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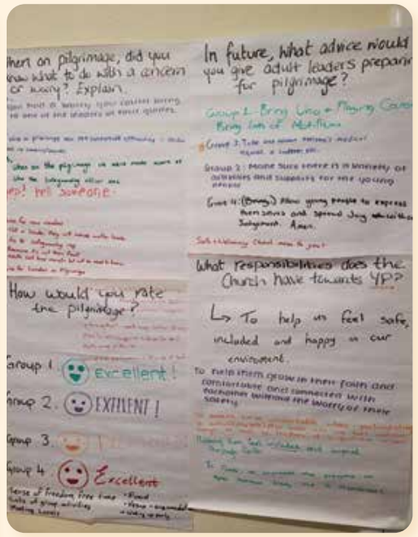
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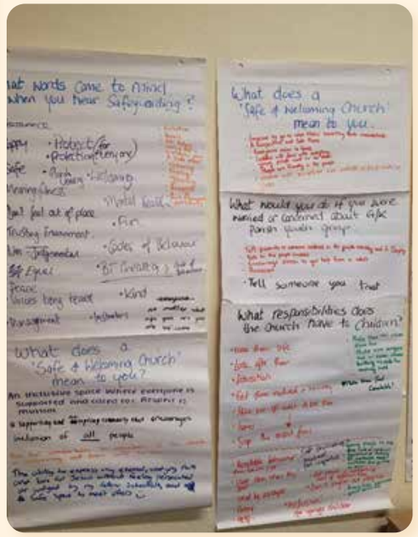




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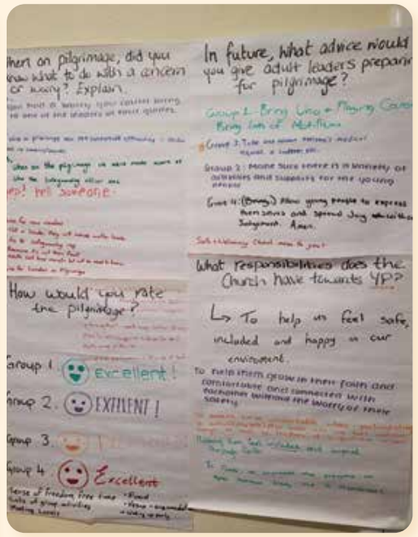
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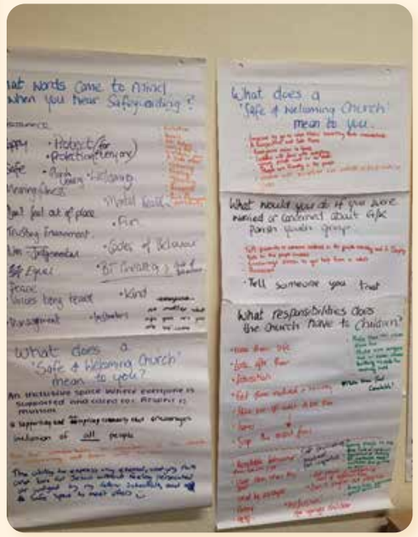




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First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul

to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Arles Doonane Parish Newsletter

8th Nov 2026 ✠ 32nd Sunday

Peace at Last

May the Lord support us all
the day long

Till the shades lengthen

And the evening comes

And the busy world is hushed

And the fever of life is over

And our work is done

Then in his mercy,

may he give us

A safe lodging

A holy rest

And peace at last

We continue to keep our departed loved ones in our prayers in this holy month of November





IN MEMORIAM

Anniversaries for 08 November 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Eamon Kaye

William & Margaret Bambrick, daughters Mary & Pauline & son Willie.

Doonane (8pm): Jim & Nellie Doyle, and Purcell Family

Maura Nash, Doonane Tce

Joan Brophy, Doonane Rd (1st Anniv.)

Julia Fox, Doonane Road

Margaret Hennessy, Farnans

Killeen (9am): Carol Miller (5th Anniversary)

Arles (10am): Michael & Rosemary McDonald

Anna and James Kealy, and their daughter Anita Brennan.

Mayo (11.30am): Eileen Kavanagh Jones, Dublin

Anniversaries for 15 November 2026

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Peter & Josie Dunne, Carlow Rd & daughter Breda Daly

Elizabeth Brennan

Jack Carter, Carlow Road (2nd Anniversary)

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John Conway

Margaret & James Wall, Ballinagall

Elizabeth, Patrick & Michael Storey; Rose, Edward, Kathleen & Michael Gleeson; Ann, Martin & John Mealy; May & Tim Kavanagh

Mayo (11.30am):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



First Holy Communion

Parents Meeting

A meeting of parents for children (in our six parish schools) intending to receive their First Holy Communion in 2027 will take place in Arles Hall (R93 DF74) at

7pm on Monday 9th November.



Mass for the Instataltion of Two Sacred Icons

in Killeen Church

Sunday 22nd Nov at 9am

Chief celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty

Refreshments afterwards in Killeen Hall

All are welcome.

Novena of Masses for those on the November Dead List

The novena will begin on **Tuesday 10th Nov to Friday 13th Nov at 10am in Arles Church**. And in Arles the following week from Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th Nov at 10am.



You are welcome to Light a Memorial Candle for your departed family members for the duration of the Novena.

November Dead List

The November Dead List can be renewed during this month by contacting Mairead in the Parish Office (Tues & Fri 10am-1pm) or bring it along to any of our novena masses. November Dead List forms are available in all the churches for your convenience.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF KILLABBAN ICA!

Friday, 20th November 2026

Anniversary Mass: 6.00pm at St Abban's Church, Killeen

60th Anniversary Dinner Dance: 7.00pm at Killeen Hall

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Please spread the word and join us in celebrating 60 wonderful years of Killabban ICA! To book your tickets, contact Mary Dunne on 087 069 7617. RSVP by Friday, 30th October 2026.

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Ballylinan Ballyadams CE Scheme VACANCIES NOVEMBER 2026

Contact Supervisor 087 2232515 for reference numbers & further information
URGENT : Environmental Worker, Barrowhouse Community Association
Upcoming vacancies: Environmental Worker, St Anne's Church & ABK Centre, Ballylinan; Environmental Worker, St Anne's Cemetery, Ballylinan; Environmental Worker, Ballylinan Village; Maintenance/Cleaner, Luggacurran Village; Church & Hall; Environmental Worker, Ballyadams Church; Environmental Worker, Kellyville; Maintenance/Cleaner, Killeen Hall & Playground



Religious Services to attend

Morning Mass: 10am Tuesday – Friday (Arles) **Recitation of the Rosary**: 9.30am Tuesday – Friday (Arles) **Confession:** After 10am Arles Mass (First Friday)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon. 7.30pm-8.30pm (Ballylinan), Tues. 11am-1pm (Killeen) & Wed. 10am-9pm (Doonane)

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Tom Little
059 - 91-31559 /
087 2481731
Fr Tommy Dillon
059 - 91-42565
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Mass Times:
Askea 9.30am Mon-Fri.
Sat 7pm.
Sun 9am, 10.30am & 12 Noon.
Bennekerry
Sun 11.30am.
Tinryland Tues & Wed 9.30am, Fri 7.30pm, Sunday 10am

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Anniversaries 8th November

Pray for the deceased members of Billy and Deirdre McAssey, Palatine

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Living is a form of not being sure, not knowing what' next or how. The moment you know how, you begin to die a little. The artist never entirely knows. We guess. We may be wrong, but we take leap after leap in the dark

Agnes De Mille (1905-1993)

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results Draw 4th November 2026

Numbers drawn were **14, 16, 23, 27**. No €15,000 Jackpot winner.
Match 3s get €100 each.
Askea / Bennekerry had no Match 3 winners.
Winner **Promotor**

Next week's Jackpot is €16,000. Tickets for the Lotto are available in the Church and can be bought for multiple weeks. You can also call to the Parish Centre during the week to buy a ticket. Tickets must be in by 3pm on Tuesdays.
NOTE: A free ticket is permissible when 10 or multiples of 10 tickets are sold.

Eucharistic Adoration: takes place in Askea Church on Wednesdays from 10am to 5pm.

Firewood for sale: All Hardwood. €200 for a tipper truck load – delivered. Contact 087 274 4241.

Askea Senior Citizens' News
Christmas Party on Sunday 29th November. For those interested money to be paid by Friday 20th November. Contact: Marian at 059 9143010.

Calling all crafters: *If you would like a stand to sell your goods at the SETU Christmas Market on Thursday 26th November, please contact Fr Martin at 059 917 5612 or martin.smith@setu.ie before Thursday 12th November.*

Pope Leo's Intention for November: For the proper use of wealth – Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Chair Yoga Class: starting Thursday 5th November at 10:30 am in Askea Parish Centre (in person and on Zoom). Seven week course is €75 or drop in is €12. For Bookings Call 087 642 1820 or visit www.mariabyoga.ie

Graiguecullen Bingo: Tuesday 10th November 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8pm. Jackpot on 42 numbers €960. Double Number €460. Lotto €3500. Bonus Ball € 2800.

Let's Talk Neurodiversity: This four-week introduction looks at neurodiversity and mental health from a neurodivergent perspective. Participants will explore neurodivergent experiences, common misunderstandings, and ways to build understanding, wellbeing, and more inclusive environments. All are welcome.
Dates: Tuesdays, 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th November
Time: 10:00am – 12:30pm Where**:** Online
You can book by phone on 086 174 6330 or
email:info@recoverycollegesoutheast.com

All welcome to a talk: on Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Advance Healthcare Directive and Co-Decision Making, on Thursday 19th November from 7.30pm in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. There is no cost. If you are interested and have any questions, please contact Catherine at 087 936 1998 or oharec@headway.ie.

Human Life International: (from Knock) will speak at all masses next weekend 14th and 15th November with a church gate collection afterwards.

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International Uilleann Piping Day: celebration in Carlow beginning at 5pm until 8pm with solo piping performances from Joe Byrne, Ciarán Summers, Cillian Townsend, Ciarán Byrne, Connell Butler & more. The recital will be followed by a session. This event will place on Sunday 8th November in Pembroke Club d'Art (1 Pembroke, Carlow, R93 W984). Admission free. All welcome.

A gate collection with The Carlow Lions Club: will take place at The Holy Family Church on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November 2026, and we would greatly appreciate your support. We know there are many demands on people's time and finances, so we simply ask everyone to help as best they can. Every contribution, however small, is valued, and together these acts of kindness can make a real difference.

We would also be delighted to hear from anyone who could spare a little time to help with the collection. Even a short period of volunteering would be a great help and would spread the workload among those involved.

Tai chi and Chi Kung: new five week course started Friday 6th November in An Gairdin Beo, next to St Leos Convent from 11 am to 12:30 pm. Contact Rosaleen Fadden on 086 078 9241 or Email info@rosaleenfadden.com

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CALENDAR

9th November

The Dedication of St. John on the Lateran in Rome is Mother and Head of all the churches of the City and the World. It is the Cathedral Church of the Bishop of Rome and was called 'St John' after the two monasteries once attached and dedicated to St John the Divine and John the Baptist. It is however dedicated to the Most Holy Saviour.

10th November

St Leo the Great died in 461, he taught the two natures human and Divine of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon, 451, and the primacy of the Sea of Peter.

11th November

St Martin of Tours**,** 316-397, Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul, founder of monasteries. Patron of France, soldiers, beggars and Inn-keepers.

12th November

St Josaphat 1580-1623, Bishop of Polotz, worked for the reunion of Ukranian Catholics, but his murder by those who opposed it brought about many conversions

14th November

St Laurence O'Toole became a monk and abbot of Glendalough. He was made Archbishop of Dublin in 1162. He returned to Ireland after the Third Lateran Council as Papal Legate in 1179. He died at Eu in Normandy.

Pray For

Carmel McNally, Kilree Street who was interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Tuesday.
Mary Farrell, Ballycormack who was interred in Ballinkillen Cemetery on Wednesday.
Danuta Adamowska, 33 The Crescent, Ashfield whose Funeral Mass takes place on Monday at 11am in Bagenalstown Church.
Stasia Pender, 73 Pairc Mhuire who was interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Saturday.
Margaret O'Hara, Kilcarrig Street who was interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Thursday.

Months Mind

Anna Quirke Bolt, Linkardstown, Tinryland. Mass on Sunday8th November in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

First Anniversary

Pat Nolan, Newtown. Mass on Sunday 8th November in Newtown Church at 9:00am.
Michael Coffey, Kilree Lane. Mass on Sunday 8th November in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.
Cathy Doyle, 56 Conway Park. Mass on Sunday 15th November in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.

ANNIVERSARIES

All anniversary bookings must be received before 2pm on the Wed before publication.

Mary & Michael Finnerty, Loughrea
Mai O'Brien, Dunleckney
Michael Mullins, 19 Conway Park
Fr Larry Newman, Mountrath & Rathduff
Tom Comerford, Rossmore, Carlow
Patrick Agars, Ballyloughan
Mary Reddy, St. Brigids Crescent & her son Tom
Jim Foley, Rathgower
Hope Kelly, Station Road
Paddy Lawlor, Market Square
Maeve Lawlor, Kilcarrig Street
Stephen Lawlor, Kilcarrig Street
Mary Lawlor, Kilcarrig Street
Eamon Lawlor, Kilcarrig Street
John O'Dwyer, Kilree Cottages

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 13th & Saturday 14th November 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

Church Newsletter; Notice: To guarantee inclusion in our Church Newsletter, all anniversary bookings must be received 10days before date of anniversary Mass with deadline at 2pm on the Wednesday before publication. Thanks.

Ballinkillen National School PA are holding a Clothes Collection on Saturday 14th November from 10am to 12 noon outside of Ballinkillen/Lorum Community Centre. All support is very much appreciated for this event.
Please note items accepted are mens, ladies and kids clothes, bedsheets, towels, handbags, hats, scarves, paired shoes, belts and soft toys.



PDLS College CHRISTMAS MARKETS

on Sunday 29th November 2-5pm in the school hall.
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LIVE

WEBCAM from our Parish Church which can be viewed from **our Parish** website.

FUNERALS 24 HOUR
Your voice is required from the family to have wish to have Funeral Mass recorded

Fr Declan Foley: 087-6684299
Fr Shem Furlong : 087-2400582

Parish Office Hours:
Mon/Tues/Thurs 9:30-5pm
Fri 9:30-12noon
(Office Closed Wednesday)
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PARISH RADIO
Tune in for Mass go to 106.9fm

November–Remembering our Dead



November is the month when we traditionally remember our loved ones who have gone before us. The Tree of Life is an encouraging symbol. Just as in Spring, new leaves turn into new life. This is our Christian hope regarding the promise of everlasting life.

Please write your loved ones name and place it on our Tree of Life where they will be remembered throughout the month of November.

Dead List Envelopes can be handed in with names of those who have died. All people whose names are these envelopes will be remembered at many of our Masses in the Parish throughout the month of the Holy Souls.

In November We Remember



As we remember in a particular way in November those who have died, you are invited to follow the daily scripture posts from the diocese on the Kandle Facebook and X accounts, as well as prayers for particular days. A prayer leaflet is also available on kandle.ie with prayers for a visit to the grave, a visit to the Church and a prayer at bedtime in the month of November.

Donation of Prizes - Draw for Parish

We will gratefully accept donations of prizes for a draw on the night of the Bagenalstown Gaels GAA Fundraiser Concert on Wednesday 18th November.
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CHURCH NOTICES

THREE CHURCHES - ONE PARISH



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First Holy Communion Dates 2027

- **Ballinkillen NS on** 1st May at 11:00am Ballinkillen Church
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Visit to the Sick/Housebound

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Monday 9th November

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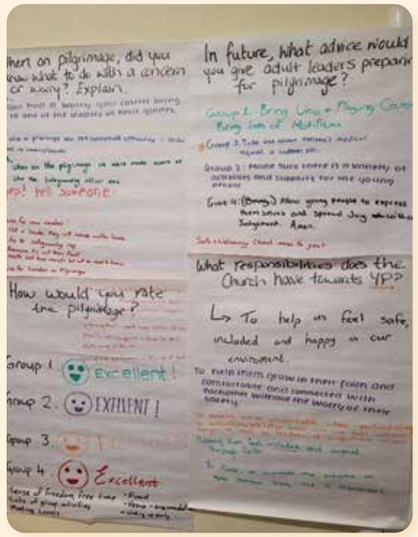
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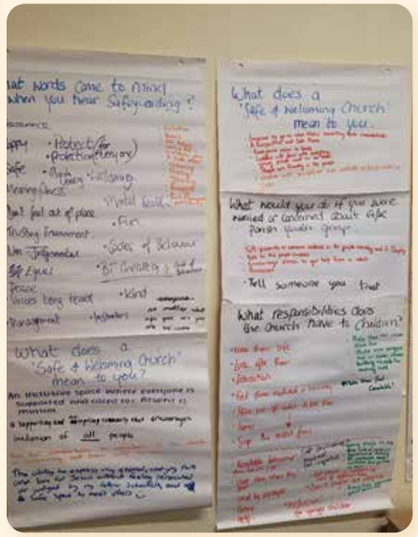




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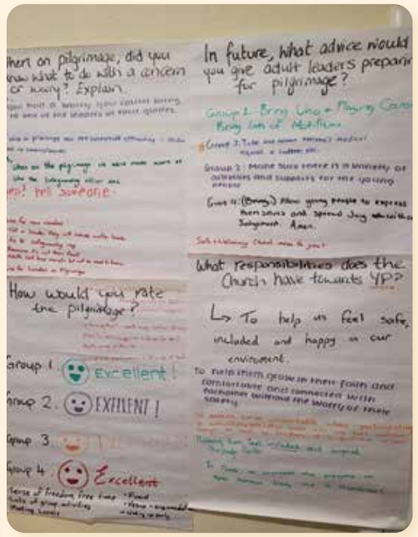
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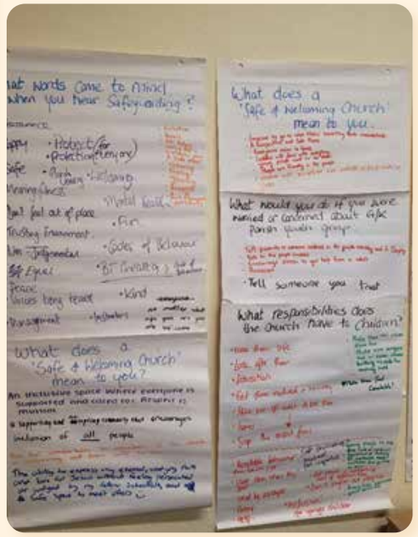




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Provides spiritual support in a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time.

Tel: 01 505 3028 / 086 771 0533.
Email: towardspeace@iecon.ie
Web: www.towardspeace.ie

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact:

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP): Ailish Higgins
Tel: 085 802 1633 **Email:** dlp@kandle.ie

Deputy DLPs: Ms. Michele Hughes **Tel:** 086 171 0643
Fr. Michéal Murphy **Tel:** 057 867 9302

Contact details for all civil authorities are on display at the back of all churches in the diocese and available on the website **www.kandle.ie**

Message from Bishop Denis Nulty

Sunday, February 22, is Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. It is the first Sunday of Lent and appropriately so, as we enter the Penitential Season and seek forgiveness for past failings. In his address at the January Consistory Pope Leo XIV reminded all that "abuse itself causes a deep wound, which may last a lifetime; but often the scandal in the Church is that the door was closed and victims were not welcomed or accompanied with the closeness of authentic pastors". This year we have intentionally linked the 'Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse' on Friday, February 20 with 'Safeguarding Sunday' two days later.

The National Child Safeguarding Policy for our Church is called 'A Safe and Welcoming Church' and that is what our diocese is and our parishes are, a safe and welcoming Church. The fact that 'Safeguarding Sunday' has become such a regular part of our Diocesan and Parish life, demonstrates how the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults has been so well embedded into every area of the life of our diocese, its 56 parishes and 117 faith communities.

Safeguarding Sunday is once again an opportunity to acknowledge and recognise the years of dedication and work by so many to ensure that Kildare & Leighlin Diocese is a safe place for children and all who work with them. It's an opportunity to thank all who today ensure safeguarding is so well embedded in our diocesan culture, Ailish Higgins, our Director of Safeguarding, currently on maternity leave, Michele Hughes, our Acting Designated Liaison Person, the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee, our Parish Safeguarding Representatives, our priests, our deacons and our people, particularly the many who volunteer at parish level, ensuring the life and vitality of their faith community.

As ever, on my parish visits, I encourage ministry with children and young people, this is an essential part of the mission of the Church. Where altar serving, youth choirs, Sunday School have returned I welcome them warmly; where they haven't for whatever reason, once again I encourage their early return. The life of a parish is often defined by the active engagement of young people in that parish. Safeguarding Sunday is a reassurance to all that being involved in the parish is governed by best practices in safeguarding.

Every blessing & thanks,

+Denis Nulty

Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin



Training

A special word of thanks to our Diocesan Safeguarding Trainers, Trish O'Neill & Ailish Higgins who facilitated 10 training events in 2025. A total number of 177 church personnel, including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers trained in 2025.

The diocesan safeguarding committee joined the Ossory safeguarding committee and attended training facilitated by the National Board in Kilkenny 17th November 2025. The training focused on the role of safeguarding committees in the context of our National Church policy and standards for safeguarding children.

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Youth Participation

Safeguarding Checklist for Parishes

Displayed in all Church Porches

- The Kildare & Leighlin Child Safeguarding Statement Poster dated 2024 and signed by Bishop Nulty (please remove ALL old statement posters, these are now obsolete).
- Child Friendly Safeguarding Poster
- Parish webcam and CCTV notice/poster
- Towards Healing Poster

In the Sacristy

- Sacristy Register – Spine bound book to be signed by all who enter the sacristy (to be used even when no altar servers present, available for purchase from Faith Development Services.
- Celebret Request Poster
- Codes of Behaviour (one for adults, and one for servers where applicable).

Local Safeguarding Representatives

- Have completed recruitment process and full diocesan safeguarding training
- Have clear role description (leaflets available on role of LSR)
- Have completed vetting process.
- Be aware of DLP contact details.
- Be aware of reporting procedures for allegations of abuse.
- Support Parish priest with ensuring all activities with children/ young people and vulnerable adults are in line with Church Policy.
- Support Parish Priest with completion of the annual safeguarding self-adult.

Staff & Volunteers working with children / young people

- Have completed recruitment process and appropriate diocesan safeguarding training.
- Have completed vetting process.
- Ensure consent forms are completed.
- Maintain a record of attendance for all activities involving under 18s.
- Codes of behaviour in place for adult leaders and children/ young people.
- Risk Assessment for activities involving under 18s to be completed annually, sample document on diocesan website.

Parish Safeguarding Audits

Annual safeguarding audit forms were circulated to all parishes on **8th January 2026**. To be completed and returned to Bishop's House by **12th March 2026**.

The Final Report for 2024's Audit is available on the diocesan website: **www.kandle.ie/safeguarding**

National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland – Biannual conference

The NBSCCCI held their biannual conference from 3rd – 5th September 2025 titled: Towards a Restorative and Transitional Justice model of engaging with victims and survivors in the Catholic Church in Ireland.

The event aimed to enhance the understanding we all have of how we must engage in a just and restorative way with those who have suffered harm in the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Our diocesan director of safeguarding and DLP attended the event and shared valuable feedback with our diocesan safeguarding committee. The learning from the conference will help guide our practice going forward.

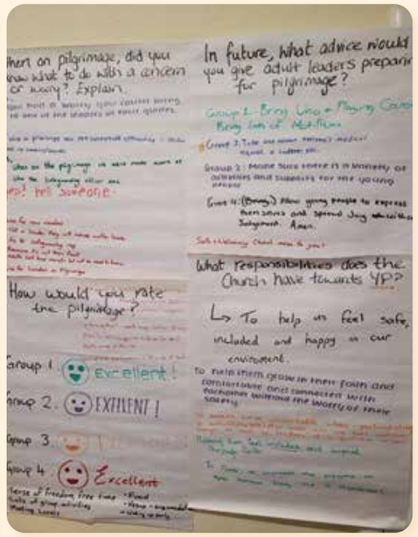
Special thanks to the National Board for organising and hosting the event.



Following the 2024 launch of the Church's Child Safeguarding Policy, Ailish Higgins, our Diocesan Director of Safeguarding met with young people from the diocese to ask them "What does a Safe & Welcoming Church mean to you?"

Thanks to all the children and young people who took part in these sessions and were open and honest about their experience of parish life. Thanks too to their parents, the group leaders and parish priests who supported the facilitation of these groups.



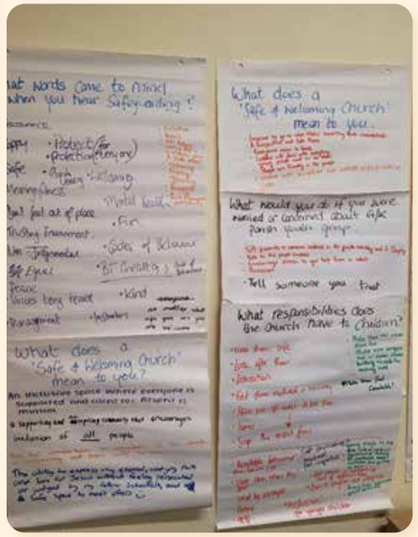




Youth Pilgrimage to Rome



John Paul II Awards





Clane Confirmation class



Amadeus



Christmas

Priests: Fr John Heinhold, Fr Lawrence Kurgat and Fr Vincent Agunbiade:
059 645 0258. Priest on duty: 085 831 4793
Parish Office: 059 648 1254. Email: admin@baltinglassparish.ie
Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Anne Leigh
Diocesan Designated Deputy Liasion Person Michele Hughes – 086 171 0643
Newsletter available on www.baltinglass parish .ie
Diocesan website: www.kandle.ie
Reg. Chy No. 20015848



MASSES
St. Paul's Oratory
Mon. – Fri. 10am
St. Joseph's Church
Sat. 6pm / Sun. 11am
Available on webcam at
baltinglassparish.ie

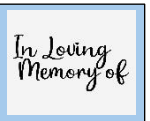


EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
ST. PAUL'S ORATORY
WEDNESDAYS 7.30 - 8.30PM
reflection before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

SICK CALLS
If you have anyone that's sick or housebound and you would like a priest to visit please contact the Parish Office.

