here in Kildare Town Library – no appointment needed! Drop in and chat with Lynn regarding supports available from 1pm-3pm on the last Wednesday of the month - Wednesday, May 28th, 1pm – 3pm.

Age Friendly Coffee Mornings for over 55s

Wednesdays 7th and 21st May

10.00am – 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 7th May

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 morning, this event is the perfect opportunity to enjoy nostalgic cinema and connect with others in Kildare Town Library.

No booking required – all welcome!

'A Chat About Books' Book Club

Wednesday 21st May

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 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!

Midlands LGBT+ Book Club

Thursday 22nd May, 6.30 – 7.30pm

Kildare Town Library have launched a new book club for adults in collaboration with Midlands LGBT+ Project, where we focus on books with LGBTQ+ themes or by LGBTQ+ authors. This month, we will be discussing 'Tell me I'm worthless' by

Alison Rumfitt. Copies of the book are available from the desk. To enquire about joining, email kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie or phone (045) 520 235.

Kildare Library Book Club

Thursday 29th May @ 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: 045 520 235 or email kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Ciorcal Comhrá - le haghaidh Daoine Fásta

Déardaoin 8ú agus 22ú Bealtaine, 3 i.n. – 4.30 i.n.

Tá Ciorcal Comhrá ar siúl gach dara Déardaoin agus gach ceathrú Déardaoin i Leabharlann Bhaile Chill Dara. Bí Linn! Má tá tú líofa nó má tá cúpla focal agat, cuirfear fáilte mhór romhat. Tuilleadh eolas - 045 520 235 / Ríomhphost - kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

An Irish Language Conversation Group meets every second and fourth Thursday in Kildare Library from 3pm- 4.30pm. New members are always welcome. And whether you're fluent or just have a few words and want to improve you'll be welcome! For more information contact 045 520 235 or 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

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

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 the POD have access to a calming environment - for relaxation or de-escalation.

Exhibition Launch:

‘All the Queen’s Men and all the Queen’s Women’ by Michael Rowley - Thursday, May 15th, 6.30pm

This series (20 pieces) is an exhibition of original historic photographs 1860-1878, never before publicly displayed - the unknown photographer, J.F.Church, was active on the Curragh Camp as the first official Camp photographer from 1858 to 1890. As this photographer was Kildare-based, active during the Victorian era and focused on the British army, this proposal complements the theme of the Military Seminar 2025. Michael will also give a lecture on J.F.Church and Victorian photography 1840-1890. No booking required - all welcome!

This exhibition will be on display from Thursday 15th to Saturday 31st May.

Age Friendly Day, May 16th

Join us in Kildare Town Library to celebrate Age Friendly Day 2025! Call in for tea, coffee and a chat, read the newspapers, learn about our eServices – we would love to see you!

Age Friendly Art Workshop - 2pm-3.30pm

Calling all budding artists! Celebrate Age Friendly Day with us by participating in a beginner's art workshop. We will be painting birds in vibrant acrylic colours.

Guaranteed lots of fun that will bring out the Picasso in you! Please wear old clothes as this will be a messy creative workshop. Places are limited so please book early on 045 520 235 or kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie to avoid being disappointed!