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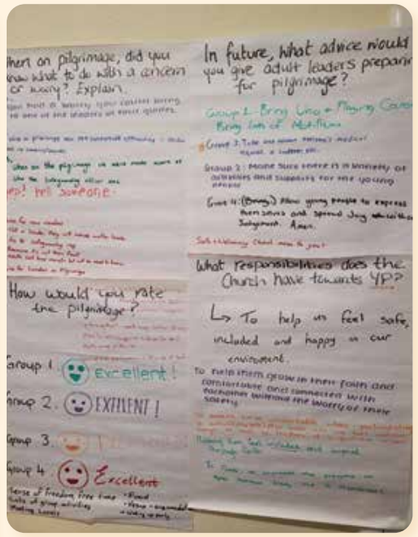



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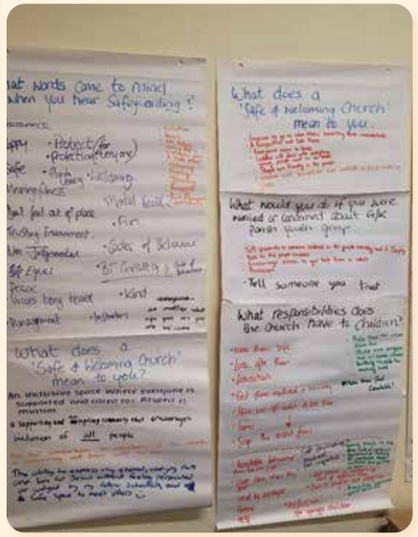



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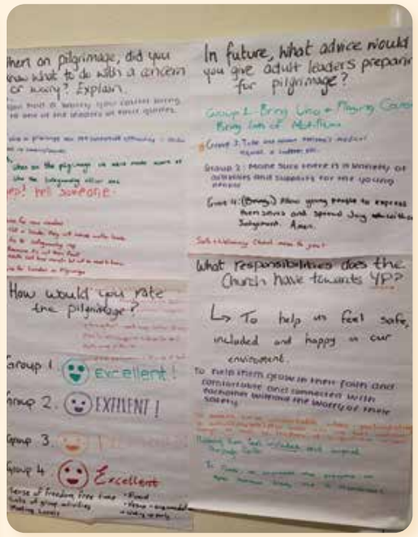



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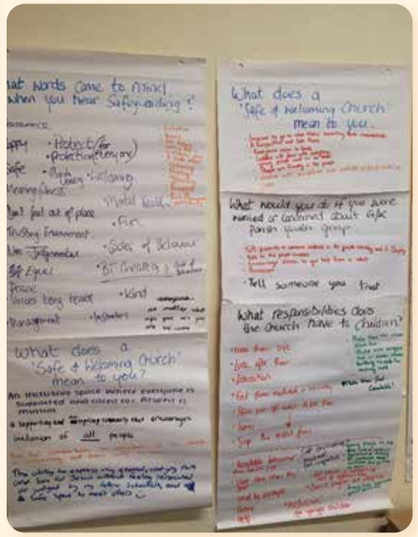



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First Reading

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

Ballylinan (7pm): Michael Gleeson (10th Anniversary)

Peter & Josie Dunne, Carlow Rd & daughter Breda Daly

Elizabeth Brennan

Jack Carter, Carlow Road (2nd Anniversary)

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Peadar McDonald Byrne, Ashfield

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

Tickets: €30 per person

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Tom Little
059 - 91-31559 /
087 2481731
Fr Tommy Dillon
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087 2588118

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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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Among your earthiest words the angels stray.

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Margaret Archbold, Bennekerry.

Jack Carter, Ashgrove, Tullow Road.

Tommy O'Shea, Kernanstown.

Sean Hickson, Palatine.

Mary Dowling, Chapelstown.

Sadie McDonnell, Farmerstown, Brownshill.

We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to:

Des Carr

and we offer our sympathy and the support of our prayers to all who have suffered the loss of a loved one, at this time.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results Draw 11th November 2026

Numbers drawn were **14, 20, 26, 27**. No €16,000 Jackpot winner.
Match 3s get €100 each.
Askea / Bennekerry had no Match 3 winners.