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Ireland's biggest and best-selling religious newspaper.
ON SALE in St. Joseph's Church every weekend.
PLEASE NOTE
If you take one please put money in the box. Cost €3.80.

WE REMEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:



SUNDAY 11AM.
Nellie Lennon, Deerpark – **1st Anniversary**
Stephen Cullen, Raheen
Agustine Papillo Snr, Delaware, U.S.A.
Jimmy Doyle, Clough
Anne Doyle, Kiltegan & deceased members of the Doyle Family, Kiltegan
Thos O'Hara, Raheen
Rose Foster, Parkmore

STRATFORD : 9.30AM (SUN.)
Jim Coleman, Stratford & Manchester
Joe Byrne, Ballyhook

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS
10AM IN ST. PAUL'S ORATORY

Mon. 2nd Nov	Donors Intentions
Tue. 3rd Nov.	Donors Intentions
Wed. 4th Nov.	Donors Intentions
Thurs. 5th Nov.	Donors Intentions
Fri. 6th Nov.	Donors Intentions

NEWSLETTER
Articles for the Newsletter must be received by 12 noon on Thursdays.

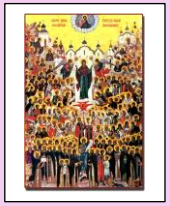
PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS
Monday 2nd November – 9.30am to 1pm.

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED
Tuesday 3rd November & will re-open on Monday 9th November.

Anniversaries etc. can be left in the Sacristy before Mass during this time or left into the Parish Centre Post Box up until 12 noon on Thursday.

BALTINGLASS – BIGSTONE – GRANGECON – STRATFORD
PARISH NEWSLETTER
The Solemnity of All Saints – Year A – 1st November 2026

ALL SAINTS – 1st November



What makes a saint? Not fame or extraordinary achievements, but a life shaped by God's love. On the Solemnity of All Saints, we celebrate holy women and men whose lives reveal that love —and remember that we share their calling.

St John reminds us that we are God's children. This is where holiness begins: not in proving ourselves worthy, but in receiving the Father's love
and allowing it to change how we live.

The saints let Christ's love shape their choices, relationships and prayer. We are invited to do the same. Holiness takes root in ordinary moments: speaking kindly to someone who has hurt us, making time for a lonely neighbour, welcoming someone others overlook, or standing beside a person being bullied.

The Beatitudes show us the way. Jesus calls us to be gentle, merciful and peacemakers; to hunger for what is right; and to put others before our pride. These are not ideals reserved for a few exceptional people. They are a daily invitation to every Christian.

Choosing love can be costly, especially when blame or indifference seems easier. Yet we do not walk this path alone. The Holy Spirit helps us live in Christ and reminds us that God is our Father.

All Saints points us towards heaven, where we shall see God face to face. Each loving choice offers a glimpse of that joy now. The saints' invitation is ours too: let God's love become visible through you.

November Novena for all the Faithful Departed

Begins on Monday 2nd and end on Tuesday 10th. There is daily Mass in St. Paul's Oratory at 10am (Monday to Friday) and in St. Joseph's Church at 7.30pm (Monday to Friday). Saturday Evening 6pm, Sunday at 9.30am (Grangecon) and 11am (St. Joseph's, Baltinglass). On Saturday 7th at the 6pm mass, we have our annual mass for all who have died in the past 12 months with a special welcome to their families and friends.

MINISTERS FOR THE 7th & 8th November

SATURDAY 6PM (Baltinglass)
Minister of the Word: Mary Hayes
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Patterson
Rena O'Toole

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:
Minister of the Word: Martina Kennedy
Eucharistic Ministers: Aoife Kavanagh
Elaine Birchall

GRANGECON: 9.30A.M.
Minister of the Word: Orla Timmins
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Moore

SUNDAY MASSES 2026

STRATFORD:	GRANGECON
November: 01/15/29	08/22
December: 13/27	06/20



Weekend Collections
24th & 25th Oct.
Off. €965. **Dev.** €1,560.
Many thanks to all who contributed.

BINGO
Every Monday in Fatima Hall at 8pm.

AS WE REMEMBER IN A PARTICULAR WAY IN NOVEMBER

those who have died, you are invited to follow the daily scripture posts from the diocese on the Kandle Facebook and X accounts, as well as prayers for particular days. A prayer leaflet is also available on kandle.ie with prayers for a visit to the grave, a visit to the Church and a prayer at bedtime in the month of November. They are also available at the doors in the Churches.

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
03, 16, 23, 28
No Jackpot Winner
3 Match 3 Winners - €70 each
Faith Doyle, Frank O'Neill, Mary Cullen
Sellers Prize: Juanita Nolan
Next Week's Jackpot €20,000.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
03, 07, 19, 32
No Jackpot Winner
5 Match 3 Winners - €30 each.
Declan Faulkner, Anne Marie Byrne, Tom Whelan, Noel Keogh, Damien Patterson
Next Week's Jackpot €20,000.

KARE TINAHELY LOCAL SERVICE

are holding a sponsored walk on the 29th of November at Tinahely GAA grounds. Registration is at 10am. You can register to take part in the walk or make a donation through our iDonate page: Support get moving for Kare-Tinahely Sponsored Walk on iDonate.ie

BALTINGLASS SINGS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

With Special Guest
TENOR JAMES NELSON
DATE: Friday 11th December 2026
TIME: 8pm.
VENUE: St. Joseph's Church, Baltinglass.
COST: Tickets €10 (incl. Door Prizes) available from choir members and a limited supply in the Parish Office.

MISSION SUNDAY

October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. Please return your envelopes to the Church. Visit www.missio.ie for further information.

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Coffee Mornings: in November are in the Golf Club.
November Outing: to National Concert Hall to the Magic of Musicals, by Rathmines & Rathgar Music Society, is Saturday 21st November at 2.30pm. performance. Coach departs Weaver's Square at 10.30am. Cost €40.50 incl. Christmas Party is on Wednesday December 9th in Germaines at 1.30pm.
Shopping Outing: to Kilkenny on Thursday 17th December.
Bridge: Wednesdays from 10.30am – 12md in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.
Next meeting: Wednesday 25th November at 3pm in Germaines. All Windfall Ticket Books must be returned then, please. Nominations will be invited for Election of Officers at next AGM
Collection for Charity called " In their Shoes": Members are invited to contribute items at next meeting, such as scarves, hats, gloves, warm clothes, toiletries, toys or donations or McDonalds Vouchers, please. Kindly indicate whether the gift is suitable for Male or Female or Children.

GENTLE YOGA

7 week course on Mondays at 6:30 pm in Castledermot Community Centre, starting the 2nd of November. Full course €75. Drop in €12. To book phone 087 642 1820.

CARAGH CHURCH TO ENSHRINE RELICS OF ST. CARLOW ACUTIS.

The Church of Our Lady and St Joseph in Caragh, Co. Kildare, will host a special celebration at 6.30pm on Thursday, 19 November 2026, for the enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. The occasion follows a special journey to Assisi in September by Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill, PP Newbridge, and Fr. Joe McDermott, PE CC Caragh, to retrieve the relics and accompany them on their journey home to Ireland. Their pilgrimage marks a significant moment for the local faith community, bringing a tangible connection with the life and witness of one of the Catholic Church's most inspiring modern saints. All welcome.

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. To become a volunteer driver, email Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie We would be grateful for your support, as it will help us to continue supporting those who are impacted by cancer.

Balyna Parish Ministry Interest Registration Form

Many thanks to all who have filled in the form and expressed interest in being involved in various ministries. If you are already involved in a ministry, please fill in a form and consider another if possible. Some of the Liturgical Ministries are applicable to the children in our families. You are welcome to tick a number of boxes if you wish to be involved in more than one ministry. I hope to have a meeting in November when I receive your returned form. I greatly appreciate your interest & willingness to be involved in life of the faith communities. Please find link to Balyna Parish Ministry Interest Registration Form www.balynaparish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Parish_Ministry_Interest_Form.pdf hard copies are also

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. We were all baptized in the name of the Trinity. We are called to have a personal relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (HS). The HS descended upon Jesus at this baptism and the HS led Jesus into the desert. The HS transformed fearful apostles into courageous witnesses to the risen Jesus. It is the HS who works in the sacraments and brings the Word of God to live for us. The HS opens our hearts for love and makes us better instruments of what is good and loving. We pray for the seven gifts of the HS – wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord. We pray for the fruits of the HS are: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control.

November List of Dead

Enrolment for the November list of the dead can be made with the envelope provided in your box of envelopes or alternatively place your list in a blank envelope. All contributions go to the Clergy Fund. Many thanks.

A Personal Response

At times, when it comes to the Christian faith, we may be content with what we have merely 'heard', with common assumptions or with what has been handed down to us, perhaps even with the best of intentions. Yet Jesus calls us to give a personal response, to know him more closely and to allow ourselves to be shaped by friendship with him through an ever-new encounter. This may also ask us to follow unfamiliar paths and to make choices different from those we had imagined.
This is true both for our personal journey and for the journey of the Church, as well as for our pastoral choices, when we may sometimes think that it is enough simply to continue doing things as we have always done them. Instead, it is important to ask ourselves often: who is the Lord for me? Do I truly know him? What is his Gospel asking of me today? What steps and what choices am I called to make?
(Angelus, 23 August, St. Peter's Square, 2026)

Winter Closing Time

With the clocks changing last weekend, all Churches in the parish will be closing at the earlier time of 4pm daily during the winter months, except for those occasions when there is evening Mass. On some occasions over the weekends, Johnstownbridge Church and Broadford Church may be closed at the earlier time of 3pm. Also, in the event of severe weather warnings all Churches will be closed. For safety and security reasons it is necessary to close the Churches while it is still daylight.

Balyna Parish Newsletter





Thirty Second Sunday of the Year

8th Nov 2026

Fr. Brian Kavanagh P.P. ..... (087)616 2675
Parish Office (9am to 1pm, Monday to Thursday)..... (046) 9551203
email: balynaparish2020@gmail.com; **www.balynaparish.ie**
Diocesan Website: **www.kandle.ie**

Parish Child Safeguarding.
Representatives: Rose Miggan; Evelyn Bonner; Lorna Mooney; Annette O'Connor; Chris Farrell. Diocesan Director of Safeguarding: Michelle Hughes; Email: safegaurding@kandle.ie; Tel. 086-1701643

Masses this Week

Saturday 7 Nov	**Clogherinkoe**	6.00pm Mass **(Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmation Candidates)**
Sunday 8 Nov	**Johnstownbridge**	9.30am Mass **(Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmation Candidates)**
	Broadford	11.00am Mass **(Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmation Candidates)**
Tuesday 10 Nov	**Broadford**	**NO MASS**
Wednesday 11 Nov	**Clogherinkoe**	10:00am Mass
Thursday 12 Nov	**Johnstownbridge**	10:00am Mass
Friday 13 Nov	**Broadford**	7:30pm Mass
Saturday 14 Nov	**Clogherinkoe**	6:00pm Mass
Sunday 15 Nov	**Johnstownbridge**	9:30am Mass
	Broadford	11:00am Mass

Saturday 7th November/Sunday 8th November

Clogherinkoe John Kane, Calfstown & the deceased members of the Kane family.

Johnstownbridge Geard Murray (First Anniversary).

Broadford Michael & Kathleen Boyle, Ballinakill (Anniversary).

Recent Deaths: We remember Ann (Nanny) Kane (née Kavanagh), Knockirr, Carbury, Kildare, who was interred in Broadford Cemetery on Friday.

Saturday 14th November/Sunday 15th November

Clogherinkoe Martin & Elizabeth Murray & the deceased members of the Murray family.
Sean & Jimmy Hynan.

Johnstownbridge Paud Doran (Ninth Anniversary) & Judy Doran (Tenth Anniversary)

Broadford Gerard Carroll & their son Barry.
Molly (Mol) Doyle (Anniversary Mass.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in Our Parish

Baptisms will take place in our parish on the following dates over the coming months.

- Saturday 14th November 2026: St. Brigid's Church, Clogherinkoe at 12:00 noon.
- Saturday 12th December 2026: St. Mary's Church, Broadford at 12:00 noon.
- Saturday 9th January 2027: St. Patrick's Church, Johnstownbridge at 12:00 noon.

For further information or to arrange a baptism please contact the Parish Office on (046) 9551203.

Dates for your Diary

1. **Confirmation Parent/Guardian Meeting:** Wednesday 11th of November at 7:30pm in Broadford National School.
2. **Enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis:** Thursday 19th of November at 6:30pm, in Church of Our Lady & Saint Joseph Caragh.

Confirmation Parent/Guardians Meeting

A Meeting for the parents/guardians of children preparing to receive their Confirmation will take place on Wednesday the 11th of November, at 7:30pm, in Broadford National School.

Life in the Spirit Seminar – An Invitation to Confirmation Candidates, Parents/Guardians & all parishioners.

Fr. Brian wishes to invite Confirmation candidates, parents/guardians and all parishioners to join him in attending the *Life in the Spirit Seminar*, taking place at 7:30pm every Thursday from the 29th of October to the 10th of December, in the Church of the Holy family, Longwood, Co. Meath, A83 WVF67.

Enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis

Bishop Denis Nulty to preside at special celebration on 19 November. The Church of Our Lady and St Joseph in Caragh, Co. Kildare, will host a special celebration at 6.30pm on Thursday, 19 November 2026, for the enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty.

Born in London in 1991 to Italian parents, Carlo Acutis grew up in Milan and developed a deep love for the Catholic faith from an early age. His life was one of ordinary teenage interests transformed by an extraordinary love for God. He enjoyed computers, sport and spending time with friends, yet placed the Eucharist at the centre of his life.

Having been diagnosed with leukaemia on October 9, 2006, Carlo died a few days later on 12 October at just 15 years of age. Following the miraculous cure of Mattheus, a young Brazilian boy from annular pancreas in 2013, Carlo was raised to the glory of the Altars by Pope Francis in 2020. A second miracle in 2022, in which a 21-year-old girl Valeria, from Costa Rica, was inexplicably healed from a severe head trauma following a bicycle accident, led to Blessed Car lo's canonisation by Pope Leo XIV on 7 September 2025.

St Carlo's witness carries a timely message for people of every age: holiness is not reserved for a distant past or for those who live extraordinary lives. It is possible in the everyday circumstances of family life, friendship, education, work and parish community, when these are lived with faith, generosity and love for Christ.

His particular appeal to young people lies in the way he embraced the modern world without losing sight of what matters most. Carlo demonstrated that technology along with friendship and the ordinary experiences of adolescence can become opportunities to share the Gospel and draw others towards Jesus Christ.

It is hoped that this significant event will deepen devotion to the Eucharist, encourage young people in their faith and inspire the wider community to follow St Carlo's example of placing Christ at the centre of daily life.

Anniversaries for Week Ending 7th & 8th November

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Jimmy Phelan Ballymartin & Santa Barbara

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Deceased members of the Doyle family Rathanna

Borris: Month's Mind Mass
Frank Hynes Cournellan

We also remember...

Jim Coleman Woodlawn Park
Samantha (Sam) Goulding Woodlawn Close whose month's mind took place Friday night
Peter Kavanagh Main Street Borris
Theresa Lambert Stillorgan Co. Dublin
Ann McKeever Woodlawn Park
Breda Walsh Ballynattin
James & Maura Doyle Ballymartin and deceased members of the Doyle & Hayden Families.
Mary Kane Currane
Margaret & Patrick O'Higgins Rathanna

We also remember...

Andrew (Andy) Ralph Newtown Borris whose funeral mass was celebrated in St. Moling's Church, Glynn on Saturday 7th November 2026

Safeguarding

The Parish of Borris in common with all other parishes is committed to safeguarding the children of their parish.

If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact:

Director of Safeguarding: Ms. Ms Michele Hughes
Mob: 086-171 0643 or Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

Weekly Parish Envelopes

Reminder



If there is anyone who has not received a box of envelopes for the support of the parish could you please contact the Parish Office in the coming week.

Again, a sincere thanks to our distributors and to all who support the collections throughout the year.

Fr Rory

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Dates Borris, 2027

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris on Saturday 27th February 2027.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris on Saturday 15th May 2027

Abide Women's Conference

The Abide Women's conference will be held from November 20th to 22nd in the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Domincans & more.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend.

For more details, please visit Abide in His Love at **eventbrite.ie**
Registration link: https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in or hour battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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Further information: Email: foreverfitcarlow@gmail.com
Phone: 085 801 4138

Important Dates in the Parish of Borris 2026

Mass of the Holy Angels

Remembering children who died before and after birth

Wednesday 18th November 7.30pm
Sacred Heart Church Borris

Mass for those who Died during the Year

Wednesday 25th November 7.30pm
Sacred Heart Church Borris

Irish Cancer Society
Volunteer Driver Service

The Irish Cancer Society is **expanding the volunteer driver service** in the **Carlow** and Laois area, and we are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. We are specifically looking for drivers who can take patients to Naas Hospital, as well as St James' Hospital and the Mater Hospital in Dublin. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most.

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

Masses in our Deanery/Pastoral Area

Borris Parish Mass Times

Weekly Mass Times

Saturday	**Ballymurphy**	**7.30pm**
Sunday	**Rathanna**	**9.30am**
	Borris	**11.00am**

Wednesday	**Borris**	**10.00am**
Friday	**Borris**	**7.30pm**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris each Wednesday after the 10am mass until 1.00pm.

Graiguenamanagh Mass Times

Saturday: **Mass in Duiske Abbey at 7.00pm**

Sunday: **Mass in Skeoughvosteen at 9.30am**
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Drummond Church is open daily for private visits.

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The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme launched in March 2024 following the Government agreed actions arising from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby homes and certain related matters.

The Payment scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland.

Eligibility criteria can be found online, (website below) or by post. **Visit: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/**

Contact Helpline: 01 522 9922

All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality.

Library News

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For more info: Drop in to Borris Library
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Lunchtime in the Library 2026

Carlow County Council Library Service are delighted to announce the return of the Lunchtime in the Library series of free author talks in Carlow Central Library for the month of November. This year's lineup features prize-winning and recently nominated authors, all with publications released this

year. Attendees will get a chance to hear from the authors, ask questions, and, with a pop-up bookshop on site, the opportunity to get a newly purchased book signed by the author.

The series kicks off this **Friday 6th November at 1pm with a talk by author Gill Perdue**, bestselling author of the unflinching, psychologically rich Shaw & Darmody crime series. Gill will be reading from her first standalone psychological thriller, *All of Them Lied*.

On **Friday 13th November at 1pm, Patrick Freyne** will grace the library's Shaw Room for readings from his debut novel *Experts in a Dying Field* which was recently nominated for the Last Word Listeners' Choice Award at the Irish Book Awards.

Talk number 3 will take place on **Friday 20th November, when Kildare author Louise Nealon** will give a talk on her writing journey and read from her second novel *Everything that is Beautiful*. Louise's first novel Snowflake won Newcomer of the Year at the Irish Book Awards in 2024.

The last talk of the series takes place on **Friday 27th November at 1pm when Irish Times bestselling author, psychotherapist and inspirational speaker Avril Tierney** will be in the library. In Avril's debut book, *Cancer, Chaos and Courage*, she shares an honest, humorous and uplifting perspective on what it means to rebuild ourselves through life's challenges.

Please reserve your free place by emailing
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Carlow County Council Register of Electors

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Jennifer Murnane O'Connor's TD Clinic

Minister of State Jennifer Murnane O'Connor's Clinics will now be held every 2nd Wednesday in The Family Resource Centre, Royal Oak Road, Bagenalstown. Starting from Wednesday 18th March. Times are 10.30am to 12.30pm.

For further information, please contact the
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Southeast Family Support Network

HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED BY ANOTHER'S DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE?

You don't have to face it alone. The Carlow Peer Family Support Group 'You Are Not Alone' is here for you. We offer a safe, non-judgemental space of understanding and compassion where you can:

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Accent Dance School

Every Thursday at 6.30pm in Borris Town all



Readings for…
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th November 2026

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
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So I gaze on you in the sanctuary

to see your strength and your glory.
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A reading from first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

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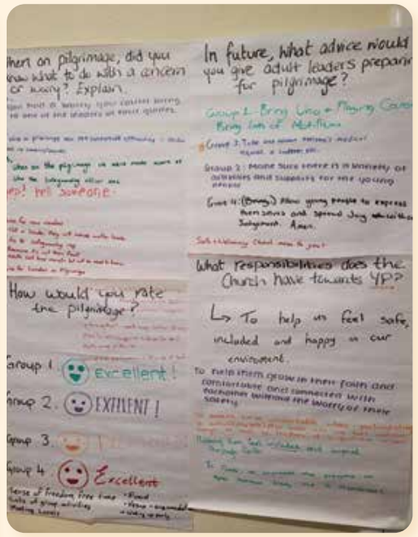
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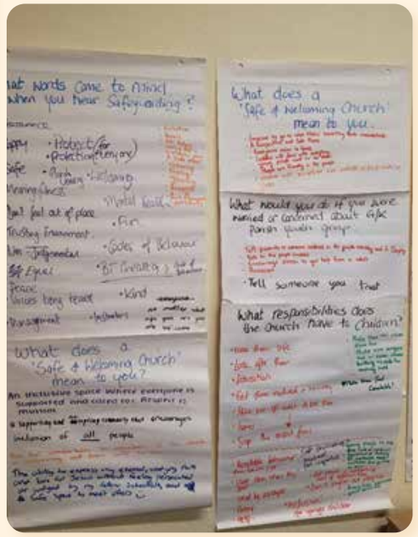




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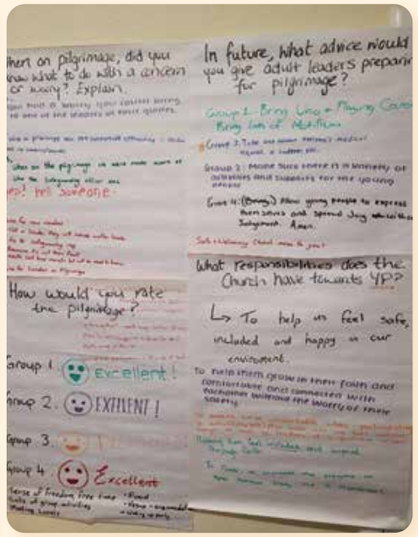
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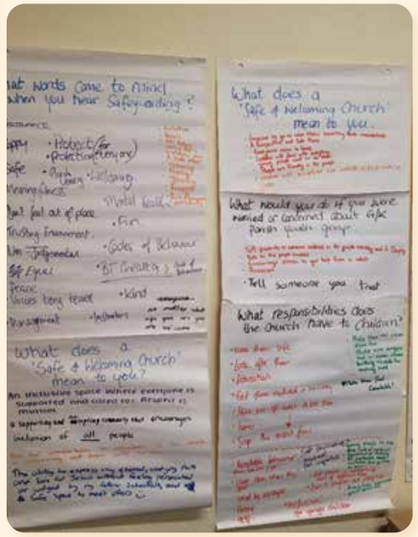




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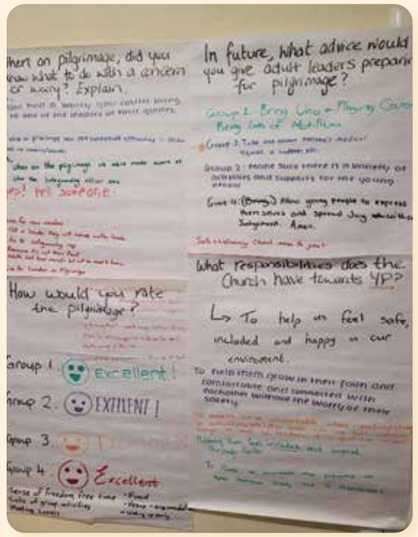
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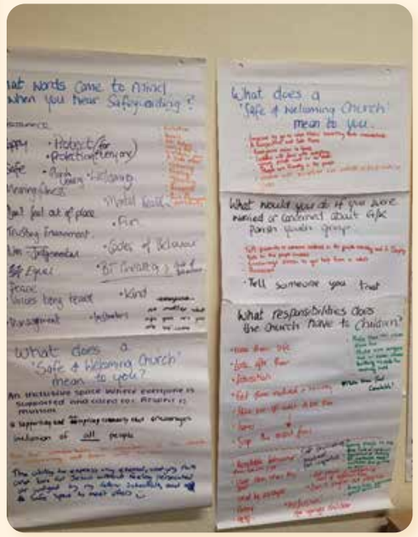




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info@carlowcathedral.ie By 4pm Wednesday

MASSES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Weekend: Vigil Saturday 6.15pm, Sunday 8.30am, 11am, and 7pm.
Weekdays: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 10am. Wednesday & Friday 7.30am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday following the 10am Mass



ADORATION
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:00pm-8:30pm.
(Enter from the Car Park through the Sacristy door)

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Carlow Parish Account	**Carlow Parish Clergy**
IBAN; IE66 AIBK 9331 0405 634065	**IBAN; IE55 AIBK 9331 0405 6346 51**
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Cathedral Collections October



Offertory €1,088.61
Development €1,698.28

Sincere thanks for your generosity to your Parish.

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November Dead List – Masses will be celebrated for all the deceased. Envelopes in your Envelope Boxes and at the entrances to the Cathedral.

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Remembering with Love, Hope and Faith – Our annual Mass praying with those who have lost loved ones and remembering loved ones who have died will be celebrated in the Cathedral this Wednesday November 11th ,at 7.30pm. We invite all parishioners to come along, support those who grieve by your presence and prayer.

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In November We Remember

As we remember in a particular way in November those who have died, you are invited to follow the daily scripture posts from the diocese on the Kandle Facebook and X accounts, as well as prayers for particular days. A prayer leaflet is also available on kandle.ie with prayers for a visit to the grave, a visit to the Church and a prayer at bedtime in the month of November.

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Carlow Stroke Support Group. The group meet next Friday, November 13th, 2.30-4pm, at St. Dympna's Hospital, Carlow. Meetings are open to Stroke survivors and carers. Guest speaker from Kilkenny/Carlow Family Carers attending, Info 087-7814697.

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Carmelite Open Day – Day of Reflection and Prayer sharing with Carmelite Nuns and Friars at Avila Retreat Centre, Donnybrook, on 21st November. Open to people age 18 to 40 years who are interested in exploring the Carmelite way of life. Register by 15th November on opendayavila@gmail.com

Please remember in your Prayers

Aine Mulqueen. Granby Road,

Lord, we pray that you comfort all Aine's loved ones, welcome her and all our dead into your presence.

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Carlow Lions Club Church Gate Collection

A gate collection for the Carlow Lions Club at the Cathedral on Weekend 14th & 15th November. We would greatly appreciate your support. Your act of kindness will make a real difference!

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International Uilleann Piping Day

There will be an International Uilleann Piping Day celebration in Carlow this year on Sunday 8th November in Pembroke Club d'Art **(**1 Pembroke, Carlow, R93 W984) from 5pm until 8pm with solo piping performances from Joe Byrne, Ciarán Summers, Cillian Townsend, Ciarán Byrne, Connell Butler & more! The recital will be followed by a session. Admission free, all welcome!

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Looking for work or already working? Learn English to speak to colleagues and managers, understand instructions and answer interview questions. Our 8-week programme starts 6 November at Carlow Cathedral Centre, with online classes starting 3 November. €10 per class. Includes homework, recordings and free monthly coffee conversation mornings, Phone: 087 363 2246
Book: www.isopoint.ie/working-english Enquiries: irishworkingenglish@gmail.com

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Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Advance Healthcare Directive - You are welcome to come to a talk in Cathedral Parish Centre on Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Advance Healthcare Directive and Co-Decision Making on Thursday, 19th November, from 7.30pm. There is no cost. If you are interested and have any questions, please contact Catherine at 0879361998 or oharec@headway.ie

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CALLING ALL CRAFTERS! – If you would like a stand to sell your goods at the SETU Christmas Market on Thursday, 26th November, please contact Fr Martin at 059 917 5612 or martin.smith@setu.ie before Thursday, 12th November.

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Invitation to Meditation: Carlow Meditation Group meet on Monday evenings from 7 pm to 7:45 pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, - excluding bank holidays. Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. All are welcome - no experience needed. No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening! (Noel Keating, 087 2251183)

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Slí an Chroi Advent Retreat We invite you to join us at Slí an Chroí in the grounds of St Patrick's Missionary Society, as we pause to reflect and celebrate a moment in time on your unique journey. For enquiries please contact Michele at slianchroi@spms.ie or phone 089-4690508.

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Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Jackpot Sunday 8th November 2026

€8,000

Numbers drawn on 1st November
10-19-25-26
7 Match 3 winners share €500

Masses for the Week

Clane

Sat 7th November	6.30pm	Donal Doody, Nick Hegarty, Mary & Vincent Watson, Sean Ennis, Noreen Furlong, Noreen Bowler, Jeanette Blake, Janette Blake, Elizabeth Cummins, Anne & Patrick Cummins, John Keenan, Hilda & David Ferguson
Sun 8th November	9.30am	Mary (Moll) Giblin
	11.30am	Anne Byrne (1st anniv), Thomas Byrne, Noreen Furlong, Joan Ryan, Tim Ryan, Josie Ryan, Eamon Breen, Noreen Bowler, Margaret & James Broughan
Tuesday 10th Nov	10.00am	Mary Duffy
Wed 11th Nov	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Thu 12th November	10.00am	Tomas (Tom) & Maureen Fitzgibbin
Friday 13th Nov	10.00am	Phylis Cullen, Joe Rylands
Sat 14th November	6.30pm	Thomas (Tommy) Byrne (Months Mind), Tom & Gretta Merriman, Maureen & Edward Coughlan, Kathleen Shortt, Brian Conville, Edward Dunne, Malachy Daly, Deceased Members of The Murphy and The Walsh Families
Sun 15th November	9.30am	
	11.30am	Davis Manjaly, Kedagh Moore

Rathcoffey

Sunday 8th Nov	10.30am	Noel Mitchell (1st anniv)
Sunday 15th Nov	10.30am	Bridget Muldoon, Alf & Ellen Higgins, Tommy McIntyre

	Sat 14th 6.30 pm Clane	Sunday 15th 9.30am Clane	Sunday 15th 11.30am Clane	Sunday 15th 10.30am Rathcoffey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Padraig Carbury Diarmuid Coonan Bernie Corbett Teresa Grace	Matthew Cribbin Cait Cullen Katherine Martin Margaret McDonald	Natasha Marron Gemma Mallon Laura Hamilton Darragh Donnelly	Anne Marie Doyle Anne Marie Mitchell
Ministers of the Word	Mary Dolan Cyrena Hayes	Des Drumm Colm Earley	Noel De La Pena Mary Smith	Donal Travers
Basket Collectors (November)		Darragh O'Brien Paddy Moore James Plunkett	Sean O'Hara Philip Comerford Donal O'Brien	

Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Newsletter

Clane Church, 1884 – 2026 Rathcoffey Church, 1710 – 2026

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Love while You can, walk while You can, Love not judgement

Parish Contacts

Fr. Paul O'Boyle P.P.
Prosperous Road, Clane
Phone: 045 868249

Weekend Mass Times

Clane

Saturday	6.30pm
Sunday	9.30am
	11.30am

Rathcoffey

Sunday	10.30am

Suaimhneas Centre
Main Street Clane, 087-2466 892
Supporting Our Search For Inner Peace
suaimhneascentre@gmail.com

Children's Grief Space
Making a difference in the lives of children and young people affected by loss
Parish Centre, Main Street in Clane
045 868 249

Parish Shop and Office
The Parish Centre
Main Street Clane
OPENING HOURS
Monday to Friday
10.30am – 12.30pm
Phone: 045-861393
Email: claneparish@eircom.net
www.claneparish.com
WebCam/Live Streaming
www.claneparish.com
and on churchservices TV
www.facebook.com/ClaneParishPage
@clane_parish

With You In Paradise

Lord Jesus,
Lifted up on the Cross
You offered yourself for us all:
Your wounds for our healing,
Your sufferings for our faults,
Your agony for our peace,
Your forgiveness for our sins,
Your thirst for our comfort,
Your blood for our redemption,
Your death for our life.
Lifted up on the Cross
You promised the repentant thief
A place with you in paradise,
Lifted up as a sign in the desert
You promised
To draw us all to yourself.
Lord, grant to my departed friends
The gift of life with you in paradise;
Draw them all to yourself
In the kingdom of love and peace
Which never ends,
Where sorrows turn to joy,
And we are made whole again
In your eternal love.
Amen.

PARISH LOTTO DRAW
Sponsored by
Sherry FitzGerald Reilly, Clane

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

4, 20, 28, 29

No winner of Jackpot
3 x €50 Winners
Peter Pitro, John Bryan,
Ciara Flaherty

Promoters Draw
2 x €50 prize winners
Peggy Walsh, Benevolent Fund

Next week's Jackpot:

€ 9,600

Weekly Lotto tickets are available from your local Promoter, or the Parish Shop or Online at www.claneparish.com/play-lotto/

Minimum €250 worth of prizes every week.

Parish online donations can be made via our website at www.claneparish.com or direct to
Parish a/c: IBAN IE65AIBK 93323602444022
Clergy Fund a/c: IE79AIBK93323670508088

Feast days during the week:

Monday 9th - The Church of St. John on the Lateran, Rome
Tuesday 10th- St. Leo the Great
Wednesday 11th - St. Martin of Tours
Saturday 14th - St. Laurence O'Toole, Kildare

Congratulations and well done to **Fintan Doran** on winning the Kildare GAA Award 'Pride of The Parish' representing Clane GAA.

Altar List
People are welcome to renew the Altar list of the dead this November by taking a form from the Church and writing the name of a loved one who has died on it.

Poland 2027
Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Pilgrimage to Poland **14th-21st April 2027**
Visiting Krakow, Czestochowa, Warsaw, Wadowice, Salt Mines and Auschwitz.
Cost €1,695. Book with Marian Pilgrimages, Dublin at 01-8788 159.

Church of Our Lady and Saint Joseph Caragh
The enshrinement of the relic of
Saint Carlo Acutis.
Thursday 19th November at 6:30pm
Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty.
All are welcome to this joyous occasion.

Clane & Rathcoffey Parish
Sycamore Programme
The internationally used adult faith formation resource offers a welcoming, reflective, and accessible opportunity to rekindle and deepen the Christian faith and the living tradition of the Church.
This course welcomes everyone.
Dates: November 11th, 25th
Time: 7.30-9pm
Venue: Parish Hall, Clane
Continuing for 5 weeks in the New Year.
All are welcome!
Register your interest by contacting the Parish Office on 045-861 393

Thought for the Week
Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future.

Items for the Parish Newsletter must be in to the Parish Office by 12 noon on Wednesday
Email claneparish@eircom.net

Clane Altar Society

Eileen Duffy
Frances Ennis

Many thanks to those who contributed, and those who collected and counted (2weeks)

Basket	€ 3,437.09
Envelopes	€ 1,471.77
Tap & Go October	€ 805

AI Open Meeting
hosted by Clane & Rathcoffey Parish
on Safeguarding the human person in the time of Artificial Intelligence
and led by Dr. Barry Scannell will take place on
Monday 16th November 2026 at 7.30pm
in Clane Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Table Quiz
Our Clane Union of Parishes are holding their Annual Table Quiz in the Westgrove Hotel on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm.
All are most welcome.

Parish Altar Society
Annual Church Door Collection will take place on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th November.
Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Hands of Friendship ART EXHIBITION
Sunday November 8th from 3pm to 6pm
At the Westgrove Hotel, Clane
No entry fee. Everyone is Welcome!

Suaimhneas Spirituality Centre Clane
Saturday 28th November 2026 from10am to 4pm
Wood You Believe
Getting the Past out of the Present
Bringing Healing to our Lives
Moving beyond Loss Trauma and Victimhood
Workshop facilitated by Fr. Jim Cogley
Donations welcome to cover costs.
Contact Bryan: 087-355 4414

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Baby Loss Rememberance Day
In The Arms Of Love

We gather here with tender hearts,
To honour lives so small,
The babies whom we never held,
Yet love still binds us all.

Before their eyes could see the World,
Before their hands could cling,
God whispered softly, „Come to Me,"
And angels spread their wings.

Though time was short, their love was vast,
A gift we still embrace
For every child now rests in light,
And Heaven holds their place.

We feel them in the morning sun,
In stars that softly gleam,
They live within our broken hearts,
And every cherished dream.

So gentle Lord, please keep them close,
Our babies pure and small—
Until the day we meet again,
And love restores us all.

Clane Holy Family Lay Members thank everyone who generously supported their Coffee Morning in aid of the Children of Gaza and Yemen. The total raised was € 835.

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Safeguarding Sunday 22nd February 2026

Testimonials from Young People who engage in youth activities in our Diocese.

I am a leader in the parish youth group and in the Faith Friends programme. I really enjoy being part of the Church in this way because I am able to understand and deepen my own faith.

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I would like to be a part of their Confirmation journey and beyond

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I hope that I can encourage the young people to take their faith seriously.

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

Friday February 20th 2026 (1st Friday of Lent 2026) - Our annual Holy Hour for Survivors of Abuse was held in the Cathedral Parish in Carlow. Thanks to all who attended and participated in the service.

Candle of Atonement Prayer

Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.

May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church.

Amen.

Support for Survivors of Abuse

Towards Healing

An independent organisation providing free professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland. They provide counselling for survivors and their families.

Their helpline is open:
Tuesday to Friday 9am -5pm

Freephone: 1800 303 416.
Hearing-impaired Text Line Number: 085 8022 859.
Email: info@towardshealing.ie
Web: www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace

Provides spiritual support in a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time.

Tel: 01 505 3028 / 086 771 0533.
Email: towardspeace@iecon.ie
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If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact:

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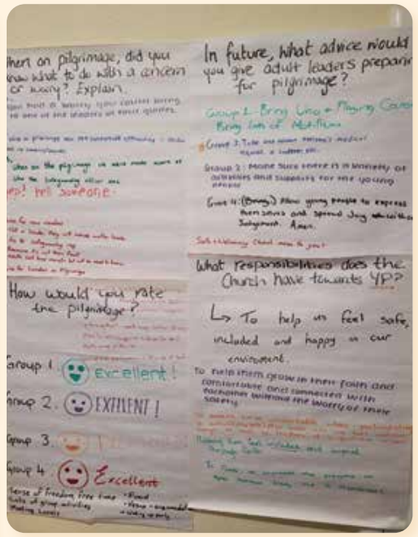
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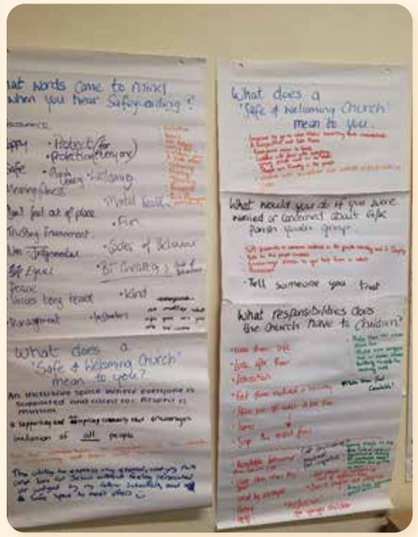




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Christmas

Parish Newsletter

8/11/2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anniversaries: With love we remember

Saturday 7th November, Ballyconnell 7.30
John Timmins Snr & John Timmins Jnr. Killinure, Maureen Balfe, Munny, Coolkenno.

Sunday 8th November, Kilquiggan 9.00
Emmett Doyle, Killinure, Laurence (Larry) Byrne, Ballyrahan, Tinahely.

Sunday 8th November, Clonmore 10.30
Bridget Condren, Clonmore & all deceased family members, Mark Joyce, Clonmore, Tom Cole, Ballykilduff, John Cole, Liscolman, Patrick & Margaret Farrell, Ballykillduff, Tobinstown & deceased Family Members.

Saturday 14th November, Ballyconnell 9.00
Months Mind Mass for Bridie Healy, Killinure, Dan & Bridget Quinn, Knockeen.

Sunday 15th November Kilquiggan 9.00
John, Paddy & Anne Loughlin, Knockatomcoyle.

Sunday 15th November, Clonmore 10.30
Emer McDonald, Clonmore, Bill & Babs Carlos, Dublin & deceased Family members & Friends, Pat & Kate Byrne & son Danny, Vermount.

Weekday Mass Schedule for the coming week
Mass on Wednesday morning in Ballyconnell at 9.30 and mass in the Oratory in Killinure on Friday at 7.30.

Collections: 24th & 25th of October
Baskets: €345.88. Envelopes: €573. Envelopes returned: 67. Bingo €621.60, Next week jackpot €700

Coolkenno GAA: Numbers: 13-24-27-30 No jackpot winner. This week's jackpot: €16,800: Next Draw: 9th November in The Dying Cow. Lucky Dip winners: Jimmy Hennessy, Liz Jordan, Justin Keogh & Jack Weeks.

Parish/Diocesan Lotto: Numbers 14-16-23-27
No jackpot winner, Next week's jackpot €15,000, 10 match 3 winners €100 each.

Fashion Show
Ballyconnell Hall R93 F449
on Tuesday 10th November at 8pm,
Clothes from Serena Boutique Carlow & Elanna Boutique Tullow.
All proceeds to Co Carlow Homecare Team.
Tickets €10 and available on the door,
Raffle on the night.
Everyone Welcome!

Thought for the Week
Difficult Roads lead to Beautiful Destinations.

Parish Office opening hours for the coming week:
Tuesday & Friday 10.30 to 1.30.
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Rosemary & Margaret: 059-9156890
Clonmoreoffice.parish@gmail.com

November, Month of the Faithful Departed.
That time of year again, In November we remember those who have gone before us. Ours is not an empty remembering, but is filled with hope. Hope in him who said ' I am the resurrection and the life'. If you wish to enrol your loved ones in our November list of the dead to remembered at masses during the month – there is a special envelope in your envelope box, Place the list of those to be remembered in to the envelope with your donation & drop it into the envelope boxes in the Church or into the Parish Office.

Dates for your diary:
Sunday 8th of November, Bingo in Ballyconnell Hall at 8pm. The Jackpot will by €700 if you check in 43 numbers. Also check on 13 and win €225.
Tuesday 10th of November, Why not come and spend some time in the presence of the Lord and bring all your cares to Him. Holy Hour with music, prayers and scripture reflections in Clonmore Church every Tuesday 7.30pm – 8.30pm. All welcome.

First Anniversary Mass will be held for the late Monica O'Brien, (Fr. John's sister) on Sunday the 8th of November at 4pm in Portlaoise Church, if anyone would like to watch the mass on the Portlaoise church webcam and pray for Monica.

Mullinacuff Parish Church
Will host a Flower Arrangement Demonstration by Rebecca Allen, on Thursday the 12th November at 8pm in Littlewood Community Hall, Tickets €10, your ticket will include supper and are available at the door. There will also be a raffle on the night.

Bereavement Mass
Those who died in our parish during the year and their families will be remembered at masses in our parish on the weekend of the 14/15th of November. Ballyconnell: Saturday the 14th at 7.30, Kilquiggan Sunday 15th at 9.00 & Clonmore Sunday the 15th at 10.30. A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory. Also, there are parishioners who have lost loved ones, parent or siblings and also natives of our Parish, whose funerals were celebrated elsewhere, if you would like them to be remembered by name at our bereavement mass, please give the details to our parish office by calling or by email.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

Lotto Draw for 4th November

Numbers Drawn 14 - 16 - 23 - 27

No €15,000 Jackpot Winner

10 match 3's won €100. No local winners

Next Weeks Jackpot will be €1

Thanks for participation & good luck!!!



Weekday Mass Reader

Week starting 9th November: Pauline Grennan

Readers of the Liturgy

Sat 14th Nov Shane O' Hara & Lynn Johns

Sun 15th Nov Carol Flynn & Doreen Pickering

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 14th Nov Ewan Halligan, Karen McBride, Ciara Staunton & Cian Tyrrell

Sun 15th Nov Martin Tyrrell, Lauren McKeon, Elyse Halligan, Ger Kearney & Colette Burke

Ofalia House Martin Tyrrell

Lecture Series in Edenderry Parish Centre, 12th November at 8pm

Lesley Whiteside, 'A miserable thing to be a woman': Mary Anne Tyrrell (1821–94) and her landed estate in Kildare and Offaly

At the age of 32, Mary Anne Tyrrell, having suffered the early death of her parents, husband and two children, faced multiple challenges as a landowner. Living in a dilapidated house on a rundown farm with two infant sons and a teenage daughter, she lacked the training to manage her scattered estate in neighbouring baronies in counties Kildare and Offaly. She initially felt overcome by difficulties but by the end of her life she had some sense of fulfilment, having successfully raised her children and left the estate intact. Her story provides a rare glimpse into the ideas and attitudes of a free-thinking woman in a society that was still closed to feminism and the changes that it would bring.

Lesley Whiteside is archivist at Ballinderry House, Co. Kildare, and at Monksgrange, Co. Wexford. Her works include the definitive histories of two historic Irish secondary schools, a biography of a Church of Ireland primate, George Otto Simms, and several books on ecclesiastical stained glass. She has contributed a number of articles to the Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society. Her most recent book is Farming and society since 1700 in the barony of Carbury, Co. Kildare (Dublin, 2024).

Fianna Fáil, Edenderry Cumann, Centenary Book Launch, celebrating 100 years of Fianna Fáil in Edenderry with special guests Brian Cowen, Bertie Ahern, & Eamon Ó Ciuív.

St. Patrick's school, Gilroy Ave, Friday 20th Nov at 7.30pm.

Breakfast & Banter: Join us on Thursday, November 19th at 10am at Mucklagh Community Centre (R35 DN02) for a morning of good food, conversation and a chance to come together and celebrate International Men's Day. The morning will begin with a breakfast, followed by a talk with Niall McNamee. This is a free event, but booking is essential as spaces are limited.

To book your place, please contact Aoife on 087 738 5989 or Declan on 087 699 1226.

Together we care.

Café Cairde is a friendly, supportive space for people living with dementia, family members, friends, carers, health care professionals and anyone interested in building a dementia inclusive community.

Monday, 16th November, at 2.30-4pm

Charleville Centre, Church Road, Tullamore, R35H660.

Guest Speaker – Patsy Fitzsimons, Decision Support Service.

Abide Women's Conference, November 20th - 22nd, the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal.

Speakers include: Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Domincans & more.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese.

We would love to welcome you this weekend.

For more details please visit Abide in His Love at eventbrite.ie.

Registration at https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com

St. Gertrude Chaplet for the Holy Souls

God promised St. Gertrude that every time this Chaplet is prayed 50,000 Soul's would be release from Purgatory

Make assign of the cross, Say the Creed, I believe …, Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, Glory be to the Father, Our Father.

"Eternal Father, I offer thee the most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for sinner's everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my home and in my family. Amen."

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, open the hearts and minds of sinners of the truth and light of God, the Father. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for the conversation of sinners and the whole world. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirt. As I was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be world without end Amen.

Continue with the Our Father before starting the second decade and finish after the 5th.

Weekend 31st /1st October/November

Offertory Collection	**€2,774**	
Online Donations		**€45**
Tap & Go		**€171**
Cemetery Rosary Sunday Gate Collection	**€1,980**	
Card Machine	**€130**	

Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish.

Patrick Larkin Funeral Directors

JKL Street, Edenderry, Co. Offaly. Phone: 046 973 1594

Mobile: 086 601 8260 Email: pl@larkinsundertakers.com

Edenderry Parish 7th/8th November



ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 7.00pm: Months Mind Mass for Anne Lee; Mick, Mary & Noel Mc Guinness; Jim & Kathleen Quinn; Paddy Considine; Ellen & Harry Kelly

Sunday 10.00am: Jimmy O'Grady, 1st anniversary; Sean Forde, 1st anniversary; William Hanley, Rathvilla; Anne Scully ; Eva Murphy & Valerie McGarr; Carmel Lysaght

Monday 9.15am: Mass Card Bouquets

Tuesday 9.15am: Jimmy & Christina Smullen & deceased members of the Smullen & Dunne Families; Julia Donavan

Wednesday 9.15am: November List of the Dead

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Saturday 7.00pm: Months Mind Mass for Helen Fryday; Caffrey, also remembering his son Fergal whose anniversary occurs at this time; John Cullen, 1st anniversary; Mary Hanley; Tommy Burne & deceased members of the Brereton, Dempsey, Grehan, & Hanley families; Bridget Coyne Wood; Martina Loughlin

Sunday 10.00am: REMEMBRANCE MASS

This weekend's anniversary list

Nancy & Michael Whelan & their son Denis ,Eamonn Farrell

Months Mind Mass for Frank

MASS TIMES

Mon - Fri 9:15am (no daily mass the day of funeral)

Saturday Vigil 7pm

Sunday 10am

Confessions before Mass on Saturday evenings at 6.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration Every Saturday in the

Our annual Special **Remembrance Mass** will take place NEXT **Sunday, 15th Nov at 10am.** This Mass will be offered in a special way for all those who have passed away in our parish over the past year. If someone belong to you has passed away and you would like them remembered at this Mass, please let the Parish Office know 089 209 1432.

Remembrance in Nov: List of the Dead

We invite you to remember your deceased family and friends during the month of November. Masses will be celebrated throughout November for all those on the List of the Dead.

Envelopes will be available in the Church & at the Parish Office.

You may return completed lists to the dedicated boxes located on the Altar Rails or leave them into the Parish Office. Please do not enclose donations inside the envelopes, if you wish donations may be given directly to the Priest or to the Parish Office.

Thank you

Parish contacts & emails

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Friends of St Pio

The monthly St Pio Rosary will be recited **THIS Sunday 8th Nov** at 3.30pm.

As November is dedicated to the Holy Souls, we will pray St Bertrude's Chaplet for the Holy Souls. Copies of the Chaplet will be available on Sunday.

After the Chaplet is prayed, St Pio's glove will be available for those who would like to venerate it. If you are unable to attend you can join us on Edenderry Parish webcam

Everyone welcome!!

Cleaning of the church will take place this Tuesday evening 5.30pm -7.30pm. All volunteer's welcome

Next Parish Coffee Morning is Thursday 19th of November after 9.15 Mass

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of

Eilish Gobel, Alice Quirke, Paddy Kerrigan & Hickey

May they rest in peace



Ways to support our Parish

We thank you for your continued generosity, you can cor following ways.

In person - Place your envelope in the basket at Mass or i

Cashless - Use the tap machine facility at the back of the c

Online - Visit our website's donation page

QR code - Scan this QR code which leads directly to our





Edenderry Parish Safe Guarding Reps

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PARISH TEAM
Fr. John Dunphy
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Isobel Brooker
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Catherine Ryan
Vera Bolger

PRIEST ON CALL FOR CARLOW
(EMERGENCY ONLY) 087 2588118

GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHIN PARISH

OUR PARISH IS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY THAT STRIVES TO LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL VALUES IN OUR DAILY LIVES. AS A FAMILY OF FAITH, WE TRY TO MODEL OUR PARISH ON THE EARLY CHRISTIANS WHO PRAYED TOGETHER, CELEBRATED EUCHARIST AND LOOKED AFTER ONE ANOTHER. ACTS 2:42–47

NOURISHED BY THE EUCHARIST WE ENDEAVOUR TO LIVE IN JUSTICE, TRUTH, LOVE, AND PEACE, SO THAT OTHERS MAY SAY OF US: "SEE HOW THEY LOVE ONE ANOTHER". 1 PETER: 1:22

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NEWSLETTER

32nd Sunday Year A
Sunday 8th November, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

St. Clare's, Graiguecullen
Monday Communion Service 10am
Tuesday - Friday 10am Mass
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday 9am, 11.30am (Family Mass)

Holy Cross, Killeshin - Sunday 10.15am

GK Parish Office

9.30am - 5pm (Closed 1-2pm)
059 91 41833 - R93 AY76
gkparish@gmail.com
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Facebook: GraigueKilleshin Parish

Tuesday, 10th November

BINGO

St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8pm
Jackpot on 42 no.s €960
Double number €460
Lotto €3,500
Bonus Ball €280

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow

How often do we live as though there will always be another tomorrow? When someone we love dies, we can be left with regrets and 'if-onlys' – words left unspoken, kindnesses forgotten or time we wish we had spent together. In today's Gospel, the five foolish virgins are caught unprepared when the bridegroom arrives unexpectedly. Their empty lamps remind us that we cannot put off living our faith until another day. We spend so much of life preparing for work, holidays and special occasions, yet often neglect the greatest preparation of all – meeting our Maker. Deep down, we know there are ways we could be better Christians, but somehow we convince ourselves that there will always be more time. There is always someone to forgive, a kindness to offer, a relationship to mend or a good deed waiting to be done. We cannot know what tomorrow will bring, but we can choose how we live today. The message of today's Gospel is simple: don't put off until tomorrow the love and goodness you can share today. By living each day with faith, kindness and generosity, we can face the future with hope rather than fear.