Winner	**Promotor**
Pat and Dympna Bramley	Parish Centre

Next week's Jackpot is €17,000. 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.

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.

Graiguecullen Bingo: Tuesday 17th November 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8pm. Jackpot on 42 numbers €1090. Double Number €530. Lotto €3550. Bonus Ball € 2850.

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.

ABIDE Women's Conference 2026: from 20th to 22nd November: Join hundreds of women at the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal, in just a few weeks for our third Abide Women's Conference. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. A beautiful weekend of faith, celebration, healing and joy. Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.

Christmas Cake and Fares Sale: Benefits Elderflower Garden Club in Askea Parish Centre on Saturday 12th December at 7 pm and Sunday 13th December at 9 am. New member's welcome. All support greatly appreciated.

The Five Pathways of the Irish Synodal Pathway: Over the past five years the Irish Church has asked the question of itself: "What is God asking of the Church in Ireland at this time?" The National Synodal Assembly in October was the culmination of this discernment. Delegates made their recommendations on concrete proposals for action.

These proposals were housed under five pathways that emerged in the final phase of discernment. The pathways now give us a vision for the Church in Ireland that have their root in local conversations in parishes across the country. The five pathways describe a vision of the Church that proclaims the gospel; the Church as a community of belonging; the Church as a place of healing; the Church that accompanies; the Church that empowers for ministry and co-responsibility.

See Kandle.ie/synod/ or synod.ie to view the working document of the assembly where you can read more about the five pathways and the concrete proposals.

A gate collection with The Carlow Lions Club: takes place at Holy Family Church this weekend 14th and 15th November 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.

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

Tullow Men's Choir Carol Service: on Sunday 13th December at 7 pm, in Holy trinity Church Ardoyne, (R93 D658). Director of Music is Mary McGrath. Collections in support of St. Vincent de Paul.

Bake and Craft Sale: Sunday 6th December 9am to 3pm in Askea Parish Centre. Raffle and Tea/coffee served. All welcome.

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SING FOR MEMORY: An enjoyable, engaging activity providing a friendly and stimulating safe environment, where people living with conditions affecting memory can come along together with their carer, family member or friend, to sing, make music, have some fun, interact and be stimulated.

LEIGHLIN PARISH CENTRE, Friday, 20th November, 11.00am to 12.30pm. For further information contact Margaret 087 957 4606.

CALENDAR

17th November

St Elizabeth of Hungary, 1207-1231, was a queen at 14, widowed and exiled at 20. She was a Franciscan tertiary until her death at the age of 24. She was a woman of prayer and services of the poor.

18th November

Memorial of Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint's Peter and Paul.

21st November
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

22nd November

St Cecilia, the patroness of music and musicians, was a second or third century Roman Christian martyr. According to tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Knowledge - the best cosmetic in the world is an active mind that is always finding something new.

Mary Meek Atkeson

Pray For

Tara Ferrissey, Kilree Lane who was interred in Bagenalstown Cemetery on Tuesday.
Johnny Lomax, Ballybromhill who was interred in Newtown Cemetery on Friday.
Tom 'Doc' Dermody, Pairc Mhuire who was interredin Bagenalstown Cemetery on Friday.

Months Mind

Joe Phelan, Market Square. Mass on Saturday 28th November in Bagenalstown Church at 6:0pm.
Sheila Correll, Ballyloughan. Mass on Sunday 29th November in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.
Mary Farrell, Ballycormack. Mass on Sunday 29th November in Ballinkillen Church at 10:00am.

First Anniversary

Pat McEvoy, Glenaharry. Mass on Saturday 21st November in Bagenalstown Church at 6:00pm.
Marie Lohan, Pairc Mhuire. Mass on Sunday 22nd November in Bagenalstown Church at 11:30am.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Brendan Flynn, Tinahealy & Dublin
Tommy Dudley-McEvoy, Kilcarrig
Mary O'Riordan, Regent Street
Antoninus Comerford, St. Brigids Crescent
Ned Tobin, Ballycormack
Ann Somers, Eastwood
Ned & Frances Drea, Kilcarrig
Mary O'Brien, Regent Street
James Maher, Slyguff
Luke & Jane Kelly, Carrig
Deceased members of Kelly Family, Carrig
Bob Williams, Curranree
Ann McDonnell, Ratheadon
James 'Jim' McDonnell, Dublin & Nurney
Madge Byrne, Donore
Tommy Reilly, St. Brigids Crescent