BINGO TIME CHANGE

IMPORTANT!

Our parish Bingo will continue at the earlier time of 8pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

CHRISTMAS SHOP & MASS BOUQUETS

A selection of Christmas items and Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available to purchase in the Parish Centre. All proceeds from the sale of Mass Bouquets will go towards supporting the wonderful work of St Vincent de Paul and our Parish Evergreens. All intentions will be included in all Christmas masses.

Graiguecullen Croppy Bhoys CSC to Host Celtic FC Foundation Sleep Out

The **Graiguecullen Croppy Bhoys CSC** are proud to be hosting a **Sleep Out** in support of Celtic FC Foundation, helping to raise much-needed funds for people and families experiencing homelessness and hardship. The event will take place on **Friday, 13th November, at St Patrick's Boys AFC**, bringing people together to support a worthwhile cause and raise awareness of the challenges faced by those who do not have a safe place to call home. All money raised will be donated to St Clare's Hospitality Food Kitchen.
Anyone wishing to make a donation or support the Sleep Out can contact any of the following:
Kieran Collins – 085 135 3292
David Fitzpatrick – 089 439 7013
John Power – 085 832 5325

Every donation, no matter how big or small, will make a difference to those who need it most.

EVERGREENS CHRISTMAS

The Evergreens Christmas dinner will take place in The Talbot Hotel, on Sunday 6th December @1pm sharp. Limited tickets are still available from the Parish Centre. Friday the 27th of November is the final date for ticket collection. **Tickets must be collected in person by each individual.**

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME MEETING

7pm on Wednesday 11th Nov in St. Clare's Church. Parent & child to attend.

JP2 Award Registration

Monday 9th Nov 7- 8.30pm
This programme is for any young person in TY, 5th or 6th Year. All registration forms must be returned by Friday 13th with €20 registration fee.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

This continues next Sunday 15th. Parents who would like to be part of the committee for helping with their child's programme masses are invited to a meeting on Thursday in our parish centre 7.30pm.

GK PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Breda Lloyd, Sarah Alsybury, Cathríona Kelly

In our parish we value and encourage the participation of all young people and vulnerable adults in all parish activities. We uphold the utmost standard of safeguarding to create a safe environment for all.
DIOCESAN **D**ESIGNATED **L**IAISON **P**ERSON: Michele Hughes 086 1710643

ANNIVERSARIES

6.30pm Saturday 7th November - St. Clare's

- Mary Williamson, Avondale Drive - ***25th Anniversary***
- Pat O'Gorman, Athy - ***10th Anniversary***
- Joe Fitzpatrick, Sleaty St - Thomas Comerford, Bagenalstown
- Jim Byrne, Sleaty St - Paul Hennessy, *Sunset View*, Burrin rd
- John Gaffney, Killeshin - Bill and Bríde Gaffney, Killeshin
- Robert and Winifred Byrne, Moone - Pat Dooley, 'Innis Fallen', Hanover
- Cian Delaney, The Poplars - Joe Walsh, Lower Rossmore
- Patsy O'Rourke, Lower Rossmore
- Martin and Josephine Doyle, Esther Teehan, St. Fiacc's Terrace
- Patrick Broderick, Urlingford, Kilkenny, also his parents Dan and Mary Ann
- John, James, Annie and Jimmie Wade, Ardenteggle and the Wade family, USA
- Nancy and Pádraic Carter, Ballinabranna

9am Sunday 8th November - St. Clare's

- William O'Neill, Knockbeg road

10.15am Sunday 8th November - Holy Cross

- Bernie Dowling, Killeshin - ***Month's mind***
- Ellen Kehoe, Springhill, also her daughter Annie Claire Kehoe, Killeshin - ***30th Anniversary***
- Kate McKeown, Castletown rd, Dundalk - Brian Barr, Burtown Big, Athy
- Paddy and Nancy Delaney, Pearse rd & their daughter Breda Nolan, Killeshin

11.30am Sunday 8th November - St. Clare's

- Ann Lowry, Rose Cottage, Clogrennane - Edward (Ned) Hughes, St. Clare's rd
- Kathleen finnegan, Barrack St - Laurence O'Rourke, Ballyhide
- Deceased Legionaires of Graiguecullen, Carlow group
- Rose Scanlon, St. Fiacc's House - ***80th Birthday Remembrance***

Week starting 9th November

Wednesday 10am Paddy Maher, St. Clare's rd
Thursday 10am Sheila Delaney, Castlehill and all deceased family
Friday 10am Jane Dooley, Duggan Ave

6.30pm Saturday - St. Clare's

- Patrick (Paddy) O'Sullivan, Duggan Ave - ***20th Anniversary***
- Joan Culleton, St. Fiacc's House, husband William and their sons Michael & Liam
- Ollie Brennan, 'St. Martin's', Sleaty, also his granddaughter Emma Louise
- Pat Gleeson, Sleaty St
- Rita Dowling, husband Larry and deceased family
- Bridget & Christopher Brennan, Sleaty st and all deceased members of the Brennan family
- Gerald Duggan, St. Clare's rd and his wife Maura

9am Sunday - St. Clare's

- Paddy Maher, St. Clare's rd
- Bertie Hayes - ***Birthday remembrance & Anniversary***, also his wife Kitty and great granddaughter Elsie and all deceased family

10.15am Sunday - Holy Cross

- Kathleen (Kay) O'Sullivan (née O'Regan), Toowoomba, Australia & formerley Killeshin rd - **Month's mind**
- Nancy Scully, The Strand - John Barcoe, Killeshin rd - Phil and Leo Slattery, Navan
- Mary Fitzpatrick, Cappalug, also her parents John and Margaret Fleming, Bennekerry
- John Keating, Derrymoyle, wife Mary, daughters Maura & Frances and son Paddy Joe

11.30am Sunday - St. Clare's

- John and Bridget Kearns, Sleaty rd, also their sons and daughters

REST IN PEACE

Katty Byrne - Raheendonore, Graiguenamanagh & Cill an Oir, Graiguecullen
Katie Bourke (née McGowan) - Sleaty rd, Graiguecullen & Doocastle, Co. Mayo
Michael (Mick) McGree -The Bungalow, Oak Park
Stasia Pender (née Reddy) - Pairc Mhuire, Bagenalstown

The Hill and the Hollow – ICA Killeshin
Christmas Flower arranging evening with Margaret Collins. Friday 13th November 7-9pm in The Glenside, Killeshin. €10 pp

Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community would like to welcome people living with Dementia and their carers to join us on Friday, Nov 13th in Leighlin Parish Centre R93 KR83 for a cuppa and a chat, at 11am-12.30pm.

Weekly Collections
31st Oct / 1st Nov

Blue Bag: €1,982 Red Bag: €1,025
Direct Debits: €65 Donations: €50
Tap Donations: €110

Thank You

We thank you for your support.

WEEK OF WITNESS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on 'Red Wednesday' November 18. More information is available at www.acnireland.org

KILLESHIN GAA AUCTION

Killeshin GAA will hold an auction on Sunday 29th November at 2pm in The Glenside, Killeshin. Items for the auction can be dropped off at The Glenside on Saturday 28th November, between 1pm and 5pm. All support and donations of items would be greatly appreciated. For further information, contact 085 2109353 or Vera on 087 9563831.

Free Information Evening
WILLS AND FUTURE PLANNING

All are welcome to attend a free information evening covering Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Advance Healthcare Directives and Co-Decision Making.
Thursday 19th November - 7.30pm
Cathedral Parish Centre
Admission: Free
For further information please contact Catherine on 087 9361998 or email oharec@headway.ie.

BOOK LAUNCH

Vonnie Bolton's 4th Book 'Trouble in Fairyland' will be launched on Thursday 12th November at 7pm in Killeshin Pipe Band Hall R93 P2X3. Magi Launch night price €10 per book, all signed by the author. Everyone welcome.

Tai chi and Chi Kung new 5-week course starting 6th November in An Gairdin Beo, next to St Leo's Convent from 11am to 12.30pm. Contact Rosaleen Fadden on 086 0789241. Email info@rosaleenfadden.com

Carlow Stroke Support Group meet next Friday, November 13th, 2.30-4pm, at St. Dympna's Hospital Carlow. Meetings open to Stroke survivors and carers. Guest speaker attending from Family Carers. Info 087 7814697

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 7th Nov	6pm	Eamonn Hopkins (M.M.)
		Peter Gannon, Highfield Park (1st Anniv)
		Eithne O'Connor, Courtown Road (8th Anniv)
Sun, 8th Nov	9am	Valerie Joan Gerber (1st Anniv)
	12 noon	Tony Christian, Ballycahan (2nd Anniv)
		Patrick Lavelle, Lucan (6th Anniv) & remembering his wife Carmel
		Kevin Anderson (25th Anniv)
		Mary Rickard (Anniv)
		Ellen Horan (Anniv)
Mon, 9th Nov	10am	Shared Mass for the Living **Adoration 10.30oam – 11.30am**
Tue, 10th Nov	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 11th Nov	10am	Dessie & Alice O'Brien, Branganstown (Anniv)
		Thanksgiving Mass
Thu, 12th Nov	10am	Eileen Foley (Recently Deceased) **Adoration 6.30pm – 7.30pm**
Fri, 13th Nov	10am	Jim Cuddy (Anniv) & all deceased family members
Sat, 14th Nov	6pm	Vincent "Vinny" O'Connor (6th Anniv) & remembering Nancy "Annie" O'Connor, Gragadder
		Jimmy Devaney, Nicholsown (Anniv)
Sun, 15th Nov	9am	Maureen Mulligan (10th Anniv) & remembering her dad John Barton
		Richard Teevan, Portgloriam (25th Anniv)
		Sonia Shajan (Anniv)
	12 noon	Ann Lannery (1st Anniv)
		James & Margaret Hayden (Anniv)
		Michael & Eileen Devine (Anniv); remembering their sons Johnny & Oliver & their daughter Anne

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 8th Nov	10.30am	Paschal McKeogh (1st Anniv) & remembering his baby daughter Caithlyn May (18th Anniv) & his dad, Tommy (11th Anniv)
Sun, 15th Nov	10.30am	Joan Mulligan (Anniv) & remembering her husband Martin & all deceased members of the Mulligan & Heffernan families
		Tom, Elizabeth & Sean Gorman (Anniv)

PARISH LOTTO
TUE, 3rd NOV 2026

Lotto Nos. 8 – 12 – 13 – 19

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €14,400**

(3x€50 Winners): Elizabeth Durkan, Brendan Leonard, Rita Condron.

(Promoters): Bridget Pidgeon & Rosie's.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH G.A.A. LOTTO
TUE, 3rd NOV 2026

Lotto Nos. 6 – 23 – 29

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €2,900**

(5x€20 Winners): Niamh Mullally, Nealon Family, Laura, Niamh & Aaron, Robert Finn, Roadhan O'Grady.

Thank you for your continued support.

We realise the importance of our voices only when we are silenced!

Kilcock Heritage & Historical Society will hold their 1st AGM in St. Coca's Church on Mon, 9th Nov. **at the amended time of 8.15pm**. All welcome - new members also welcome.

Conversational English Classes in Kilcock – call Philomena on 089 4923902.

Online English – Junior & Leaving Certificate; Higher & Lower level – Grinds delivered by an experienced teacher and state examiner with over 13 years expertise. For more info. Please contact Paula on 085 7881574.

Public Rosary every Saturday at 12 noon in The Square, Kilcock. Come & join us in honouring Our Blessed Mother. Any enquiries – 089 6006403. All welcome.

KILCOCK GAA LOTTO
SUN, 1st NOV 2026

Lotto Nos. 15 – 21 – 30 – 32

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €20,000**

(5x€25 Winners): Margaret Mackenm, Daragh, Ailish & Declan, Eva Sheridan, Breda Kiely, Teresa Bourke.

Promoters: Gus Bourke & Denis Fagan.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Dev. Fund: 1st Nov. €1,701.00; Offertory Collection: €1,035.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected & counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 8th NOV 2026

OF PARISH INTEREST

In November, We Remember – Parish List of the Dead sheets available at the back of both Churches.

The Annual Remembrance Mass for our Loved Ones who died in the last year will take place on Thurs, 26th Nov. at 7.30pm. All welcome.

We require ***additional collectors*** for our weekend masses in St. Coca's. We would also appreciate ***new Ministers of the Eucharist***. Full training will be provided. Please contact Nicola in the Parish Office if you are interested.

Readers this weekend St. Coca's - Sat 6pm – Aldrin Panakal; Sun 9am – John Tighe; 12 noon – Maria Panakal.

Newtown – Sun 10.30am – Miriam Peters.

Eucharistic Ministers: St. Coca's - Sat 6pm - Breda Hopkins; Joe McFadden & Michael Minogue; Sun 9am – Assumpta O'Brien; Dympna Deegan & Dermot Sheehan; 12 noon – Claire Dunne; Mary Forde & Jean Rickard.

Newtown – Sun 10.30am – Trish Downey & Pauline Grogan.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Seamus "James" Forde (RIP), Courtown Park whose funeral took place to St. Joseph's Cemetery on Tuesday last. We also ask prayers for Jack Fitzsimons (RIP), who died recently in Australia & Vera Gilligan (RIP), Connaught St., who died recently and whose funeral took place to Waterford. May they rest in peace.

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES

Our annual Blessing of the Graves took place last weekend. Thank you all for attending & thank you also to Fr. Kolwani & Fr. Thomas for leading us in prayer and to all others who helped out in any way.

The following monies were collected:

Newtown – €1,241

St. Joseph's – €3,475

Cloncurry – €1,465

All monies will be used for the future upkeep and maintenance of our graveyards. Thank you for all your continued support.

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year, the readings are mostly from those sections of scripture called *apocalyptic*. This is a very symbolic style of writing. Numbers and colours all have a symbolic meaning. It is frequently full of cosmic images including sun, moon and stars. It is a very vivid style of writing which is geared to evoke a response in those who read it.

The door is closed against the bridesmaids who did not keep vigil nor trim their lamps. The concern of the Christian should be readiness for the call of the Lord, to seek the light of Christ in daily living, and to keep burning brightly the light received at baptism. It is true wisdom to be always eagerly longing for the Lord.

***Entrance Antiphon*:** Let my prayer come into your presence, incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

***Responsorial Psalm*:** For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

HOME ENERY SAVING CLINIC

Kilcock SEC (Sustainable Energy Community) & Kilcock Credit Union are hosting a "Home Energy Saving Clinic" on Sat. 14th Nov. in Kilcock GAA from 2pm – 5pm. Come along to get information on latest SEAI Retrofit Grants and meet the Retrofit Experts for Solar Panels, Insulation, Heat Pumps, BER Assessments, EV Cars and Greenloan Finance. All welcome.

CAPPAGH 5K FUNDRAISER

Cappagh are holding a 5K fundraiser walk/run on Sat. 14th Nov. at 10.30am. Firstly, we want to give advance notice about some traffic disruptions to road users for the 5K loop around Cappagh/Grange/Ovidstown Hill/Newtown Village from about 10am on Sat. morning till 11.30am & secondly, we would like to encourage participation – all abilities are welcome. You can register on the day or by using the QR code on posters.

Members of the ***Guild of St. Philip Neri,*** Portlaoise, visit prisoners in both Portlaoise and Midlands prisons as befrienders/listeners. The Guild is a conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please contact 086-046245 for further information.

Fr. George 01 6287 448

Fr. Kolwani 01 6757 311

Parish Office : 01 6287 406 Mon 9:30-12:30, Tues 9-1, Wed-Thurs 9:30-1:00

Parish Shop: 01 6287 499 : Mon – Fri: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Sunday 8th November 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Parish, Kildare Town
Fr. Adrian Carbery, PE CC (045) 521900

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E-mail – kildareparish@gmail.com **Website –** www.kildareparish.ie
RCN 20015848
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Bernadette Madigan c/o Nurney/ Kildangan Parish Office



"May they rest in peace"

During the Month of November, we pray for all our departed brothers and sisters. We hope to give special emphasis to those who have died in the parish during the past year.

Our November Masses will be celebrated in the Parish Church on the 4 Wednesdays (4th , 11th, 18th, 25th .) of the month at 7.30pm.

At each of the Masses we propose to read out the names of some of those who have died during the past year, and a candle will be available for a loved one to light in the Sacred Space in the church during the Mass and take home afterwards.

If you wish the name of your loved one to be called out at one of these masses and their names' be printed on a candle, please contact the Parish Office on 045 521352.
Or email: kildareparish@gmail.com

You are also invited to place
the name of your loved one on the
Tree of Life in the November Sacred Space.



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 to 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 24th October – Sunday 1st November 2026

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SAT 7 11.00am BRIGID HERRON, Melitta Park ….. Months Mind
And KEVIN HERRON, Melitta Park

6.30pm BETTTY, PETER & PP IVORY, Rathilla
JOHN POWER, Leinster Walk
ADRIENNE BYRNE, Station Road
PHYLLIS POWER, Dunmurray Drive.. 6th Anniversary
And FRANK & MAMIE POWER, St. Patrick's Ave, Carlow

SUN 8 9.00am JIMMY McCARTHY, Limerick

11.00am AODHAN DEMPSEY and MARY DORAN
JOE HEFFERNAN, Shanacloon

MON 9 9.30am GERALDINE BURKE, Rowanville
ELLEN FARRELL, Blackmiller Hill
And LIAM MOYLAN,

TUE 10 9.30am

WED 11 9.30am THOMAS HYLAND

THU 12 9.30am ALAN BUCKLEY

FRI 13 9.30am GERTRUDE MAHON, Claregate Street

SAT 14 11.00am

6.30pm

SUN 25 9.00am

11.00am

We Remember

KIERAN COLEMAN, Tully Vale
MARGARET BURKE, Rowanville

Who has died and for whom mass will be offered.

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November List

The November Lists are available at the Church Doors
They can be dropped back to the Parish Office
to be included in The Book of Life
which will be in the Sacred Space
during the Month of November

Mass Times

Week-day Morning Mass in St. Brigid's Parish Church
(Monday – Friday) celebrated at 9.30am.
The Rosary will be prayed before mass

Bank Holiday – Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am

**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.**

Weekend Mass Times

Confessions available before mass from 10.30am

Saturday: 11.00am
Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: 9.00am and 11.00am

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 only

Monday to Friday
9.00am – 12.20pm
3.00pm – 4.30pm

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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, 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

Facebook Page: St. Brigid's Parish, Kildare Town
Instagram: st.brigids.parish.kildare
Web page: kildareparish.ie

"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.

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.

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Vocation Crucifix

So that we can continue to have Mass and The Sacraments available to us we need more priests.
Would homes in the Parish be willing to take our "Vocations Crucifix" for one week at a time, and pray daily for vocations during that week?

The Vocation Crucifix can be collected from the Sacristy after the 11am Mass and returned to the Sacristy before the 11am Mass the following Sunday.
To book your week TEXT (only) Eilis at 086 3329876

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The 5 First Saturday Devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima,
take place on 1st Saturday of every month in
St. Brigid's Prish Church, Kildare .
The Devotions consists of :
*Recitation of the Holy Rosary before mass at 10.30am
*Confession, *The Celebration of Mass @ 11am
*15 minutes 'Quiet Time' after Mass to reflect on one of the Mysteries of the Rosary and keep Our Lady company.

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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

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Children's Grief Space, Clane

The Children's Grief Space is a support service for school aged children and young people affected by loss through death.

It provides a safe, supportive service for children and young people and their families who are grieving. The service is provided by trained volunteers.

We are a listening service
Ages of participants range from 4 – 18 years
We do not provide services for children / young people who have lost a loved one to suicide
The service is free but donations are always welcome.
The space is an initiative of Clane and Rathcoffey Parish. Please contact Clane Parish Office for more information or call 089 246 5474 and leave a message for one of our support workers.

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Christmas Fair in ARAS BHRIDE,
Bride Street, Kildare Town, R51 W997
Sunday 15th November, 11am – 4pm
Fabulous Christmas Gift Ideas on offer from Jewellery, Knitting, Crochet, Christmas Ornaments. Festive Baking , lots more….

If you are interested in booking a space there are a few left –
to book a space please contact
Parish Office on 045 521352
or email :-kildareparish@gmail.com

November Remembrance Masses in Nurney / Kildangan Parish

Thursday 5th - Nurney @ 7.30pm
Thursday 12th – Kildangan – Healing Mass @ 7.30pm
Thursday 19th – Nurney @ 7.30pm
Thursday 26th – Kildangan @7.30pm….
All Welcome

A Healing Mass takes place in Our Lady of Victories Church, Kildangan on Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm.

Caragh Church to Enshrine Relics of St Carlo Acutis

The Church of Our Lady and St Joseph in Caragh, Co. Kildare, will host a special celebration at 6.30pm on Thursday, 19 November 2026, for the enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

The occasion follows a special journey to Assisi in September by Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill, PP Newbridge, and Fr. Joe McDermott, PE CC Caragh, to retrieve the relics and accompany them on their journey home to Ireland. Their pilgrimage marks a significant moment for the local faith community, bringing a tangible connection with the life and witness of one of the Catholic Church's most inspiring modern saints. All welcome.

Church Gate Collection

Cystic Fibrosis Ireland Church gate collection will take place the following weekend 14th and 15th November outside the gates of St Brigid's Parish Church. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

An Evening of Christmas Joy

Featuring the Friends of Naas Hospital & Local Singers
Friday 13th November 2026 @ 8pm, St. Brigid Church, Suncroft
Tickets €20 each.. Raffle on the night. Tickets available from
Tom : 087 2511665
Suncroft Parish Office 045 441586

The Little Way Cancer Support Centre

are organising the following events in November.
A November Coffee Morning, taking place in Clane Parish Centre on Friday, 13th November 2026, from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

This will be a coffee morning with a difference. Attendees will have the opportunity to take part in a gentle movement session, enjoy live music and hear from special guest speakers Niall Quinn and John Wall. The event aims to promote men's health and wellbeing while encouraging open conversations about looking after your physical and mental health. Everyone is welcome to attend. Join us on Saturday, 14th November 2026, for the Little Way Cancer Support Centre's Festive Pop-Up Shop. Discover beautiful high-quality pre-loved seasonal clothing, and charming festive finds. All items will be priced to clear.

All funds raised go directly towards providing cancer support services to the Kildare community.

Kildare Country Market

temporarily relocated to Aras Bhride, Parish Centre
R51 W997, beside St. Brigid's Parish Church each Thursday morning.
Time:– 9.45am – 12 noon
For info:- 085 8445299

SVP Shop

are looking for donations of BAGS (paper, plastic etc…) for the shop… Donations can be dropped into the Shop which is open Monday – Saturday 9.30am – 5.30pm

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

K & L Kildare Parish Co-Op Lotto

Draw Wednesday 4 November 2026. The numbers drawn :14, 16, 23, 27. There was No Jackpot winner. We had 1 winner in the match 3 numbers game. Congratulations to HARRY HUGHES, who won €100, promoter Philip Hickey. Congrats to MAURA LOUGHRAN - winner of the Local Subscribers Draw, promoter Connie Hennessy. Tickets €2 each from The Sweet Shop, Bernard Conway, Margie Sheridan, Fiona Reid, Ann Hill. Thank You for your continued support. Next Jackpot will be €16,000

SVP Christmas Result Sheet
Week 4

€300 Cash – Martina McGovern
Hamper (includes Meat Voucher) – Linda Carter
Hamper – . C. Vaughan
€100 cash – Pat Kelly
€70 Meat Voucher – Paul Heffernan & Mick Cullinane.

€60 Meat Voucher – Jim Clarke, Anna Leavy, Joan Geoghegan, Oisin Cullen, Eamonn Burke Bernie c/o Patricia
€30 Voucher – M. Doyle, Colm Harrington, Teresa Rooney.
Promoters €60 Meat Voucher – Simon Campbell & St. Brigid's Housing Assoc.

SVP Christmas Result Sheet
Week 5

€300 Cash – Jenny Flavin
Hamper (includes Meat Voucher) – Olive Wallace
Hamper – Eilish & Fergal O'Neill
€100 cash –Phil Braiden
€70 Meat Voucher – Clodagh & cian Higginbotham, Michael Houlihan,
€60 Meat Voucher - Seamus Thackaberry, Tony Boyle, Kevin Maron, Peter Bracken, Martina McCormack , Carmel Rogers,
€30 Voucher – Thomas Lennon, Stephanie McGovern, Sheelagh Morrissey.
Promoters €60 Meat Voucher – Mary Newman, Phil Braiden
Special Prize – Teresa Rooney.
Next Draw 9 /11/ 26.

St. Conleth's Day Care Centre

Have you spare time?
Volunteer drivers needed
to deliver meals, 1 hour per week
Contact Connie at 045 521748.

K & L Kildare Parish Co-Op Lotto

Draw Wednesday 28 October 2026. The numbers drawn :12, 14, 25, 31.
There was No Jackpot winner.
We had NO winners in the match 3 numbers game.
Congrats to HELEN MURPHY - winner of the Local Subscribers Draw, promoter Margie Sheridan.
Tickets €2 each from The Sweet Shop, Bernard Conway, Margie Sheridan, Fiona Reid, Ann Hill.
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Tai Chi Gong Programme

Solas Bhríde Centre & Hermitages are hosting a series of welcoming Tai Chi Gong sessions. Suitable for all ages and abilities, these gentle yet powerful practices offer an opportunity to find balance, tranquillity, and inner strength.
Dates: Tuesdays, 3, 10, 17 and 24 November, and 1 and 8 December
Time: 7.00–8.30 p.m. Cost: €15 per session
Booking: www.solasbhride.ie or info@solasbhride.ie

Indoor Bowling

– Kildare West Wicklow Indoor Bowling Association – Fun, Friendly & Social, for all ages, no experience necessary, Full Season of Championship & League Games Kildare Town Club meet at R51 RF88 - In Scouts Hall, Leader Partnership Site (Old Presentation Convent), Meadow Road R51 RF88, Kildare Town. Tuesday & Friday, 7pm – 9pm. For more info contact: Mark 087 290 1040

Scoil Bhríde Lackagh

are now accepting applications for Junior Infants for September 2027 (forms available to download www.scoilbhridelackagh.ie or email the school office: info@scoilbhridelackagh.ie).
We are a small rural co-educational school close to Monasterevin, Kildare and Rathangan. Afterschool available from 2pm-3pm. Monasterevin, W34VW50

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.