These Anniversaries will be prayed for on Friday 27th & Saturday 28th November 10:00am Mass in Parish Church

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Turkey Trot for St Stephen's day at 12 noon at Aldi car park in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare Team

St. Lazerian's House Annual General Meeting takes place in St. Lazerian's House on Monday 7th of December @ 2.00pm

PDLS College
CHRISTMAS MARKET
on Sunday 29th November 2-5pm in the school hall.
Tables €30. Adm €5. All welcome.

Carlow Choral Society Christmas concert, James Whitbourn's -Missa Carolae and Seasonal Carols ,Dublin Brass Ensemble ,
Sat. 5th. December 8 pm Cathedral of the. Assumption Carlow . Suggested patronage for over 16s is 25 Euro .
See Choir members or Eventbrite.ie
www.carlowchoralsociety.com

Ballinkillen Christmas Market
Ballinkillen National School PA on **Sunday 29th of November** in Ballinkillen/Lorum Community Centre from **10am to 1pm**. A fun and festive morning with a bottle and bits stall, raffle, cake stall, crepe stall and a wide range of unique stalls selling fantastic handmade items. This is always a fabulous morning. *Your support would be very appreciated.*

World Youth Day Seoul 2027
Join Bishop Denis on this once in a lifetime pilgrimage in South Korea. Young people from all over the world will gather with Pope Leo for a week of prayer, reflection, and a celebration of our faith. If you are aged between 19 and 30, involved in parish life, this could be for you. All details on Poster attached.

All are welcome to attend **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.

A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER
Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend
St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo
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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
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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

Carlow Older Person's Living Well Expo on Wednesday, 25th November, from 9.30am to 1pm at Mount Woseley Hotel. A free event bringing local service providers together to offer advice and supports on health and wellbeing, active ageing, hobbies and social activities, home safety & security, the new Warmer Home scheme and enhanced SEAI Grants.

DIVINE WILL Day Retreat Wednesday 2nd December. Speaker:Tony Hickey. The Gift of living in the DIVINE WILL as presented in the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta. in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow 10:45am-5:30pm. €25 to book contact Maria 086-1020741

If you would like to be added to the list for Sick/Housebound—please contact Fr Shem, Fr Declan or Parish Office who will be more than happy to add you to our monthly visit.

Open Invitation to Advent Mondays 2026

Monday, 30 November Roisín Pye-Alexander (Trócaire)
Walking Gently on the Earth: How faith and ecology go hand-in-hand
Monday, 07 December Dr. Amelia Fleming
Women in the Bible: Mary and Elizabeth
Monday, 14 December Dr Noel Keating
Silence is God's First Language: Rediscovering Contemplative Prayer
@7:30 pm each evening in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre
Monday, 21 December Advent Penitential Service @7:30 pm in Cathedral

CHURCH NOTICES
THREE CHURCHES - ONE PARISH

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Masses for remembering the dead
Monday 23rd – Saturday 28th November at 10am in Parish Church

Friday and Saturday Anniversary Masses:

Anniversaries Please put date of which Friday & Saturday you wish your loved ones to be remembered when dropping in Anniversary.
Newsletter Names are included on newsletter must be in at least 10days before the Anniversary Mass

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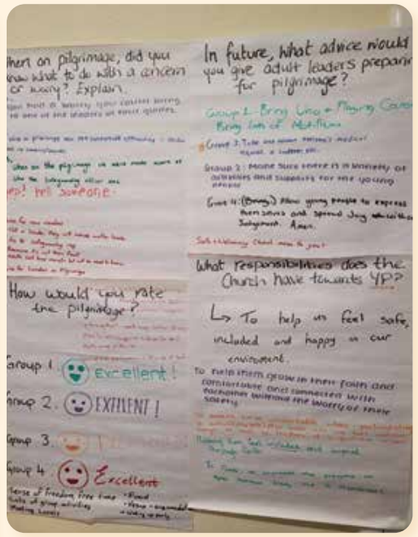