Pickleball

Looking for something fun to do on a Thursday Night.. Join us for PICKLEBALL at Kildare Town Community School each Thursday evening 7pm – 9.30pm from September. Fun, Friendly, & Great Exercise from €5 a session. Register your interest via WhatsApp 085 818 1865

Qi Gong & Wellbeing class for beginners.

Monday 6.30pm – 7.30pm & Wednesday 10am – 11am at Aras Bhride, Parish Centre, Kildare Town. New term- Registrations open – contact Ambra 087 1470210

Adapted SEATED EXERCISE

Classes are back each Wednesday 10.30am – 11.30am and continues weekly during school term. All are welcome. For further information phone Eva 087 6321833

Events - Kildare Town Library – November 2026

Children's Events:

Storytime for children aged 0 – 5 years,
every Friday morning at 11.00am
Stories and songs for children under 5, followed by 'Stay and Play' with toys!

European Storytime!
Friday 13th November, 11am-12pm
Join us for a special European-themed Storytime for children under 5, followed by our regular 'Stay and Play'!

EU Flag Making workshop with Anthony!
Wednesday, 4th November, 3.30pm-4.45pm (Ages 7-10)
The European Union (EU) is a group of 27 countries that work together in all kinds of ways so that people in Europe can live peacefully and successfully together. Join us in Kildare Town Library for a special Flag-Making workshop with Anthony - pick your favourite EU flag, design and make it and bring it home! Book Here – https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=28140495

Children's Boardgame & LEGO Free Play
Suitable for ages 8 – 12, every Saturday, 2.30pm-4.00pm
Drop-in, family-friendly boardgame and LEGO free play in the library (excluding Bank Holiday weekends) - Make new friends and try new games!

Family Fun Movie Mornings!
Saturdays 7th & 14th November, 11am-12:30pm
Come along to Kildare Town Library for a fun family movie morning! We will be screening a favourite film, and everyone is welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult, suitable for all ages. Free to attend, no booking required!

Am Scéalaíochta Dátheangach/ Bilingual Storytime for Children (English/Irish)
Saturday, 14th November/ Satharn, 14ú Samhain, 3:15pm-4pm, Under 7s
Bígí linn le haghaidh am scéalaíochta agus cúpla amhráin. Ní gá clárú (saor in aisce). Beidh fáilte roimh chách! No registration needed, everyone welcome!

Scribblers Writing Club!
Wednesday 11th November, 3.15pm-4pm

Come make zines with cartoonist Kat Foyle! In this workshop you'll get a quick history of zine-making and lots of tips and tricks to make your own short story booklet. Materials will be provided but feel free to bring your favourite pens and pencils. Scribblers meet once a month to write and draw together. We share our stories, play writing games and have lots of creative fun. Suitable for ages 11-13 / 5th and 6th class. Book Here –
https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=27977909

Children's Book Club
Wednesday 25th November, 3:15pm-4.00pm, ages 8-11
Calling all readers aged 8-11! Do you like all sorts of different types of stories and sharing them with your friends? Come along to our Children's Book Club, new members welcome! Book Here -
https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=28229638

POP! Mini Makers Free Play
Saturday 28th November, 10.30am-12.30pm
Have you got little ones at home who love to build and play? Come along to our POP! Mini Makers Free Play session at 10:30am in Kildare Town Library, suitable for children aged 1-6 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Book Here –
https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=28171456

Young Adult Events:
NEW! – Teen Book Club!
Friday 20th November, 3:15pm-4pm, ages 12-15
We are looking for members to join our brand-new Teen Book Club in Kildare Town Library - are you aged 12-15 and love reading and stories? Or want something different to go to on a Friday afternoon? Come along!

Adult Events:
Willow Wonder – Age Friendly Crafting Workshop
Saturday 21st November, 10.30am-12.30pm
Join Beth from Willow Wonder for an Age Friendly workshop - create a beautiful Christmas craft from willow. Book Here - https://kildare.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=28032677

CV Review & Advice Clinic with KWETB Adult Guidance
Tuesday, 3rd November,10am – 12.30pm
Join Joanne at Kildare Town Library for this drop-in information session, no booking required, all welcome.

Digital Literacy

- Drop-in Sessions for November
Thursdays, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th – 1.00pm to 8.00pm
Why not come along to our digital drop-in, 30-minute sessions? Bring your own device and we will help you with all your tech questions! Anthony will be available to help with tablets, phones etc. 1pm - 5pm & 6pm - 8pm. Booking required - Please call 045 520235 to reserve a slot.

Exhibition @ Kildare Town Library
Gill Berry Art Scholarship Award Ceremony 2026
Thursday 12th November, 6.30pm (Launch event)
Kildare Town Library is pleased to exhibit artwork from the 2026 KTCS Art Scholarship Award, which was first launched in 2021 in memory of local artist Gill Berry. This prestigious award recognises and supports 6th-year students who aspire to pursue their studies in art college. This exhibition is on display during library opening hours from Thursday 12th November until Saturday 28th November. No booking required - all welcome!

Creative Writing Group for Adults
Kildare Town Library's Creative Writing Group, 'Oak Writers', is looking for new members! All genres welcome. This is a monthly session for people already writing or hoping to resume writing. It is not a class but an opportunity to share work and write together. Expressions of interest can be sent to kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie.

Chair Yoga – Age Friendly
6-Week course – Tuesdays 13th October – 17th November, 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Join the Siel Bleu team for a 6-week, Age Friendly Chair Yoga course - gentle seated aerobic, mobility, and stretching exercises designed to improve independence and overall well-being. Please call 045 520 235 to book your free place.

Chime – National Charity for Deaf & Hard of Hearing People / Outreach Clinic
Wednesday, November 25th, 1pm – 3pm
Are you deaf or hard of hearing? Need support or advice? Visit the Chime Outreach Clinic here in Kildare Town Library – no appointment needed.

Ciorcal Comhrá le haghaidh Daoine Fásta
- Déardaoin 12ú & 26ú Samhain, 3.00 i.n. – 4.30 i.n.
Tá Ciorcal Comhrá ar siúl i Leabharlann Bhaile Chill Dara. Bí Linn! Tuilleadh eolas - 045 520 235 / kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie
An Irish Language Conversation Group meets in Kildare Library - new members are always welcome. For more information contact 045 520235.

Get Crafty!
–Thursdays @ 6.30pm – Take some time-out for yourself to knit, sew, crochet, quilt – whatever your passion! Everyone welcome.

EmployAbility Services, Drop-in Clinic,
every Friday in November, 10.00am–1.00pm

Are you looking to return to work after illness, injury or disability? Or maybe you are an employer looking for new staff? Free and friendly advice - drop in from 10am – 1pm.

TTT – Toys, Technology & Training Programme
D-Code Dyslexia Introduction to Structured Literacy (SL) with Mary Moran
Thursday 5th November, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
This Lecture will:

- Introduce you to structured Literacy using the Dcode/Ncode programme, which is designed to teach even the most dyslexic how to read and spell.
- Explain why some children will not read without explicit instruction.
- Outline the five pillars of literacy acquisition when using the Dcode/Ncode programme.

Book here - Book Tickets – D-Code Dyslexia: Introduction to Structured Literacy (SL) with Mary Moran – Kildare Town Library

Age Friendly Events

25s for the over 55s!
Tuesdays 10th & 24th November, 11.30am
Why not join Aisling for a game of 25s? Beginners welcome! Twenty-Five (also known as 25) is a card game that involves traditional trick taking. The primary objective is to be the first player or team to score 25.

Coffee Mornings for over 55s
Wednesdays 4th & 18th November, 10am – 12pm
Join us in Kildare Library for tea, coffee, or just a chat.
Events - Kildare Town Library – October 2026

Irish Cancer Society Volunteer Drivers

The Irish Cancer Society is expanding the volunteer driver service in the Carlow and Laois area, and we are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. We are specifically looking for drivers who can take patients to Naas Hospital, as well as St James' Hospital and the Mater Hospital in Dublin. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most.

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

EmployAbility Kildare

Are you looking for part-time/ full-time work having a Disability, Injury, or Illness? EmployAbility Kildare will help you find and support you in Employment.
For further information, contact Liam Walsh on 087 614 5356.

The Legion of Mary

meet in the Kildare Parish Centre- Aras Bhride, Kildare Town each Monday night @ 8pm. New Members welcome.
Contact : Michael 087 3293464 or Annette 086 8613281 for further details

Please join us in the Rosary for Peace which takes place every Saturday @ 3pm in The Square, Kildare Town (outside the Tourist Office).

Kildare Community Garden Singers

Meet up on Monday's , 7.30pm – 9pm at Kildare Community Garden
R51 EH21. All welcome.
Relaxed & fun group – No experience necessary. 18 Years and over..

Irish Figure Dancing Class

Every Friday in De La Salle Hall, Kildare Town
For further information:-
Contact Facebook Page : Cill Dara IFDC

Eagle Martial Arts & Self Defence Training

Classes reopen to the public on Wednesday at Cids Gym beside Chapmans Garage, Dublin Rd, Kildare town. 6-7pm for juniors (4-12 yrs), 7 -8pm teens and adults. Also if you'd be interested in women's only workshops, get in touch and I can run a 6 week programme in Awareness and Self Defence. Call Darren 085 2483014

Radio Maria

An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial free broadcasting. Listen:

1. Via Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210
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5. Via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).
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Ladies Self Defence

– Brazilian jiu Jitsu. Self Defence, Build Confidence, become fit while having fun, learn a new skill. Coached by a female active competitor. Every Saturday10am – 11am Location: R51 PK70
www.cilldaramartialartsacademy.com

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 Dementia Café

The Dementia Cafe gathers on the last Thursday of each 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.. For any queries please contact Anne 0864411255

Rugby Players WANTED

Are you new to Kildare ?
Want a new challenge ?
Contact Jimmy @ 087 9852810

Join the Adventure with 4th Kildare Town Scouts!

We are looking for Adult Volunteers to help lead, support & inspire our young scouts. Whether you have experience or just a passion for the outdoors, your involvement makes a difference.
Why Volunteer with Us?
Make a lasting impact on young lives, share your skills & passions, be part of a vibrant community, experience the thrill of scouting adventure.
Email:kildaretownscouts@gmail.com
or call Group leader Wayne Fitzgerald 085 7174483

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.

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 ..

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

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

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 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 Siochána.
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.

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)



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

PARISH NEWSLETTER Parish Radio Link 106.6FM

8th November 2026 **Fr. Yohan Fernando Phone 045 878008 / 085 8116350** **Issue 1753**

PARISH OFFICE: Ph. 878008 Email: admin@killparish.ie PARISH WEBSITE: www.killparish.ie

EIRCODES: St. Brigid's Church, Kill W91 DW29 St Anne's Church, Ardclough W23 XE37

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

DEANERY GATHERING; All the priests of North Kildare Deanery will be away for a few days next week. A celebration of the word will replace the usual Mass on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 10am. **If a priest is required urgently Naas Hospital Chaplain Tel 085 7088407**

NEW BOXES OF PARISH ENVELOPES: There are extra boxes of envelopes available at the main church doors for anyone who hasn't received one. *If you take a box of envelopes please leave your name and box no into the parish office. Thank you.*

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DEAD: The purple envelope in your box is for this purpose. Mass is offered on the First Friday of the month throughout the year for all whose names are on the list.

Annual Remembrance Mass: Friday 20th Nov at 7:30pm in St. Brigid's Church, Kill. If you have a relative who died elsewhere during the year and would like them remembered, please hand the name to the Parish office and come along on the night.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ann Caulwell; Al Bates; Eileen & Jack Hanly; Marian Slavin.

MONTHS MIND MASS: Mairead Fleming, Straffan this Sat 7th Nov at 6.30pm in St. Brigid's Church, Kill. **Lorraine Rochford**, Kill next Sat 14th Nov at 6.30pm in St. Brigid's Church, Kill. May they rest in peace.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: Will be recited in Oughterard Cemetery this Sunday November 8th at 2pm.

BAPTISM MEETING:For all parents who have children for baptism in the next four weeks takes place on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm in the parish meeting room. Baptism team A

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Kill & Ardclough:
Fr Yohan is inviting all our Parish Eucharistic ministers to meet him and discuss/plan future duties. Meeting on Monday 23 Nov @ 7.00pm in Priest's House Kill. Kindly confirm your availability to attend by contacting the parish office.

BAPTISM TEAMS – Kill & Ardclough:
Fr Yohan is inviting all our Baptism Teams members to meet him and discuss and consider ideas for Baptism families. Meeting on Monday 23 Nov @ 7.45pm in Priest's House Kill. Kindly confirm your availability to attend by contacting the parish office.

KILL SENIOR CITIZENS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER:
Takes place next week-end Sat & Sun 14/15th November at 6.30pm & 11am Masses in Kill to support our Christmas Dinner in Kill GAA on Dec 6th at 1pm. This is open to all senior citizens. It being a community event your support would be much appreciated. ** *Each Wednesday after 10am Mass we have a Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre. New people are most welcome* **

KILL ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Next meeting of ARA on Monday 9th Nov at 2pm in The Old House, Kill.
KILL SCOUTS FUNDRAISER: Join us for a Cake Sale and cup of tea this Sunday 8th Nov after 11am Mass in the Scouts Den.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS IRL: Church gate collection this weekend 7/8th Nov in both churches. Thank you

KILL GAA LOTTO: 2nd Nov 2026. Winning no's 10,13,18,23. No Jackpot Winner. Two lucky dip winners: Tony Dawson & D. Devine.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: Basket €1,155. Envelope Collection €1,315 Parish Sincere thanks.

KILL NEWS:

Mass times for St. Brigid's Church, Kill
Mon – Fri 10am; Sat 6.30pm; Sun 11am
Webcam link www.webcam.killparish.ie
Church open from 8am to 5pm .
Confessions: Every Friday after 10am Mass or by arrangement.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Next week-end: Group 4
READERS FOR NEXT WEEK:
Saturday at 6.30pm: James Cocoman
Sunday at 11a.m: John Malone

ARDCLOUGH NEWS:

Mass times for St. Anne's Church, Ardclough
Sunday at 9.30am & 1st Friday of month at 8pm Mass streamed via link on parish website
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88kWh2sh6t0
Church open every day from 10am to 4pm.

NEXT WEEK'S READERS:
Sunday at 9.30am: Joe Fahy
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Sunday at 9.30am: Philip McElvaney

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NEWSLETTER

8th November 2026 THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Weekend Mass Times:- Saturday - Raheen 6.30pm

Sunday - Ballinagar 10am & Killeigh 11.30am

Funeral Masses

no longer on Sundays in Killeigh Parish.

Raheen Mass Time Change:

Please note mass time in Raheen will change to 6.30pm from 7.30pm for the 4 months of November, December, January & February beginning November 7th.

If you have a Family Member sick at home or in hospital please let us know by contacting the Parish Office

057 93 44161 or

Fr. John.

Pray for:

John Joe Dunne, Curragh, Geashill.

Burial Raheen Cemetery Monday 11.30am.

Michael Lalor, Camross, Laois.

RAHEEN: SATURDAY 6.30pm

Margaret Dempsey, Cloneygowan.

Patrick & Ann (Dolly) Briscoe, Geashill.

Eileen Kinnarney, Geashill.

Pat & Maureen O'Rourke, Ballyaville.

Oliver Mulpeter, Ballykeane &

Deceased Mulpeter & Murphy Families.

BALLINAGAR: SUNDAY 10.00am

Our Parish Calendar.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

VIGIL MASSES [Thurs 24th Dec]

Killeigh 5pm **Raheen** 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY [Friday 25th Dec]

Ballinagar 10am. **Killeigh** 11.30am

1st Penance:-

Killeigh 7pm Wed 27th Jan

Ballinagar 7pm Tue 2nd Feb

Geashill 7pm Wed 3rd Feb

Cloneygowan 7pm Thur 4th Feb

ASH WEDNESDAY *10th February*

CONFIRMATION ***Fri 12th March***

Bishop Denis Nulty

Killeigh & Cloneygowan **11am**

Geashill & Ballinagar **2pm**

Holy Week Times;

Each one at 7.30pm

HOLY THURSDAY Killeigh

GOOD FRIDAY Ballinagar

HOLY SATURDAY, Raheen Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY *28th March*

***Ballinagar** 10am & **Killeigh** 11.30am*

1st Holy Communion

For The People of the Parish.

KILLEIGH: SUNDAY 11.30am

Johnny Dillon, Australia & Gorteen.

1st Anniversary &

Jimmy & Maisie & Deceased Dillon Family.

Frank McEvoy, Hillview Cresent.

Jim McRedmond, Killurin.

John Kinnarney, Killurin**.**

Hugh & Nora Mahon, Killurin &

Fr. John & Fr. Pat Mahon.

Mick Murray, Meelaghans.

This Week in the Parish:

Raheen Cemetery Monday 11.30am:

John Joe Dunne, Curragh. Burial.

Killeigh at 10.00am

Wednesday & Thursday.

MASSES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

ALL AT 11.30am

Geashill Saturday 8th May

Ballinagar Saturday 15th May

Killeigh Saturday 22nd May

Cloneygowan Sat 29th May

CEMETERY MASSES JUNE 2027:-

Friday 11th 7.30pm Killeigh

Tuesday 15th 7.30pm Annagharvey

Saturday 19th 7.30pm Raheen

Sunday 27th 10.00am Ballinagar



Mass Times.

Saturday evening in Raheen at 7.30pm [until Oct 31st]

Nov, Dec, Jan, & Feb 6.30pm

RAHEEN: SATURDAY 6.30pm

Liam Byrne, Annevilla.

Bernard & Josephine Ennis, Cloneygowan & Deceased Family.

BALLINAGAR: SUNDAY 10.00am

Martin Brophy, Ballyduff, Geashill.

1st Anniv.

Judy Dunne, Ballydownan.

Jim Dolan, Ballinagar.

George & Eileen Black. Knock.

KILLEIGH: SUNDAY 11.30am

Mary B. Kelly, Ballinvalley. ***1st Anniv.***

Joe Kelly, Ballycollin, Geashill &

His Infant Daughter born an Angel.

John & Mary McDonald, Ballinvalley.

Ministers of Holy Eucharist Next Week:-

Killeigh Sun: Ann Geraghty/Teresa McInerney

Raheen Sat: Elysia McCormac/P. O'Brien

Ballinagar Sun: Hugh Murphy

READERS for next weekend:-

Raheen 7.30pm: Confirmation Children

Sunday morning in Ballinagar at 10.00am

Sunday morning in Killeigh at 11.30am

These times are provisional.



A Copy of the Scroll of the Prophet Isaiah, found in 1948 in a cave near the Dead Sea.

Carbon dated showing it was writen in 70 B.C.

Todays News Stories on;

'Catholic Ireland.NET'

Interesting Catholic News

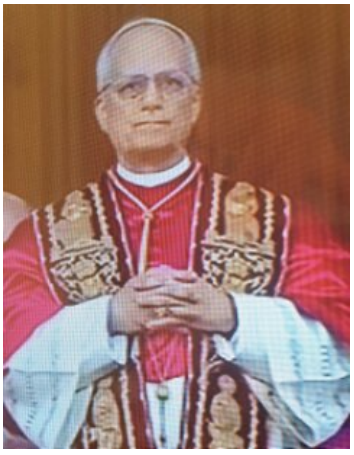
Log on to www.iCatholic.ie

View **interesting videos.**

Message of Bishop Denis Nulty to Priests & People on the death of Pope Francis

CLICK TO READ

Welcome and Thank God for Pope Leo.



B'Gar 10.00am: Brophy Family

Killeigh 11.30am: Confirmation Children

Christmas Timetable –

Vigil Masses -

Killeigh 5pm &

Raheen 7.30pm

Christmas Day - Same as Sundays – ***Ballinagar 10am & Killeigh 11.30am***

Take the Short-Term Pledge for the Month of November

For deceased family and friends who have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith. Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this prayerful act in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise!

November LIST of the Dead:

The Priests of the Parish are required to offer 9 masses for all those whose names are on the lists you send in,

in your **purple envelope**

P.S. Some people include donations. These are lodged to the '**Killeigh Clergy Account**' from which the priest is paid monthly.

Thanks to all for your kind donations.

Pope Leo XIV **The untold story of new elected Pope Robert Prevost:**

In 1975 Robert Prevost was at the top of his game. Chicago math teacher. Devout Catholic. Accepted into Harvard Law. He had everything a young man could dream of, But then—he made a decision that no one saw coming...Read MORE...



Congratulations to the Committee.

All updates on Facebook page.

Email:- info@killeighcommunitycentre.com

Useful contacts for Information on Marian Shrines, and others:-

http://www.knock-shrine.ie/
History; Pilgrims Guide; Facilities; Accommodation; News; Shop; etc

http://en.lourdes-france.org/tv-lourdes/
See Live TV from the shrine; Deepen [history, Messages, Cures, etc]; Youth

http://sacredsites.com/europe/portugal/fatima.html
Sacred Sites; Places of Peace and Power throughout the world

SEE OUR EMIGRANT ADVICE PAGE

SLIDE SHOWS:-

Visit your ancestors grave in

Killeigh Old cemetery.

Annagharvey cemetery.

Templetyrine

Ballykane

Thanks to work of Roseanna and Emma.

See slides of the Easter Morning Mass on the mountain

View some pics from the Official Opening of Ballinagar School.

Parish Finance Council Meeting:

This Tuesday evening the 10th in the Parochial House at 7pm.

Rosary in Annagharvey Cemetery This Sunday 8th November at 3pm.

St. Padre Pio's Monthly Mass:

This Tuesday 10th in the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore 7.30pm

Parish Draw:

The Killeigh Parish Christmas Draw will take place Thursday 10th of December in the CYMS Hall Cloneygowan at 8pm. Cards will be €2 a Line or a Full Card €20.

Draw Cards & Parish Calendars will go out to Parishioners from November 11th.

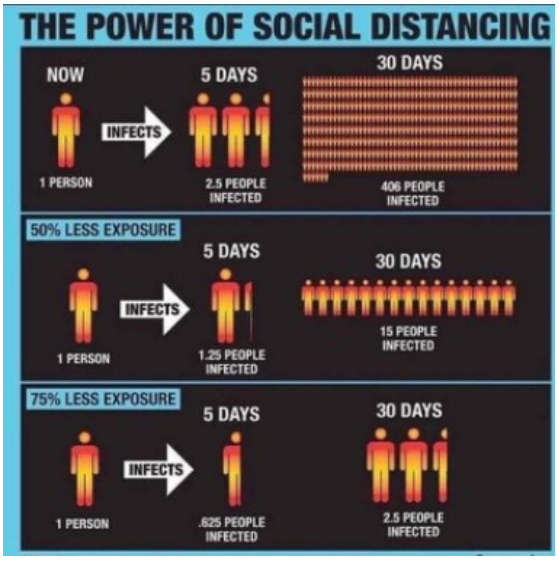
The Donate Button will again be in operation.

The Parish Draw Committee have decided to use an Electronic Number Generator for the Draw this year.

Parish Office Open Next Week:

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Friday 11-1pm

Call 057 93 44161 or leave a message.



USEFUL INFORMATION

Warning signs of a STROKE:

The following can help you recognise if someone is having a stroke and **ACT FAST** if you see any of them.

F – FACE: Ask the person to smile-does one side droop?

A – ARMS: Ask the person to raise both arms and keep them there.

S – SPEECH: Can the person repeat a sentence? Is their speech slurred?

T – TIME: If you see any of the above signs – ***even just one*** – call 999 for an ambulance

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Suicidal Thoughts?

Share the Load!

….others can help you carry it.

Midlands Living Links 086-1600641

MABS – Money Advice – Hibernian Hse, 076-107-2710 (free & confidential).

C.I.C. – Citizens Information Centre

Cemetery Masses

June 2027

Frid 11th 7.30pm Killeigh

Tues 15th 7.30pm Annagharvey

Sat 19th 7.30pm Raheen

Sun 27th 10.00am Ballinagar

Coffee Morning:

Wednesday Morning Nov 11th in Killeigh Community Centre 10.30am until 12.30. Everyone welcome.

Bingo: Every Tuesday night 7.30pm in Killeigh Community Centre.

Doors open 6.30pm.

RAHEEN CLUB A.G.M.:

Friday 27th November at 7:30pm SHARP in the Old School, Geashill. ALL Players, Members & Officials are invited to attend. Nomination Form for the positions on the Club Executive can be obtained by emailing your request to **secretary.raheen.offaly@gaa.ie**

Clonaslee Clodiagh Players:

Present Two Shots and a Cow in Mountmellick Arts Centre Thurs & Friday next. Doors open at 7.30pm

Mon-Sat, 10.30am-12.30pm 057 9352204.
Samaritans: 1850 60 90 90
Pieta House 1800 247 247 or 0818 277 438

Samaritans new freephone number 116 123

visit www.3ts.ie/need-help/ for a full list of crisis helplines

Domestic Violence

We can help! Contact Offaly Domestic Violence Support Service (ODVSS)

on our Confidential Information Line **057 9351886.** (Open Mon to Fri 10am to 12pm2pm to 4pm)

***Have you got a number in your phone after the letters* I.C.E.?**

In Case of Emergency?

DO IT NOW!

Grow: World Community Mental Health Movement in Ireland.

You alone can dot it,
but you can't do it alone.
If you are anxious, depressed,
or feeling suicidal,
GROW can support you.
Strictly Confidential. www.grow.ie
Young Adult Group Monday 7.30pm,
Community Group Thurs 3.00pm
Community Health Centre 057 9351124.

Pontifical University – St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Higher Diploma in Theological Studies One-year part-time evening course. Lectures are held on: Mon's & Wed's 6.30-9.30pm
Four Saturdays (2 Sat every semester) 10am – 4pm. Info etcContact 01-7084772 email: admissions@spcm.ie or maynoothcollee.ie

Read about
Bishop Daniel Delaney.
Bishop of K&L 200 years ago

The Irish Lung Cancer Community (ILCC). The ILCC is the united voice of people impacted by lung cancer in Ireland offering education, information and support. The ILCC also works to promote more positive perceptions about the disease. A FREE event called "All Ireland Lung Cancer Patient Symposium" in Portlaoise on Saturday the 14th Nov from 11am until 5pm. Register using the following link:

- https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/all-ireland-lung-cancer-patient-symposium-2026-tickets-2003702442945

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Local Safeguarding Reps:

Breda O'Connor; Mary Dempsey; Concepta Murphy; Catherine Guinan **TUSLA** 044-9353997

Pope Leo XIV

The untold story of new elected Pope Robert Prevost:

In 1975 Robert Prevost was at the top of his game. Chicago math teacher. Devout Catholic. Accepted into Harvard Law. He had everything a young man could dream of, But then—he made a decision that no one saw coming. He said no to Harvard

No to a six-figure future. No to fame. No to comfort

And yes—to something few dare to choose: A life of complete surrender. He joined a missionary group and moved to Peru. Not to the cities. Not to the tourist spots .

But to the *most* remote villages—where children die from treatable diseases. And families walk miles just for clean water. There were no roads. No running water. No WiFi

Just mountains. Silence And poverty. But he embraced it like home

Robert didn't just live *among* the people. He became *one* of them

• Learned Quechua—the sacred language of the Incas

• Carried food on foot for days

• Slept on dirt floors with the villagers

• Prayed under the stars

When he wasn't building shelters. He taught math to barefoot kids under broken rooftops. When he wasn't teaching. He carried the sick on donkeys to get help. When he wasn't healing. He listened—truly listened—to stories no one else cared to hear.

While his friends from back home became lawyers and doctors. He became something else entirely.

A shepherd

A brother

A quiet warrior of faith

And slowly—his legend grew. His acts weren't broadcasted. But they echoed through the Andes

Bishops noticed

Priests noticed

And eventually—the Vatican noticed

They called him back to lead his entire Augustinian order. From serving a village. To overseeing 2,800 brothers in over 40 countries.

Still—he kept his same sandals

Still—he walked with the poor

Still—he rejected luxury

Then came the call that changed everything:

Rome wanted him closer. In 2020 He was appointed Archbishop and assigned to govern other bishops globally. It was rare. But Robert had never chased tradition. He wasn't just fluent in Latin or Canon Law.

He was fluent in *compassion*

In humility

In listening

In *presence*

The Vatican didn't just see a priest. They saw a *leader with soul*. On September 30, 2023. Pope Francis made it official:

Robert Prevost was named a Cardinal. Just one step below the Pope

And then… in 2025

History was made. For the first time ever

An American

A former math teacher

A missionary to the forgotten

Was elevated as the 267th Pope of the Catholic Church

And he didn't forget the people who shaped him. To this day [the day he became Pope] Robert still returns to the same villages.

Still prays in Quechua

Still sits on dirt floors

Still holds the hands of the elderly in silence

Because leadership he believes:

Is about *presence* not position

The world is obsessed with power.

But Robert Prevost proves:

• Titles mean nothing without service

• Knowledge is useless without love

• And faith—without sacrifice—is noise

He turned down the world. And changed it instead.

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LATEST WORLD CATHOLIC NEWS

Message to Priests & People on the death of Pope Francis

It is with great sadness that we learned of the news of the death of Pope Francis. While we knew he was very ill, seeing him on Easter Sunday in St. Peter's Square, greeting the faithful, brought great comfort. The announcement of his death on Easter Monday morning was all the more a shock and sad, at the suddenness of his passing.

Pope Francis came from the periphery, as the first Pope from the Americas, and those at the periphery - the poor, the migrant, the prisoner, the refugee, the outcast – were always at the centre of his pontificate. Only last Holy Thursday, despite his own frailty, he took time to visit Rome's Regina Coeli prison and his first visit outside Rome as Pope was to the tiny island of Lampedusa to remember the many drowned at sea, in search of refuge and a new beginning on mainland Europe.

Pope Francis will be remembered for many things and there will be much commentary over the next while, but for me, his message of inclusion and mercy was key. "*The name of God is mercy*" he reminded us. And now we commend him to the mercy of God.

I ask every parish to celebrate a Requiem Mass for the happy repose of the soul of Pope Francis on a date and time that is convenient for you. You may ring your Church Bells 88 times, if you wish, at the end of that Mass (once for every year of his life). We should include Pope Francis in our intercessory prayers for the dead at all Masses over the coming days.

I will celebrate a Requiem Mass in the Cathedral on Thursday 24 April at 10am for the repose of his soul.

At the heart of Pope Francis' message of hope in this Jubilee Year was the reality of the life, death and resurrection of Christ and in this Easter Octave, Pope Francis is welcomed into the eternal embrace of the resurrection. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Every blessing and good wish to all of you during this Easter Octave,

22 April 2025 + Denis

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Recent Deaths:
Paddy Buggy, 3 New Road, Leighlinbridge.
Joe Comerford, Harold's Cross, Dublin formally Old Leighlin

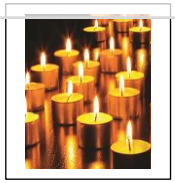
Month's Mind:
Jerry Meaney, Church Street, Leighlinbridge. Mass on Fri Nov 20th at 7.30pm in Ballinabranna

First Anniversary:
Jim Byrne, Thomastown & Old Leighlin

Anniversaries:
Edward Hughes, Ballinabranna
Norrie Roche, Monemore
Tommy Roche, Monemore
Áine McGrath, Rathellen
Elizabeth Farrell, Bilboa Cross
Oliver (Ollie) Haughney, Raheendoran
John & Margaret Hughes, Ballygowan
Terry Coyle, Cappaquin & Armagh
Paddy Sheehan, Raheendoran
Margaret Malone, Raheendoran, Carlow
Ellen Glynn, Raheendoran
John Glynn, Raheendoran
Mary Nolan, Green Road, Carlow
Annie Heffernan, Paulstown
Séan Heffernan, Paulstown
Larry & Bridie Breen, Main Street
Patrick Dermody, Ballinaboley
John Lawlor, Ballygowan
James Byrne, Craan
James Flynn, Killenane
Kitty Long, Closutton
Eugene Brennan, High St.
Kathleen (Kitty) Pender, (née Buggy), Craanluskey
Margaret Hayes, St Lazerian's Street
Easter Buckley (née McClean), Coolnakisha & Newbridge
Johnny McClean, Coolnakisha & Birmingham
Thomas & Anne Comerford, Clogrennane & all Deceased members of the Family
Mary Harkin, Main Street
Rita Daly (Née Harkin), Main Street & Dun Laoghaire
Maura O'Sullivan (née Harkin), Main Street & New York
May & James Campbell, & Daughter Liz, Main Street, Leighlinbridge
Richard & Julia Birmingham, Ballinaboley, Their Sons Richard & Tom,
Their Son- in- law Martin & Grandson Baby David Kelly
Timothy Hegarty, Tomard
John & Margaret Hegarty, Tomard
Sr. Regis, Sr. Margaret & Sr. Eileen Hegarty, Tomard & Cabra, Dublin
Kitty O'Keeffe, Dublin & Rathornan
Paul Monahan, Ballinaboley

Safeguarding: If you have an issue with Safeguarding in the Parish, please contact the DLP: Michele Hughes 086-1710643 or email dlp@kandle.ie. Local safeguarding Reps are Eileen Johnston, Michael Roche & Liz Dunne.

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Mass Times:

Leighlinbridge
Confession Sat
6.30-7.15pm
Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday 11.00am
Mon - Thurs 9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration
Wed 2-5pm
Fri 4-8pm

Ballinabranna
Sunday 9.30am
Fri 7.30pm
Confession Friday
6.30-7.15pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Wed 2 - 3pm
Fri 6.30-7.30pm

LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

8TH NOVEMBER 2026
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are now in the Month of November

when we remember our Deceased Family Members, Relatives, Friends & The Holy Souls.

It would be a lovely way to remember our Dead

by spending fifteen, thirty or sixty minutes in Adoration

before Jesus in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We get the opportunity to do this every week.

St. Lazerian's Church Leighlinbridge

Wednesday 2-5pm

Friday 4-8pm

St. Fintan's Church Ballinabranna

Wednesday 2-3pm

Friday 6.30-7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

"Every time I spend an hour with Jesus in the adoration Chapel, I feel I am in a spiritual oasis where there is peace, light and Christ reveals His truth to me in a moment of Intimacy, Trust & Friendship"

St Fintan's Church		
	Readers	**Ministers**
Sun 8th Nov	Josephine Fitzgerald	Killian Amond
Church Cleaning	Bridie Keating, Mary Quinn, Josephine Fitzgerald	
Church Flowers November	Mary Dunne	**Papers** Declan McDonald

St Lazerian's Church		
	Readers	**Ministers**
Sat 7th Nov 7.30pm	Tadhg Rubin-Owens	Christine Thompson Mairead Hayden
Sun 8th Nov 11.00am	Stacey D'Souza	Paddy O'Brien Anita Dunican
Church Cleaning	Lillia, Bernie Price, Rose Arnold	
Church Flowers November	Ann Kelly	
Reader for Week	Wed Angela Roche	Mon, Tue, Thur Benny Mills

Lotto Results:
Old Leighlin:
2, 21, 26, 27
No Winner
Jackpot € 5,500

Ballinabranna:
9, 11, 13, 15
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,200

Leighlinbridge:
7, 8, 12, 17
No Winner
Jackpot € 4,000

1st Nov 2026

Offertory
L/B € 675
B/B € 320

Weekly
L/B € 585
B/B € 190

Missions:
L/B € 470
B/B € 285

November Dead List: This year we would like all names to be in the Parish Office no later than Fri 13th Nov to facilitate having the list completed and published by the end of November. Your continued support with this is greatly appreciated.

The Parish Office will Close on a Wednesday at 2pm until further notice. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Newsletter Notices including Anniversaries must be into the Parish Office by 10am on Thursday morning, or they will be put on the following weeks newsletter. Thank You.

NOTICES

Leighlin Parish Care of the Aged Christmas Party: Sunday 6th Dec at 1pm in the Lord Bagenal Hotel. Please give names to the Parish Office by Wed 2pm Dec 2rd.

Active Retirement Association: On Monday 9th Nov. Anne Marie Fitzgerald will lead a craft activity - chalk pastel. She will be there on November 16th and 23rd. A Christmas lunch is planned for Thursday 3rd December in The Lord Bagenal it will be partially paid for by the Association. Book your place 086 4080286.

Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community: We would like to welcome people living with Dementia and their carers to join us on Friday, November 13th in Leighlin Parish Centre (R93KR83) for a cuppa and a chat, at 11.00 am - 12.30pm. Looking forward to meeting you.

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians: One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on 'Red Wednesday' November 18. More information is available at www.acnireland.org.

Leighlinbridge NS Admissions 2027/2028: are open from Friday 16th October until Friday 6th November. See our school website for a copy of our admission policy and annual admission notice. Application forms are available to download: www.leighlin.net or on request by emailing the school at leighlinbridge@gmail.com or writing to the school at Leighlinbridge NS, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow.

Enrolment for incoming Junior Infants in Scoil Molaise: Old Leighlin for September 2027 is taking place from Monday 19th October until Monday 9th November 2026. We are also accepting applications for our special classes for Autism during these dates also. All information details and application forms are available on the school website www.oldleighlin.com under the 'Admissions' section.

Ballinabranna National School will be accepting Applications for Admission for 2026/2027: for Junior Infants from Fri 23rd of October to Fri 13th of November Application forms are available from the school directly. Phone 059 9146253, email ballinabrannans@gmail.com or download from our website www.ballinabranna-school.ie

Memorial Gifts & Keepsakes: Do you need something special for your loved ones grave this Christmas? Contact Everbloom 089-4728228 or visit everbloomco.ie

New Fitness Class: in Old Leighlin Hall on Friday Mornings to boost your fitness & well-being. Fitness class from 10am – 11am, Golden Age fitness class from 11.15am to 12.15am. €7 per class. Everyone welcome. WhatsApp 085 1473630 to book your place.

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

8th November 2026

Mass Times

Parish Church

Saturday - 6.30 p.m.

Sunday - 9.00 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

Our Lady's Chapel

Tuesday to Friday
10.00 a.m.

Contact Details:

Fr. Liam Merrigan P.P.

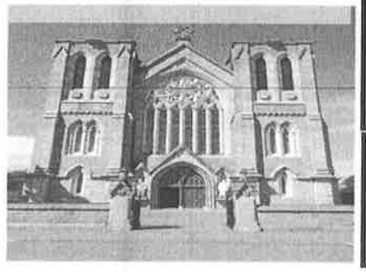
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Adrienne M°Cormack
Fiona O'Hanlon
Claudia Tanase
Elaine Timmins

Opening Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9.00am to 4.30pm
Friday:
9.00am to 1.00pm
Closed for Lunch 1.00pm- 1.30pm

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Director of Safeguarding & DLP
Bishops House
Old Dublin Road
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Ellen Galvin
Maria Rogerson

CHARITY TAX NO. CHY 7355



Notices & Anniversaries to be left in the Parish Office by Thursday's @ 1 p.m.

Email: monasterevin.parish@gmail.com, Parish Radio 99FM
OUR MAIN CHURCH SERVICES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON LINE VIA OUR PARISH WEBCAM @ MONASTEREVINPARISH.IE
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Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul's of Mary Harrison (née Allen), Cush, Kildangan and Richard Browne, Buttercup Avenue, Esker Hills, Portlaoise/ Monasterevin, Kildare, who were interred during the week. R.I. P.

Saturday 7th November, 2026 6.30pm Mass
John & Sadie Harrison, late of Rathangan Road. Moira McCabe, Kildare Rd, Jack & Lil Henry, Athlone & deceased members of the Mcabe Family, Kildare Rd., Pat Dunne, Lughill, Alice & PJ Brennan, Rathangan, Matt Colgan, Andrew Colgan & Rachel Colgan, St Evins Park, Patrick Franey, Brendan Hanlon, Clogheen, Josie Hughes & deceased members of the Dunne & Hughes Families, Matt Lonergan, Old Grange, Patrick Lonergan, St Evins Park, Sarah Connolly, Thurles & deceased members of the Lonergan & Connolly Families, James & Elizabeth Behan, Naas & deceased members of the Behan Family, Mary McEnerney, Lackagh, Seamus McEnerney, Kilcullen, Keith Dunne, Ballytcague, Hubert & Julie Davis, Gurteenooona. Robert & Teresa Harrison, Gurteenoona & deceased members of the Harrison family, Gurteenoona, Teresa (Dolly) Connolly, Drogheda St., Stephen O' Rourke, Old Grange, Seamus & Kathleen O' Rourke, Old Grange, Joe & Mary Whyte, Rowanville, Joe Whyte, Barraderra, Molly Ryan, Drogheda St., Ken & Eileen Buckley & their sons Stephen & Ken Jnr., Kathleen Ransome, Ballyfarsoon, Michael Collins, Gurteenoona, Bumps & Bridie Murphy, St Evins Pk., Marie & John Shortall, Michael Knight and deceased members of the Knight family, Ballyfarsoon, Patrick Quinn, George Byrne, Ballykelly & deceased members of the Byrne family, Ballykelly & Sligo, Alice McLoughlin (Birthday Rem).

Sunday 8th November, 2026 9.00am Mass
Francis Kelly Snr., Kylebeg Terrace, Francis Kelly Jnr., Bridget Moody, Patrick Moody, Meath, Joseph (Joe) Bond, England, Michael Kelly Snr., England formerly Passlands, Dick Somers, Johnny Harrison, Old Grange, Sadie Ready, Larch Hill., Alice McLoughlin, (Birthday Rem)

Sunday 8th November 2026 11.30am Mass
Edward (Eddie) O'Loughlin, Mountrice, (1st Anniversary), Sean Duffy, Monica, John & Mary Duffy, John, Mary, Maisie & Jack Dunne. Josie Hughes & deceased members of the Dunne & Hughes Families, Catherine (Essie), John Donoher, The Cottage, Inchacooley, George Byrne, Ballykelly & deceased members of the Byrne family, Ballykelly & Sligo, Michael Cullen, late of Old Grange & Dublin.

Tuesday 10th November 2026 10.00am Mass
Brendan Hanlon, Clogheen

Thursday 12th November 2026 10.00am Mass
Thomas Hanlon, Booleigh, Seamus Keogh (Birthday Rem.)

Friday 13th November, 2026 10.00am Mass
John O' Neill, Coolnaferagh

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €515.00
Baskets Collection: €2085.00

CHOIR
Saturday 14th November'26
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 15th November '26
11.30am: Parish Choir

LOTTO
10/11/2026
TEAM: B
Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

READERS
Saturday 14th November
6.30pm: Sr. Phil

Sunday 15th November
9.00am: Sr. Angela
11.30am: Billy Cleary

INVITATION
Jesus asks you to come and spend 1 hour with Him every Wednesday night from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 14th November
6.30pm: Ger Harrison, Jackie Kennedy, Pat Molloy, Colette Walsh
Sunday 15th November
9.00am: Paddy Clarke, Sr. Angela, Sharon Hanley, Teresa Flood
11.30am: Mary O'Leary, Ann Lonergan, Mary Lawlor, Fiona Behan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Sunday 22nd November 2026
TEAM B
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Katie Walsh

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 03/11/2026
Numbers Drawn
2, 9, 14, 19
Next Weeks Jackpot €16,400
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Joanne O'Connell	M. Doyle
€20 Carol Siney	R. McD
€20 Ticket No.2837	M. Doyle
€20 Chris McHale	G. Harrison
€20 Ronan Stynes	G. Harrison

Next Draw 10/11/2026
Thanks for your support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
Draw Results 02/11/2026
Numbers Drawn
Next Weeks Jackpot € 7,400
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Shirley Matter	Online
€20 Wayne Dowling	M. Dowling
€20 Theresa Foley	R. McDonnell
€20 Jayden, Teddy	J. Moore
€20 Mary Moore	M. Dowling
€20 Brigid, Paul Stafford	R. S.

Next draw: 09/11/2026.
Thanks for your support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
Results:
30/10/2026

€100 Stephen Morrissey	Stephen
€50 Brendan Fahy	Jenny
€25 D+ B Ransome	D, Ransome
€25 Sadie & Claire	Bingo

Seller: €25 Stephen Morrissey

C E SCHEME VACANCIES

Caretaker Position in Monasterevin Community Centre
Ref CES2471191

Grounds Person Ballykelly Gaa
Ref CES2473373

Enviromental Workers Passlands Graveyard **Ref CES2473376**

Grounds Person Monasterevin Afc **Ref CES24775683**

To check your eligibility and to apply for the above, please contact the Community Employment Office in Parish Centre Monasterevin 045 525143 or contact your local Intreo Office

THE LITTLE WAY CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

A Movember Coffee Morning, taking place in Clane Parish Centre on Friday 13th November 2026 from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

This will be a coffee morning with a difference. Attendees will have the opportunity to take part in a gentle movement session, enjoy live music and hear from special guest speakers Niall Quinn and John Wall.
The event aims to promote men's health and wellbeing while encouraging open conversations about looking after your physical and mental health.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Join us on **Saturday 14th November** 2026, for the Little Way Cancer Support Way Centre's Festive Pop-Up Shop.
All funds raised go directly towards providing cancer support services to the Kildare community.

PRESENTATION CONGREGATION

Ever wondered if Religious Life could be for you?

We invite you to join us for a day of listening exploring and reflection (for women age 20-45 years)
When: Saturday 28th November 2026 at 10.30am—4.00pm (light lunch provided)
Where: Mount St. Annes Retreat & Conference Ct, Killenard, Portarlington, Co. Laois, R32 WN59.
RSVP: please register before **18th November 2026**
Email:
secertary@mountstannes.com

Tel: **057 862 6153 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday**

HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will take place in **Our Lady of Victories Church, Kildangan** on **Thursday 12th November** at 7.30pm.

All welcome to attend.

I THOUGHT OF YOU TODAY

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.

I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.

I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.

All I have are memories and a picture frame.

Your memory is a keepsake, with which I'll never part.

God has you in His keeping.
I have you in my Heart.

REMEMBRANCE MASSES FOR NOVEMBER

'The Little Ones' Mass will take place on **Saturday 14th November @ 6.30pm** for all babies and children who passed away.

We will have a speaker on the night. Candles will be lit in remembrance of **'The Little One's'** and a balloon release after mass to end a beautiful service.



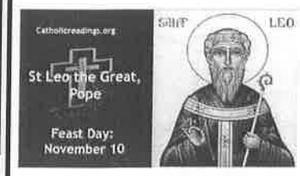
Prayers in the Cemetery will take place **on Sunday 15th November@ 3pm**

St Paul's Deceased Staff and Pupils Remembrance Mass will take place on **Saturday 21st November @ 6.30pm**

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 9th November the **Dedication of the Latern Bascilica.** It Commemorates the consecration of the **Arch Basilica of St. John Lateran** in Rome. It serves as the Official Episcopal Seat of the Pope as the Bishop of Rome rather than St. Peters Basilica.

Tuesday 10th November is the **Feast Day of St. Leo the Great (Pope).**



Wednesday 11th November is the **Feast Day of St Martin of Tours.** He is the patron saint of Soldiers, the poor, beggars, tailors, winemakers and France.



Saturday 14th November is the **Feast Day of St. Laurence O' Toole.** He is the Patron Saint of the Arch Diocese of Dublin. He was a key Peacemaker during the Norman Invasion. His heart is preserved at Christchurch Cathedral in Dublin.



Paróiste Móinteach Milic Nuachtlitir

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th November 2026

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"Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence."

St. John Paul II

THE WORD OF GOD

All three readings this Sunday find some unity around the theme of the right attitude to adopt towards the future. In today's Gospel parable of the wise and foolish virgins, St. Matthew reminds his audience that the Lord will eventually come, but that we must not only exercise patience, but also be ready at all times to welcome him. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time of the coming of the Son of Man cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

NOVEMBER PRAYER & ROSARY - St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar You are invited to our Cemetery Prayers and Rosary this **Sunday November 8th** at 2.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - MAY 2027

Next weekend we look forward to welcoming the children and parents/guardians of our 'First Holy Communion' class groups to either the Sat 7.30pm mass or the 9.00am in Clonaghadoo. We will accompany them as a parish community in all their preparations for the May 2027 celebrations.

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St. Carlo Acutis: The Church of Our Lady and St Joseph in Caragh, Co. Kildare (W91 F9KW), will host a special celebration at 6.30pm on Thursday, 19 November 2026, for the enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. The occasion follows a special journey to Assisi in September by Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill, PP Newbridge, and Fr. Joe McDermott, PE CC Caragh, to retrieve the relics and return them to Ireland, bringing a tangible connection with the life and witness of one of the Catholic Church's most inspiring modern saints. All welcome.

Journey of communion, encounter and unity – Between Nov 6th and 17th **Pope Leo** will make an Apostolic Visit to Uruguay, Argentina, and Peru, where he served for decades as a missionary and Bishop. Ahead of his trip Pope Leo said "I am looking forward to returning to the continent where I've experienced so many moments of my life. May this journey be an occasion for us to open our hearts to one another, strengthen our communion as brothers and sisters, and renew our commitment to proclaiming the Gospel with joy." Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world and bring her to the fullness of charity.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED – ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered: Pat Horan, Manor Road, Willie Culleton, Garoon, John Furlong, Clonaghadoo, Ann Delaney, Garoon, Cecila Healion Marshall (1st Anniversary), O'Moore St., Markey Coss, Twomey Park, Elizabeth Clear, Harbour St., Elizabeth Lily Sullivan, Irishtown, Daniel Hourigan, Cloncannon, John Delaney, St. Joseph's Tce., Kevin Wall, Derryguile, James Troy, Garoon, Jackie Burke, Cullenbeg, Nancy Sexton, Town Parks, Desmond Riordan, Parnell St., Darragh Conroy, Briar Lane, Michael, Julia & Jim Sherlock, Eyen, Deceased members of the Sherlock & Beale Family, Terry & Peter Dunne, Lord Edward St., Pascal & Susan Coss, Drinagh, Martin Conleth Delaney, Four Roads, Donal Lawlor, Killeigh & Aughans, Joe Smyth, Kirwan Park, Mary Duffy, Twomey Park, A. M. Joseph, Abraham Joseph, Maura, Jim, Gerry & Marie McEvoy, Clonaheen, Donal & Betty Johnson, Lord Edward St., Ann McEvoy, James Scully, St. Joseph's Tce, Catherine McCabe, Tuam,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ July 14th & 15th: Tony Nugent, Kathleen Cussen, Derryguile, Arsenne Utter, Marie Comerford, Twomey Park, Joe Horan, The Harbour, Patrick Dempsey, Clonterry,

MOUNTMELLICK PARISH

Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday October 31st & November 1st

Baskets: €970 Envelopes: €815 Tap2donate €281 (Oct)

DONATE ONLINE

You can make your donation to support the parish via (1) the 'Donate' button on our Parish Websit (www.mountmellickparish.ie), (2) our 'Tap-to-Donate' units (inside the main door) or (3) by using our dedicated 'QR Code' on the left.

CHEQUES CHEQUES

Please make all cheques for the parish payable to "Mountmellick Parish No 1 Account".

MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

REMEMBRANCE TREE

During November we remember our faithful departed. Place the names of your deceased loved ones on our remembrance tree and as a community we unite in honouring and thanking God for them.

May the souls of our faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Mountmellick Embroidery & Heritage – Bicentenary Commemorative Piece.

Congratulations to all involved with the unveiling of the special 'bicentenary commemorative piece of Mountmellick embroidery' this weekend.

200 years of Mountmellick work honoured and celebrated in one unique piece.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person &
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Deputy DLP: Telephone: 086 1710643.
Local Enquiries. Parish Office:
Tel. 057/8624390. *www.safeguarding.ie*

Ministers of the Word

Saturday/Sunday November 14th & 15th

Sat. 7.30pm – Ger Rochford

Sun.11.00am – Vincent McEvoy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday/Sunday November 14th & 15th

Sat.7.30pm – Sr. Ann Walsh & Gillian Colgan

Sun. 11.00am – Pascal Hanrahan & Bernie Reddin

MOUNTMELLICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday 4th November 2026

Jackpot Numbers: 14:16:23:27: No J/pot Winner.

10 Matched '3' - €100 each.

N/Week's Jackpot: €16,000

Winner	**Promoter**
Mary Donoher	Mary Donoher

Pope Leo's November Prayer Intention - For the proper use of wealth.

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Mountmellick Active Retirement are pleased to announce that there are two tickets still available for our Turkey and Tinsel trip to Castle Court Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo. This will be for five nights, leaving Mountmellick on Sun 22nd Nov and coming back on Fri, 27th Nov. The price is €425 pps. Please phone Maureen at 087 9753790.

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Clonaghadoo NS Parents' Council – Donations Needed. The parent's council is organising an online bid auction in the coming weeks, with all proceeds going directly to support the school and its students. Donations of unwanted toys, bikes, collectibles, memorabilia and other suitable items are very welcome. No second-hand clothes, please! To donate, simply take a photo of your item and send it privately to the Parents' Council via Facebook or Instagram. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 7th Nov. Sun. 8th Nov. 32nd Sun. Ord. Time

Fr. P.J. S.P.S. (087) 605 5783 Fr. Joe (087) 241 1594

Parish Website www.mountrathparish.ie Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

Camp Pio Presents - November Children's Art Competition

Theme – Courage with Christ - Remembering Our Saints.

Ages 5 to 15 years 3 Categories Closing Date 6th Dec. 2026

Full details on Homepage Parish Website and Online Newsletter

Contact person - Laura 057 631 370

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke - Peter Byrne

Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Deputy Diocesan Liaison

Michelle Hughes c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

In November - We Remember

Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 7th to Sun.15th Nov

Mass times as listed below are for Mountrath Ch. unless otherwise indicated

Sat. 7th Nov..7.00 pm Mary Arthur (Nee Conroy) Portlaoise Rd., Month's Mind.

Paddy Lowry, Kiln Lane Died 2nd May 2025

Mary Lowry (Nee Sinnott) Camross. Died 28th May '26

Tim Lowry, Camross - Died 16th July 2026

Sun. 8th Nov. 9.00 am The Hollow Church

11.30 am Noel Ryan (Snr) Patrick St. 5th Anniv.

Seán Kelly, Clonagown and Arklow

Tues. 10th Nov. 10.00 am People who are ill - In the Parish

Wed. 11th Nov. 10.00 am Fintan McCarthy, Knockanina 46th Anniv.

Thurs. 12th Nov. 10.00 am John and Mary O'Neill, Shannon St.,

Fri. 13th Nov. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 14th Nov. 7.00 pm Billy (William) Byrne, Ringstown. 13th Anniv.

Sun. 15th Nov. 9.00 am The Hollow Church

Laurence and Catherine Fitzpatrick, Trumera

11.30 am Martin Moore, Fr. O'Connor Cresc, 11th Anniv.

Pat McGrath, Shannon Rd., 10th Anniv.

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrances

Sun. 6th Dec. 9.00 am The Hollow Church.

Patrick (Patsy) Conroy, Redcastle.

Fri. 11th Dec. 10..00 am Anne Farrell (nee Lowry) Patrick St.,

Annual Mass Remembrance for Deceased Members (of)

St. Fintan's G.A.A. Club, Mountrath Sat. 21st Nov 7.00 pm

(In Mountrath Church)

Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended.

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 5th Nov.

Nos. Drawn 9 17 20 28

No Jackpot Winner

10 Match 3's Rec. € 100 each

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Link to Buy tickets online - Christmas Concert In Mountrath Church WillWeGo

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Parish Newsletter

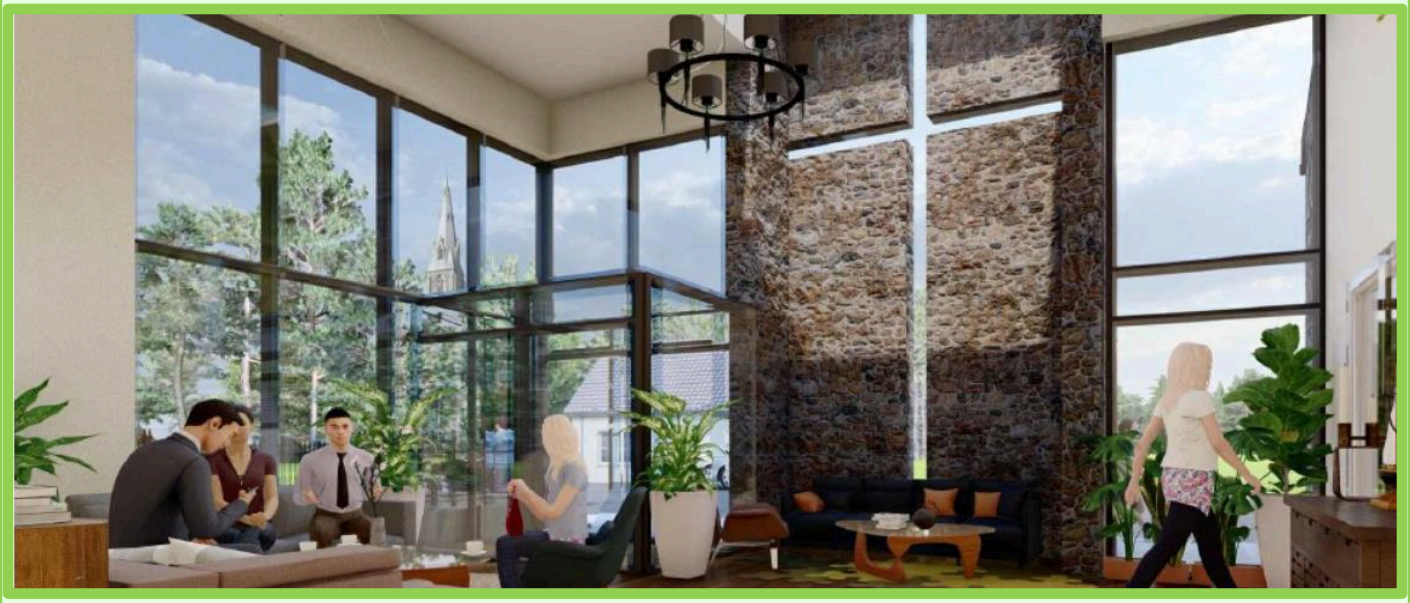
8th November 2026

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

No: 2069 Mt 25:1-13

Contract Awarded for New Parish Centre

We are delighted to announce that a contract has been awarded for the re-development of our Parish Office and Shop on the Sallins Road. This exciting project to mark our Bicentenary will transform those spaces into a modern, welcoming Parish Centre designed with full accessibility in mind for all our parishioners.
The work and activity of the Parish Office and Shop serve very much as a hub for all that happens in the parishes of Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House.
While the current facilities have served us well, the ever increasing output from the Sallins Road to our wider Pastoral Area means that our facilities have become inadequate.



The development, first announced in September 2024 in the Newsletter will see the provision of a New Entrance/Lobby Area, Meeting Rooms, Kitchen, and Accessible Toilet Facilities for users.
Thanks to your generosity by way of the Sunday development collection and the parish lotto, we are fortunate to begin this project from a strong financial position. While existing funds give us a wonderful head start, we expect a certain shortfall, and some fundraising may be necessary.
The improvement works carried out to the interior of the Parish Church and the grounds were received very positively by all parishioners. We are confident that the necessary works on the Sallins Road: Office and Shop will be received in a similarly positive fashion. There will be disruption! In January the Parish Office and Shop will re-locate to the Parochial House.

Naas Parish Finance Committee.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Naas Parish Office: Tel.: 045 879 730
E-mail: office@naasparish.net
Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm
Sacristy Our Lady and St David: 045 856 925
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Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King
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Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Michele Hughes, c/o Bishop's House, Carlow **Phone:** 086 171 0643 or **email:** dlp@kandle.ie
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Recent Baptisms

Sienna da Cunha
Margot Grady
Noah Connors

Baptism Meetings - 8pm
Ballycane Church 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month.

"Those who die in grace, go but to God, and God is very near"
Norman Sproule, Lakelands
Oliver Leavy, Kingfurze Avenue
May they Rest in Peace

Clergy Gathering 9th-10th Nov.:

No 10am Mass in **Sallins Church** on Tuesday 10th November.
In **OLSD** on Mon 9th & Tues 10th Nov. 7.30am Mass will be replaced by a Celebration of the Word and Adoration.

MASS TIMES for the Pastoral Area of Naas, Sallins, TMH & Kill

Our Lady and St. David, Naas

WEEKDAYS: **Mon. - Fri:** 7.30am & 10am
Sat: 10am
Sat Vigil: 6pm
SUNDAYS: 9am, 11am & 6pm

Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane

WEDNESDAYS: 7pm (not July & August)
SUNDAYS: 10.30am & 12noon

Our Lady & the Guardian Angels, Sallins

WEEKDAYS: Tues: 10am
Fri: 10am
Sat Vigil: 7pm
SUNDAYS: 11.30am

Church of St Peter, Two Mile House

WEEKDAYS: **Mon-Fri** 9.30am
SUNDAYS: 10am

Church of St Brigid, Kill

WEEKDAYS: Mon. - Fri.: 10am
SATURDAYS: 6.30pm
SUNDAYS: 11am

Church of St Anne, Ardclough

SUNDAYS: 9.30am
FIRST FRIDAYS: 8pm

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,730 Offertory: €2,565
Online Donations (29th Oct – 4th Nov): €135
Tap & Go (29th Oct – 4th Nov): €1,053
Sallins: Envelopes: €360 Baskets: €505
TMH: €660

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The Holy Mass

Continue our journey into the Mass this Tuesday when we will discover the deeper meaning of the words "Let us pray", the silence & the "Collect" prayer. Why is it called the collect prayer? Let us explore how this moment introduces us to the next part of the Mass.
Come and find out more, join us on Tuesday 10th Nov. in Ballycane at 7.15pm.
Stay for biscuits and a cup of tea/coffee.

Eucharistic Adoration every Friday at 6.30am in Our Lady & St. David's Church.

November in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House

November Remembrance Masses

A Mass to remember those who have died in our parishes in the past year

Sallins Parish:

Saturday 14th November at 7pm

Two Mile House Parish:

Sunday 15th November at 10am.

Blessing of the Graves

Bodenstown Cemetery, Sallins

Sunday 15th November at 11am

St. Peter's, Two Mile House

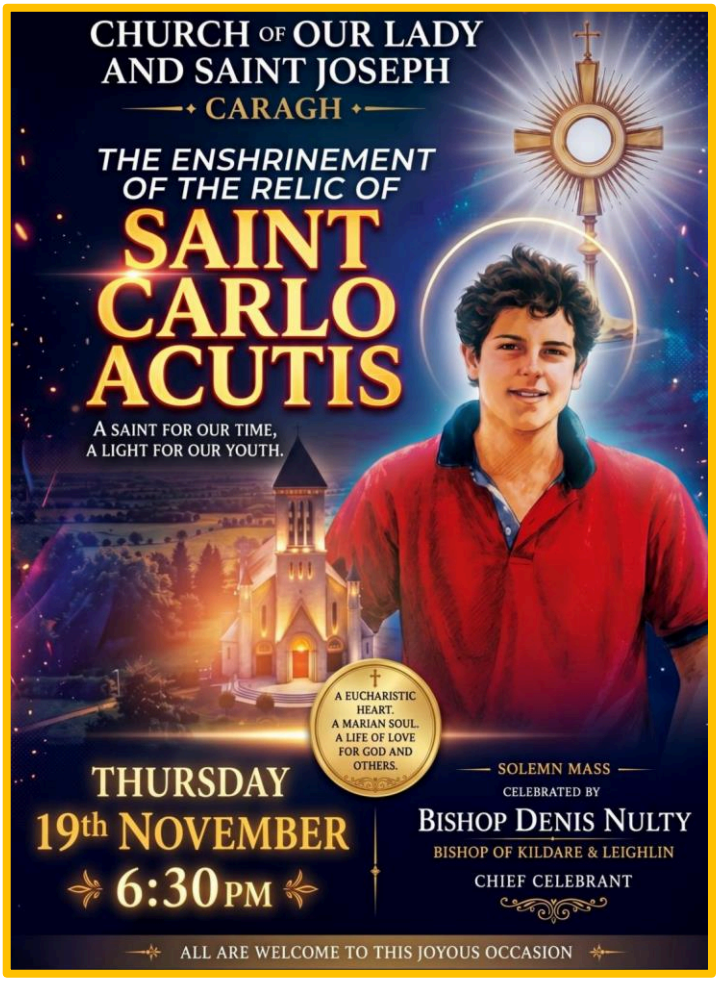
Sunday 15th Nov after 10am Mass followed by a cuppa in the school

November Envelopes

You are invited to take an envelope, write the names of your deceased loved ones onto the sheet inside and place the envelope into the box provided in the Church.

These sheets will remain on the Altar for Masses throughout November.

Envelopes and Boxes are available in all four Churches.



The Rosary will be prayed at the grotto outside Our Lady and St. David's Church at 8pm on Wednesday 11th November to mark the Anniversary of the death of Catherine McAuley.



Naas Parish Shops

A wide selection of Christmas Mass Bouquets now available from the shops on the Sallins Road and at Ballycane Church.

We also stock a festive assortment of Christmas Cards, Diaries, Calendars, Advent Calendars and Candles, Cribs, Christmas Rosaries, Decorations, Children's Books, Christmas Stamps, and much more!









We are looking for: 1. A **Helpline Project Worker** (18 hours per week) for more information please contact www.ACTIVELINK.IE/NODE/129459.

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NaasPoint Christmas Food Appeal: Volunteers Needed

Christmas can be an especially difficult time for people experiencing hardship, and your support can help us care for our neighbours.

We will be holding a **Food Appeal Collection** in the two Tesco stores in Naas on **Thursday 3rd December, Friday 4th and Saturday 5th December**.

Volunteers will hand out leaflets, invite customers to purchase an item listed on the leaflet and ask them to place it in the Food Appeal collection trolley once they have paid for it at the checkout.

We are looking for volunteers to cover two-hour shifts at Tesco Blessington Road and Tesco Monread between 10.00am and 6.00pm on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of December. If you can help, please consider asking a friend or family member to accompany you. To volunteer please contact Naas Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas, in person, or call 045 879 730 or email office@naasparish.net.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time or donates food.

Your kindness will help support local families this Christmas.

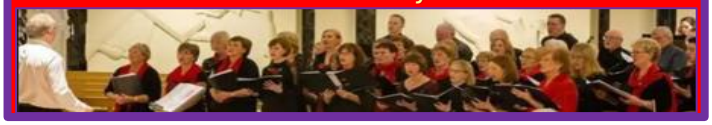
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Ballycane Choir Concert

Sun. 22nd Nov. 6.30pm – 8pm in Ballycane Church. Admission Free

Donations to charity welcome



Naas Flower and Garden Club

Thurs. 19th Nov. at 7.45pm

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Visitors welcome €20

Naas Tidy Towns Annual General Meeting

will be held on Thursday 12th November at 8pm in Ballycane Church meeting rooms.

All are welcome.

Naas Care of the Aged Association Christmas Party at the Centre

Saturday 5th December 6.30pm to 10.00pm.

Contact Mary Burke Spratt 086 8178790

Limited Availability



The Little Way Cancer Support Centre

November Events in Clane Parish Centre:

- ***Movember Coffee Morning**, on Fri, 13th Nov, 10.30am-1.30pm. With special guest speakers **Niall Quinn & John Wall**. With the aim of promoting men's health and wellbeing, both physical and mental. Everyone is welcome.*
- ***Festive Pop-Up Shop:** Sat, 14th Nov Discover high-quality pre-loved items. All funds raised go to provide cancer support services to the Kildare community.*

HUGG, Ireland's national suicide bereavement organisation is dedicated to supporting adults bereaved by suicide. Please see poster on Naas Parish Website for upcoming **HUGG event 15th Nov.**

Found: One4All voucher on Sallins greenway, 1st Nov. If it is yours please contact the Naas Parish Office

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €7,400 Jackpot on 4th November 2026

Numbers Drawn were: 21-24-26-27

Lucky Dip winners were: C. Doyle, D. O'Driscoll, J. Kilfeather, M. Moorhead

You could win the Jackpot of €7,650 on Wednesday 11th November

Thank you for your support.

PORTLAOISE PARISH link up

8th November 2026

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

'May Perpetual Light Shine upon Them'

Each candle a life remembered.
Each flame a sign of love that endures

At last Monday's Bereavement Mass, family members placed candles on our cross as we called by name those who died during the past year. Together, we shared our sorrow and our hope, entrusting our loved ones to God's eternal care.

May their light continue to shine in our hearts.



Bereavement Mass last Monday night.

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Osteoporosis class every Thurs. at 4pm
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In Parish Centre
Mon. morn. Osteoporosis class at 9.30am
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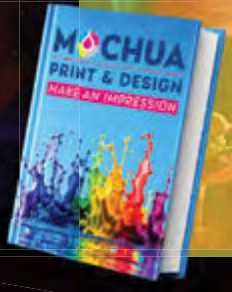
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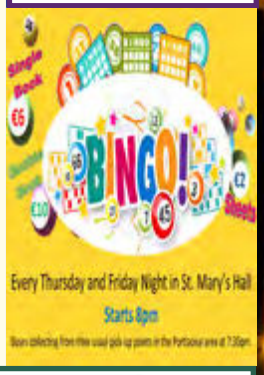
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Time to Think...



Mother Teresa's Faith



Throughout the month of November, we continue to remember all our loved ones gone before us. This month began with the great Feast of All Saints. Saints hold a scared place in the life of the church and inspiration given through their lives. However, saints are all vulnerable human beings personifying what St. Augustine detailed "Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future"

A wonderful book on Mother Teresa, *Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light*, makes public a huge volume of her intimate correspondence and in it we see what looks like a very intense, fifty-year, struggle with faith and belief. Again and again, she describes her religious experience as "dry", "empty", "lonely", "torturous", "dark", "devoid of all feeling". During the last half-century of her life, it seems, she was unable to feel or imagine God's existence.

Many people have been confused and upset by this. How can this be? How can this woman, a paradigm of faith, have experienced such doubts? And so, some are making that judgment that her faith wasn't real. Their view is that she lived the life of a saint but died the death of an atheist. For doctrinaire atheists, her confession of doubt is manna from the abyss. Christopher Hitchens, for example, writes: *"She was no more exempt from the realization that religion is a human fabrication than any other person, and that her attempted cure was more and more professions of faith could only have deepened the pit that she dug for herself."*

What's to be said about all of this? Was Mother Teresa an atheist?

Hardly! In a deeper understanding of faith, her doubts and feelings of abandonment are not only explicable, but they're also predictable: What Mother Teresa underwent is called *"a dark night of the soul."* This is what Jesus suffered on the cross when he cried out: *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"* When he uttered those words, he meant them. At that moment, he felt exactly what Mother Teresa felt so acutely for more than fifty years, namely, the sense that God is absent, that God is dead, that there isn't any God. But this isn't the absence of faith or the absence of God, it is rather a deeper presence of God, a presence which, precisely because it goes beyond feeling and imagination, can only be felt as an emptiness, nothingness, absence, non-existence.

But how can this make sense? How can faith feel like doubt? How can God's deeper presence feel like God's non-existence? And, perhaps more importantly, why? Why would faith work like this? The literature around the *"dark night of the soul"* makes this point: Sometimes when we are unable to induce any kind of feeling that God exists, when we are unable to imagine God's existence, the reason is because God is now coming into our lives in such a way that we cannot manipulate the experience through ego, narcissism, self-advantage, self-glorification, and self-mirroring.

This purifies our experience of God because only when all our own lights are off can we grasp divine light in its purity. Only when we are completely empty of ourselves inside an experience, when our heads and hearts are pumping dry, can God touch us in a way that makes it impossible for us to inject ourselves into the experience, so that we are worshiping God, not ourselves. And this is painful. It is experienced precisely as darkness, emptiness, doubt, abandonment. But this is, in fact, *"the test"* that we pray God to spare us from whenever we pray Matthew's version of the Lord's Prayer – *"Do not put us to the test."* Moreover, this experience is usually given to those who have the maturity to handle it, spiritual athletes, those who pray for and truly want a searing "purity of heart", people like Mother Teresa. They ask Jesus to experience and feel everything as he did. He just answers their prayers!

Henri Nouwen, in a book entitled, *In Memorium*, shares a similar thing about his mother: She was, he states, the most faith-filled and generous woman he had ever met. So, when he stood at her bedside as she was dying, he had every right to expect that her death would be a serene witness to a life of deep faith. But what happened, on the surface at least, seemed the exact reverse. She struggled, was seized by doubts, cried out, and died inside a certain darkness. Only later, after prayer and reflection, did this make sense. His mother had prayed her whole life to die like Jesus – and so she did! A common soldier dies without fear, Jesus died afraid.

In a remarkable book, The Crucified God, Jurgens Moltmann writes: *"Our faith begins at the point where atheists suppose that it must end. Our faith begins with the bleakness and power which is the night of the cross, abandonment, temptation, and doubt about everything that exists! Our faith must be born where it is abandoned by all tangible reality; it must be born of nothingness; it must taste this nothingness and be given it to taste in a way no philosophy of nihilism can imagine."* Mother Teresa understood all of this. That is why her seeming doubt did not lead her away from God and her vocation but instead riveted her to it with a depth and purity that, more than anything else, tell us precisely what faith really is.

"I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, He will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' Rather He will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'"
~Mother Teresa

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER
Top score: Elizabeth Cooper. 1st Lady: S Duff. 2nd Lady: M O'Brien. 1st Gent: M Dunne. 2nd Gent: T Jacob. 1st Half: B Jackson. 2nd Half: A Pearson. Raffle: 1st F Benn, 2nd C Fitzpatrick, 3rd M Malone, 4th P Stephenson.. Thanks to all for your support. Whist continues every Tuesday at 7.30 in the Parish Centre, new players always welcome, lessons available if required; Contact 086 8812228.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT Bowls contact Elish at 085-1636843. Wednesday 11th November sing along with Caroline from 3pm in Parish Centre. New members welcome. Thursday 12th of November in Sue Ryder centre Kilminchy "cards and chat" from 3pm new members welcome, tuition given. For further information contact Maria at 087-9187157.

BRIDGE BALLYROAN in the Sue Ryder Centre, Ballyroan, every Thursday at 7.20pm. New members welcome. Contact 087 1258734.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION IN AID OF L.S.P.C.A. will take place this weekend at all Masses. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

DANCING commencing Monday, 9th November, for 6 weeks, Parish Centre Portlaoise, 11am. Beginner friendly, foxtrot, quickstep, jive, waltz, céilí. Cost €20. Contact 087-6482038. Come alone or bring a partner – total enjoyment assured.

WEDNESDAY SINGERS CHOIR Do you enjoy singing, making new friends and having a cuppa and chat – if so come along on the Wednesday Singers Choir at Treo Nua Community Centre, Harpers Lane. Wednesday mornings 11am-12.30pm. Open to all.

LAOIS CO. BRIDGE CLUB PORTLAOISE New members welcome and also recruiting Beginners – lessons will be given – Bridge takes place **Wednesday MORNINGS**, contact William 087-0929898.

CÉILÍ AND SET DANCES All are welcome to join us Wednesdays at 8pm at Seanchistin, Irey, Ballyfin R32AY99 to dance our native céilí and set dances in a relaxed and inclusive environment at a gentle pace - beginners very welcome - come alone or bring a partner. Further details Maureen 0876482038 or seanchistin@gmail.com.

FOURTH WALL LAOIS THEATRE GROUP seeking Actors/Actresses all age groups. Also looking for Backstage People. Contact Kevin: 087-9614235 – follow us on Facebook. An ideal group to be part of performing in various theatres around Ireland including the Dunamaise Arts Centre.

PORTLAOISE COMMUNITY CHESS CLUB has now been established and we meet every Saturday in the Portlaoise Library between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The only exception is bank holidays when the library is closed. The chess club is open to all ages. We invite Adults (male and female) and children. We welcome beginners and experienced chess players. There is no money involved and chess sets are provided in the library.

LAOIS VOLUNTEER CENTRE would like to hear your views and opinions as we prepare our new Strategic Plan. Workshop on November 11th, 7pm-9pm in The Killeshin Hotel. Come a long and have your say. Booking essential – by email – info@volunteerlaois.ie.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Every Sunday at 3 PM in the Parish Church.

ROSARY IN THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH Daily 3pm.

ROSARY will be recited in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, every evening at 7pm.

VOCATIONS SOCIETY OF ST. JOSEPH Holy Hour, Adoration, and Prayer for Vocations. Every Friday at 3pm in the Parish Church.

LEGION OF MARY invites you to join us every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Parish Prayer Hall as we come together in prayer and service to Our Lady.

COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP Please join us in community prayers every Tuesday at 11:00am via WhatsApp. For further details, please contact Noreen on 085-2689767. All are welcome.

GUILD OF ST. PHILIP NERI PORTLAOISE visits prisoners in **Portlaoise & Midlands Prison** as befrienders/listeners. The guild is a conference of St. Vincent de Paul. Ph. 086-0462405 for further information.

ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE to remember deceased staff and members of **Laois County Council** will be held Monday 16th November in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise at 6pm. People of all faiths welcome. Light refreshments afterwards.

STRADBALLY PARISH PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes takes place from 26th–30th July 2027, accompanied by Canon Frank McEvoy. Cost: €895 per person. A €200 deposit and weekly installments are available. Limited places remaining. Contact the Stradbally Parish Office – (057) 864 1665.

PORTLAOISE GROUP PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 23rd-27th August 2027 4nights/5 days Flying direct Dublin to Lourdes & return Lourdes to Knock Airport accompanied by spiritual director. €850 p/p/s Agena Hotel.
€200 deposit secures your seat (ideal Christmas gift). Options of weekly installments available. Limited places. **Black Friday offer of €100 off**, if paid in full by Friday 27th Nov. 26. Contact John Egan 087-1254841 or Mary Byrne 085-2829231.

Our Prayers are asked for those who recently died



Har (Henry) Fingleton
Munny, Stradbally



Billy Carroll
Borris Little, Portlaoise



Stephen Sheeran Phelan
Rathdowney, Laois / Abbeyleix, Laois



Peter McNamara
The Green, Kilminchy



Fint Duff
Rathnamanagh, Portlaoise

Christmas Memorials

The Link Up office is currently taking bookings
for Christmas Memorials

N.B. PLEASE NOTE

as the Link Up is now collated externally:

ALL MEMORIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5PM THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER

for inclusion in the Christmas edition of the Link Up ***(20th December)***
this will be the last Link Up of 2026.

The First Link Up of 2027
will be Sunday, 10th January.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

KEVIN BOWE

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs
5th November 2026

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 7th Nov. at 6:30pm.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
love leaves a memory no one can steal.
As our heartache has only grown,
you now have Rob at your side in your heavenly home.

Sadly missed by your wife Marie,
children Suzanne, Kevin, Sandra,
Paul and Kenneth, grandchildren,
sisters Betty & Patty, brother Frank and extended family.

May They Rest in Peace

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER
WITH LOVE OUR PARENTS

JACK AND ANNIE BYRNE

Mountrath Road, whose anniversaries occur.

We also remember our sisters

MAUREEN AND ANNIE,

our brother *JOHN* and our niece *ANNA MARIE*

Masses Offered.



Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.
Lovingly Remembered Always,
From Raymond, Phyllis & Oliver.



May They Find Heavenly Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARGARET (PEGGY) CONROY

Glenlahan, Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs
10th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St. Peter & Paul's Church on
Saturday 14th November at 6.30pm

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day,
Each of us in our own way,
Have special thoughts of you today

Loving and remembering you always,
Joe, Dean, Lorraine, Christian, Mary, Eva and Gavin.

Rest in Peace Margaret



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Breda Walsh (née Keogh)

Ridge Road, Portlaoise • Chelmsford, Essex

10th Anniversary • 6 November 2026

Ten years have passed, dear Mammy,
Since we had to say goodbye,
Yet your love remains beside us,
As the seasons pass us by.

You were our strength, our guiding light,
With a heart so warm and true,
A loving Mam, a wife, a friend,
There was no one quite like you.

New little lives have joined the family,
While others have grown and flown,
From school days to new adventures,
And finding paths of their own.

There have been dreams and milestones,
New chapters still to unfold,
So many stories we wish we could share,
And precious moments to hold.

Our family has grown in unexpected ways,
With connections we will treasure,
New faces, old bonds, hearts brought together,
A family joined in love forever.

You taught us strength and kindness,
To work hard and see things through,
And in the people we have become,
There will always be part of you.

So stay close beside us, Mammy,
Through the laughter and the tears,
Forever loved, forever missed,
Today and through the years.

Forever in our hearts

Loved and missed always by Matty , all her children,
grandchildren and extended family.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARGARET HARDING

née Conroy

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary - 16th November 2026.

AND HER PARTNER

GER YOUNG

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

18th Anniversary - 12th November 2026

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Peter & Paul's Church on **Saturday 14th November 2026 at 6.30pm**

Today's the Anniversary of the day we lost you
And for a time, it felt as though our lives had ended too
But loss has taught us many things and now we face each day
With hope and happy memories to help us on our way.
And though we are full of sadness That you're no longer here
Your influence still guides us, and we still feel you near.
What we shared will never die, it lives within our hearts
Bringing strength and comfort, while we are apart.

Love always David, Paul, Ray, Jennie, Tracy and families xxxxx

May They Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN CAMPION

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary on

13th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Friday 13th November at 10am.**

Rest in Peace John



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PAULINE CONROY

34 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

Whose 1st Anniversary occurs on

11th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Church on **Saturday 14th November at 6.30pm**

In our minds a constant thought
In our hearts a silent sorrow.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

May Pauline Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

NICOLA DOLLARD

(née Kelly)

Rathevan View and late of Hawthorn Drive.

7th Anniversary occurs 9th November 2026.

It's lonely here without you,
We miss you more each day,
For life is not the same to us, since you were called away.
Your resting place we visit,
And flowers we place with care,
But no one knows our heartache,
As we turn and leave you there.

Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered by her husband Damien, son Andrew, parents Gerard and Carmel, sister Michelle, brother John, nieces Chloe, Rebecca, Sophie and Grace, extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Nicola



13TH ANNIVERSARY
OF MY GRANDSON

SHANE FINAN

10 New Row, Green Rd. Portlaoise and also Canices Terrace, Borris in Ossory.

Shane's 13th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on **Saturday 7th November at 6.30pm.**

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name,
But all we have are memories, and your picture in a frame.
Your resting place we visit and put flowers there with care,
But no-one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there

Sadly missed by your Nana Mary and Brian, Louise, Jake, Steven, Shirley, John & Conor.

May Shane Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ANNE GAFFNEY

(née Tierney)

56 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

1st anniversary occurs on 8th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Church on **Sunday 8th November at 10am**

"A year has passed since you left us,
yet your love remains a guiding light.
We miss you more than words can say,
today and every day."

Loved and missed by your husband Liam, sons, daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family and friends.

May Anne Rest in Peace

ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

FIÁDH & EVE GRAHAM

Boughlone Way, Bellingham

Special anniversary thoughts of our beautiful granddaughters.



You are two of Heaven's angels now,
Two perfect little stars,
And when you shine the world can see,
How beautiful you both are.
May you fly with magic wings,
On clouds so soft and white,
May your hearts be joyful and your days be bathed in light.
And though our hearts are broken, and your lives were far too short,
We thank you sweetest angels for the happiness you brought.



Never forgotten, Nannie, Grandad, Ger, Dolores,
Trevor, Tracy, Emma, Tristan and Shaun xxxxxx.

May Fiadh and Eve Rest in Peace.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BEAUTIFUL MOTHER

HELENA HAJDUKIEWICZ

2 years have passed, we remember you every day.



Mama/Mom

Two years have passed since you left for heaven,
Mom, yet I still feel your love in the quiet
moments and carry your warmth in my heart
everywhere I am. Until we meet again,
I love you Mama and miss you.

Grandmother/Babcia

Heaven gained a beautiful soul,
and I gained a **lifelong guardian angel**.

Love and miss you until we meet again
Lots of love from your Son Andrzej, Daughter In-law Winnie,
Grandchildren David, Michael, Juliet

Rest in Peace Helena



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

GRETTA KELLY

Kellbyrne House, Rathevan, Portlaoise.

13th Anniversary occurs
8th November 2026.

Not a day goes by that we don't think of you,
Not a moment passes that we don't miss you.
Your love remains with us each day,
In little things along life's way.
Though time may pass and life moves on,
The love we have for you lives on.
Our hearts still ache, our tears still fall,
We miss you more than words can say.

Forever loved by Christy, Adrian & Rebecca.

Rest in Peace Gretta



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CARMEL KEALEY

Sheffield, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurred
4th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 8th November at 11:15am

We lost a mother with a heart of gold
How much we miss her can never be told
We miss you from your fireside chair
Your loving smile and gentle air
Your vacant place no one can fill
We miss you mother and always will
God called your name softly
That only you could hear
No one heard the footsteps of angels drawing near.

Sadly missed by your loving children
Pauline, Carmel, Francis and Breda,
grandchildren, extended family and friends.

ALSO REMEMBERING HER DEAR HUSBAND FRANKIE AT THIS TIME.

May Carmel Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN PAUL KIRWAN

Anngrove, Kilbricken,
Mountrath, Co. Laois

22nd Anniversary occurs 6th November.

Anniversary Mass on Sunday November 8th,
in St. Brigid's Church Shanahoe, at 12.15pm

Quickly and quietly came the call,
Without farewell you left us all,
A sudden call from God on high,
You had no chance to say goodbye
Without farewell you fell asleep,
But memories of you we'll always keep.

ALSO REMEMBERING AT THIS TIME
John's daddy MARTIN (MURT) KIRWAN.
Your life was love and labour,
Your love for your family true,
You did your best for all of us,
We will always remember you.

Sadly missed, loved and always remembered
by your loving family.

Rest in Peace John Paul



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN O'NEILL

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise & Adamstown, Wexford.

3rd Anniversary occurs 20th November 2026.

Those special memories of you Dad
Will always bring a smile.
If only I could have you back for just a little while.
The we could sit and talk again
just like we use to do.
You always meant so very much to me
and always will do too.
The fact that you are no longer here
will always bring me pain.
You are forever in my heart until we meet again.

Dearly loved and sadly missed everyday by your Son Tommy, Daughter-in-law Jennie, Grandchildren Ger, Amy, James, John & Great-Grandchild Mandy

xxx

May John Rest in Peace

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

TONY PHELAN

Santa Maria, New Rd., Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurs 12th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on **Sunday 15th November at 11.15am**



IN MEMORY OF MUM & DAD

I look back in fondness everyday
At the joyful times we had
No one could wish for such
a perfect pair
As my special Mum and Dad.
I am grateful for your love,
And I know that you watch over me
From the heavens up above.
Although you're missed so dearly
And so many tears we've cried,
It is so sweet and fitting,
That you sleep softly side by side.
You shared your love, you shared your life,
Many precious times together
Now you will spend eternity hand in hand forever.

Sadly missed by Zelie, Ger, Ray, Bosco and Brigid, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and your fourteen grandchildren. Lots of love xxx.

May Tony Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR FATHER AND HUSBAND
who died on the 5th November 2018

DANIEL NORTON (DAN)

Sheffield Ave. Portlaoise

8th Anniversary.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on **Saturday 7th November at 6:30pm.**

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Each of us in our own way,
Have special thoughts of you today.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife Margaret, daughters, sons, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May Dan Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PATRICK (PADDY) REDDIN

4 Dr. Murphy Place.

14th Anniversary occurs 14th November.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Saturday 14th November at 6.30pm.**

Your smile was made of sunshine,
Your heart was made of gold,
We thank you for the love you gave,
And the memories that we hold.
No matter how we spend our days, no matter what we do,
No morning dawns, no evening falls,
Without a thought of you.

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all his loving family.

May Patrick Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ANNE SMYTH

Ballytegan, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs
9th November 2026.

Thinking of you today

Forever loved, cherished and never forgotten by your husband Joe and your children Gemma, Brian & Joanne, your grandchildren Danann, Caiden, Harry & Lennie, your sons-in-law and daughter-in-law.

May Anne Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

GERARD (GERRY) GORMAN

11 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary on 6th November 2026.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.

Sadly missed by your loving family and extended family.

May Gerard Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ANN LACUMBER

Stradbally Road, Portlaoise.

35th Anniversary occurs 14th November.

Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered every day,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts, you're always there.

Always remembered by her loving family.

May Annie Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

EILEEN RYAN

12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.

15th Anniversary occurs
13th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Friday 13th November at 10am.**

In the hearts of those who loved you
You are always there

Loved and missed always Mam.

May Eileen Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

FR. GREGORY BROPHY

22nd Anniversary occurs
9th November.

"For this God is our God
forever and ever;
He will be our guide even to the end".

May He Rest in Peace



CHERISHED MEMORIES OF
OUR BELOVED SISTER

BREDA WALSH (née Keogh)

Late of Chelmsford Essex
and Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurred 6th November 2025

We thought of you today, but that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday and days before that too
We think of you in silence, we often speak your name
All we have are memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake which we will never part.

Loved and always missed by your sisters,
brothers and extended family.

Rest in Peace Breda





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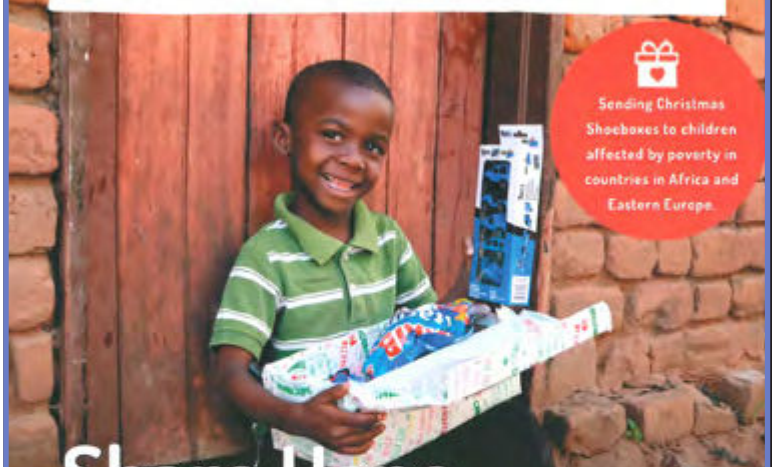
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 25:1-13 Keep the lamps lit

As we approach the end of the Church year, the Gospel for the next few Sundays turn their focus to talk of end times. The early Christians expected Jesus to return quite quickly and Matthew's community must have been wondering what was taking so long. So, as Matthew prepares them for a long wait, these parables are all concerned with how the Christian community should live in the meantime. This parable of the bridesmaids is unique to Matthew. In first-century Palestine it was custom for the bridegroom to be escorted to the home of the bride by the bridesmaids. Then the bridesmaids would escort the couple to the house where the wedding and the party would take place. We hear of the different levels of preparedness of the bridesmaids, those who took extra oil for the lamps and those who 'took no oil with them'. We can speculate as to what the oil in the lamps represents, and perhaps it is different for each of us: the inner wisdom we know we should trust but are afraid to, that deep awareness of God's indwelling presence, a sense of fulfilment that we experience from doing acts of justice and mercy (5:20; 7:21-27), loving God and neighbour (22:37-38). The 'foolish' were lacking in evidence of such deeds and so, the Lord does not know them. But to hear that they were then 'shut out' is horrifying; the disappointment, anxiety and regret can be felt off the page. Sometimes, we too find ourselves in this 'foolish' position, and when that happens the challenge is not to let ourselves close down. It is during such times we have the opportunity for conversion and through that the grace of gaining some insight or wisdom. We learn much from these experiences, unpleasant though they may be. If this parable leaves us confused, appalled, with tons of questions even a bit shaken, then, good! This is the parable doing its thing, Jesus was certainly not a boring teacher and at this stage of the Gospel, as he is about to be arrested, it is not surprising that he is warning those around him to have enough oil for their lamps.

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"Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. Wisdom. 6:12

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown **St. Patrick's Rathvilly** **The Assumption Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th November

Michael Sheedy & Family
Eamonn Dunne, Tankardstown
Kathleen Faulkner, Bough
Tom Doyle, Morning Star
Doyle Family, Bigstone
Sheila Dempsey, Collins Park
Christy Nolan, Ballyoliver & Kilkea, Castledermot
Marian Cassells, Knocklishen
Trish Ryan, Knockroe
Bridget Carroll, Rathvilly
Attracta Doyle, Raheendaw
Paddy Donegan, Collins Park
Thomas Donegan, Ballyoliver
Nonie Doyle, Bough

Sat/Sun, 14th & 15th November

Joe Byrne, Sunnyside & Bristol
Mary Kelly, Haroldstown
Joseph Elliott, Monavothe
Catherine O'Leary, Williamstown
Kathleen Keegan, Ballyoliver
Maureen Byrne, 16 Kevin Barry Road
Pat Leonard, Rahill
Paul Reilly, Dublin
Harry Doran, Ballyhackett
Jimmy Kelly, Broughillstown

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 8th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Conor O'Leary.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 15th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday at 3 – 6 p.m.

IN MEMORY OF ALL OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

9 Novena Masses for the Dead continue being offered each Monday and Wednesday during the month of November in St. Patrick's Church.

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Names can be written on the sheets provided or in the "Altar List of the Dead" Book in the Church. November offerings go towards the support of our Clergy. There is a Large Cross placed in front of Our Lady's Altar on which to light a candle for a loved one. Candles cost €1 each.

Congratulation to Rathvilly NS on winning the Carlow Final of Cumann na mBunscol against Borris in the Centre of Excellence, Fenagh.

EVENING PRAYER

Remembering our Dead during the month of November
St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on Friday, 20th November at 7.30 p.m.
Church of the Assumption, Tynock on Friday, 27th November at 7.30 p.m.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT REHEARSALS

Carols by Candlelight rehearsals will take place every Monday and Wednesday evening from 7pm - 8pm in St Patrick's Church Rathvilly. Anyone who can sing or play an instrument are welcome to come along.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 31st October & 1st November

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory €244.22 Envelopes €636.00
Kiltegan: Offertory €141.12 Envelopes €443.00

PARISH LOTTO (Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Draw)

Results from 4th November, 2026 No Jackpot winner of 15,000.
Numbers: 14-16-23-27. 10 Match 3 numbers get €100.00 each.
One local match three winner this week.
Winner – Breda's Group. Promoter – Breda Reilly.
Next draw on Wednesday,11th November. **Jackpot €16,000.**
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Caragh Church to Enshrine Relics of St Carlo Acutis

The Church of Our Lady and St Joseph in Caragh, Co. Kildare, will host a special celebration at 6.30pm on Thursday, 19 November 2026, for the enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. The occasion follows a special journey to Assisi in September by Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill, PP Newbridge, and Fr. Joe McDermott, PE CC Caragh, to retrieve the relics and accompany them on their journey home to Ireland. Their pilgrimage marks a significant moment for the local faith community, bringing a tangible connection with the life and witness of one of the Catholic Church's most inspiring modern saints. All welcome.

SLÍ AN CHROI ADVENT RETREAT

We invite you to join us at Slí and Chroí in the grounds of St Patrick's Missionary Society, as we pause to reflect and celebrate a moment in time on your unique journey. For enquiries please contact Michele at slianchroi@spms.ie or 089-4690508.

FASHION SHOW

An evening of Fashion and Style in Ballyconnell Hall on Tuesday, 10th November at 8 p.m. Clothes from Serena boutique, Carlow and Elanna Boutique, Tullow. Tickets €10. All proceeds to Co. Carlow Homecare Team. Everyone welcome.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-4-8-26
Match 3 win or share €150
John Corcoran Knockroe 1-4-8-26 On Line winner
Michelle Moore Carlow 3-4-8-19 On Line winner
Next draw 10 Nov. 2026 **Jackpot €10,400**

THE 3 TENORS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas O Holy Night Concert takes place in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath, Sunday 29th Nov. 2026, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets €30 available locally and online at www.willwego.com

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 8-14-23-25
Laurence Byrne, Woodgrove Ave, Rathvilly Post Office
Kevin Byrne, Rathvilly Kevin Byrne
Bridget Cassels c/o Seller Breda Keogh
Niamh and Alana Curran, Woodgrove Ave. Brian Curran
Michael O`Brien c/o Seller Brian Curran
Promoter`s prize €20 was won by Brian Curran.
Next draw Nov.10th. Jackpot €4,200. Thank you for all your support.

RATHMORE NS

Enrolment for new pupils into Junior Infants in Rathmore NS is now open. Applications will be accepted until 13th November 2026. The Admissions Notice, Enrolment Policy and application Forms are available from the school website https://rathmorens.webador.ie or by contacting the school office 059 9161375 or rathmorens.ias@gmail.com

The Irish Lung Cancer Community (ILCC)

The ILCC is the united voice of people impacted by lung cancer in Ireland and the ILCC empowers all those affected by lung cancer through the provision of education, information and support. The ILCC also works to promote more positive perceptions about the disease.
This year the ILCC is organising a FREE event called "All Ireland Lung Cancer Patient Symposium" in Portlaoise on Saturday the 14th Nov from 11am until 5pm. There will be a great lineup of speakers on multiple interesting topics and also a number of information services present, finally and very importantly we will build in time for networking as it is often very difficult for lung cancer patients to meet each other and get some peer support. Register using the following link: - https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/all-ireland-lung-cancer-patient-symposium-2026-tickets-2003702442945

Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community

We would like to welcome people living with Dementia and their carers to join us on Friday, November 13th in Leighlin Parish Centre (R93KR83) for a cuppa and a chat, at 11.00 a.m. - 12.30p.m. Looking forward to meeting you.

INFORMATION SESSION

Headway Ireland is organising an information session on Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Advance Healthcare Directive and Co-Decision Making on Thursday 19th November from 7.30pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre Carlow R93xv10. Everyone is very welcome. There is no cost. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine at 0879361998 or oharec@headway.ie.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am to 6pm in Parish Church.

PARISH COLLECTIONS W/E 1st November

Envelope Collection: €1,988 **Basket Collection**: €762. Many thanks.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

If you or someone known to you is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion monthly, please contact Fr. Ger or the Parish Office.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED – DEAD LIST

Please use your special envelope marked 'Our Faithful Departed'. If you do not have one of these envelopes you may use one of your own and include in it the names of those you wish to be remembered. Thank you.

In November We Remember

As we remember in a particular way in November those who have died, you are invited to follow the daily scripture posts from the diocese on the Kandle Facebook and X accounts, as well as prayers for particular days. A prayer leaflet is also available on kandle.ie with prayers for a visit to the grave, a visit to the Church and a prayer at bedtime in the month of November.

The Rosary will be recited in St. Patrick's Cemetery

every Sunday for the month of November at 3 pm.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

This four-week session parish bereavement program is designed to bring hope and healing to parishioners facing the long and lonely path of loss while helping people understand the grief process, their emotions and how to deal with them. During the sessions participants are given an opportunity to express their grief in a safe environment. Each session will last 75-90 minutes which will include light refreshments. Sessions are free and start on Tuesday 10th November in Tullow Parish Centre from 7.30pm to 9pm and continue on 17th, 24th and December 1st. To register, contact Sr. Teresa Phelan, csb on 083 3928708.

Michael English Christmas Concert

Sunday 13th December at 8pm

Tickets are now on sale - €30. Available on EventBrite or from Tullow/Castledermot Parish Offices. All Proceeds to Ardattin N S playground development.

Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community

We would like to welcome people living with Dementia and their carers to join us on Friday, November 13th in Leighlinbridge Parish Centre (R93KR83) for a cuppa and a chat, at 11am - 12.30pm.

Slí an Chroi Advent Retreat

We invite you to join us at Slí and Chroí in the grounds of St Patrick's Missionary Society, as we pause to reflect and celebrate a moment in time on your unique journey. For enquiries please contact Michele at slianchroi@spms.ie or phone 089-4690508.

THANK YOU

Tullow Marathon Runners would like to thank everyone who came to their presentation. A total of €11,700 was paid out to local charities and clubs. Special mention to Cheryl & William (Fawn Laser) for sponsoring all the trophies. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Thank you to the Marathon Runners for their generous donation to parish funds.

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians

One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on **'Red Wednesday' November 18.** More information is available at www.acnireland.org

Tullow Day Care Centre

Are currently looking for Kitchen Assistants for our Community Employment Scheme. 19.5 hours per week. Training will be provided. Must be in receipt of a qualifying Social Welfare payment. Phone Dolores on 059 9151833 or 059 9181410.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS – CLOSE 13th NOV.

SCOIL MHUIRE LOURDES: Enrolments forms can be downloaded from school website smltullow.ie or if you wish you may call to the school to get one.

SCOIL PHÁDRAIG NAOFA: Information and forms are available on our website tullowboysns.ie or phone the school office on 059 9151625.

ARDATTIN N S: Application forms are available from the school or on the school website: ardattin.ias@gmail.com.

Captain Murphy Memorial Hall

Times during the week available. The rates for the use of the hall are as follows: Up to 6pm: €20 per hour. After 6pm: €25 per hr. Heating is an additional €10 per hr. Bookings can be made by calling: (Nicola) 085 7150412.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Johnny Berry, Castlemore.
Sean & Rita O'Hanlon, Kilbrin, Kanturk, Cork. Stephen Abbey, 20 An Caislean. George Byrne, St. Patrick's Park. Martin & Brigid Earle, Dublin Road. Johnny Smith, Rathglass. Michael & Mary Keegan, Crosslow. William, Ellen & Thomas Carroll and deceased family members, Crosslow. Brigid, Frances & Ger Dawson, Crosslow. Patrick, Margaret & May Kinsella, Knocknatubrid. Bill Doyle, Convent Lodge. Tom & Lizzie Byrne, Parkbridge, Clonegal. Patrick & Margaret Butler, Newstown. Daniel Doran, Barrack St. Mary O'Grady, Knocklow. John & Mary Kenny & son Michael, Knocklow. Beth Lucas, 41 Hillbrook Est. Ann Doyle, 48 Dublin Rd. Owen McCoy, Ardattin. Patrick, Nicholas & Laurence O'Toole, Tynock. Patrick & Margaret Butler, Newstown.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 11 A.M.

Tom & Eileen O'Toole, Castledermot Road and Southampton. Margaret & Edward Dempsey, Coppenagh. John McCabe, Tintean Phadraig. Anna Malinowska, Poland (who died recently).

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND: Olive Nicholson, New Chapel Lane.
Richard & Anne Sinnott, Ballywilliamroe, Bagnelstown. Margaret Corcoran, 3 Barrack St. John & Olive Corcoran, Hillbrook Est. Peter Jackman, Crosslow. Kitty Kavanagh, Templeowen. Elizabeth Gahan & daughter Cara, Crosslow. Pat Mulhall, Pairc Mhuire. Seamus Clynch, John St. Jack Kelleher, Leixlip. Ellen Jackman, Dublin Rd. Luke & Mary Jackman, Dublin Rd. Dympna Eaton, Chingford. Dolores Nolan, Rathoe. Marian Reamsbottom, Green lane, Carlow. Madge & Vincent Harvey, College St. Carlow. Thomas, Annie & Tommy Reamsbottom, Ballykeenan. Paddy & Margaret Murphy, The Green & deceased family members.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 11 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Peter Pugh, St. Patrick's Park.
Eamon Darcy, 5 St. Austin's Tce. Sean Darcy, Steepleview Cresent. Maura O'Sullivan, Ardoyne. Larry & Rita O'Brien, Castledermot Rd. Mick & Olive Murphy, Ouragh. Evan Fitzgerald, Castlemore. Caroline Byrne, Castledermot. John & Marie Lynch, Mallow. Paudie & Attracta Doyle, Rathvilly. John & Bridie Fitzgerald and grandson Garret, Aghade. Jim & Geraldine McDonnell. Mick & Molly Byrne & Nan Murray, Ouragh Road.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 9 A.M. GRANGE

Hugh Farrell, Newry.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

8th November 2026
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH CONTACTS

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Registered Charity No: 20015848

Mass Times: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9.30am
Service of the Word & Holy Communion: Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am.
Confessions: Saturday 7pm or by request

Traditionally November is a time when we remember our faithful departed in a special way. Our memory of them is a kind one, much like our God who is more anxious to search out what is good than to condemn.

Not that all our dead were saints; but somehow in November we view them at their best. The parent who taught us our first prayers and guided us in many ways - the infant, the child, the teenager, the grandparents – each of them, no matter how long they lived, or years, give us cause for being grateful for seconds or years, give us cause for being grateful for their companionship in life. We look back, are inspired and are thankful.



'There is treasure in our fields,
there is treasure in our skies.
There is treasure in our dreaming,
from the soul to the eye.
For wherever we gather,
in the light of God's grace
and for all whom we remember
there will ever be a place.'