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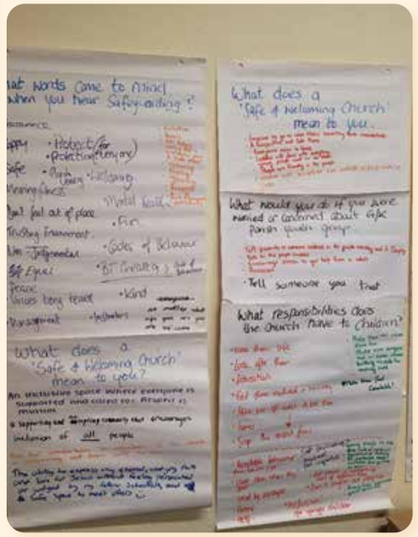



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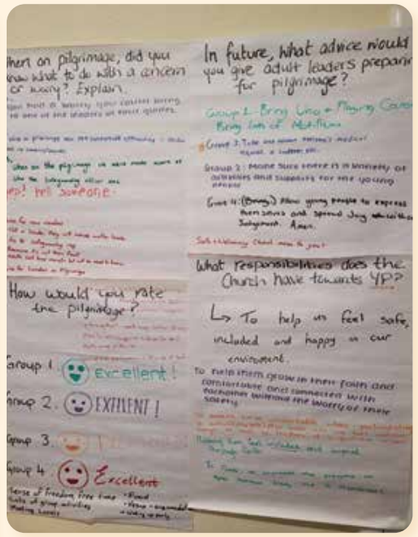



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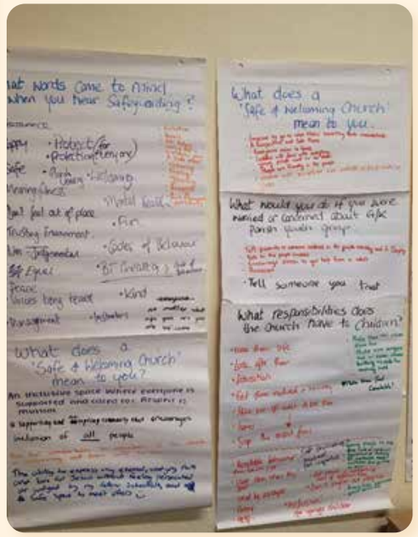



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Safeguarding Sunday 22nd February 2026

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.

It makes me feel part of the Community.

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

I enjoy helping with the Confirmation kids, because I remember what it is like to make my Confirmation.

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
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.

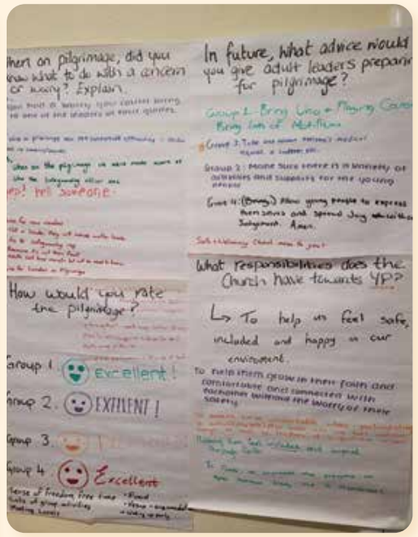
Special thanks to the National Board for organising and hosting the event.



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.



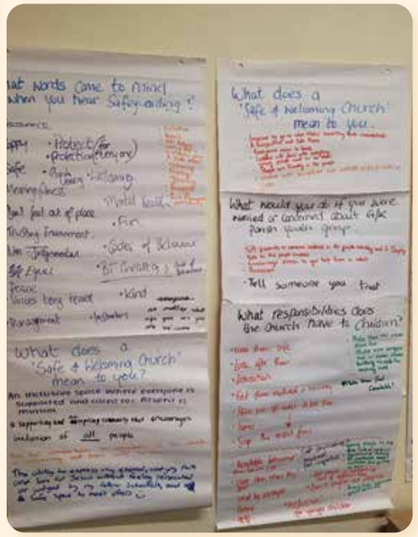




Youth Pilgrimage to Rome



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

WE REMEMBER
MONTHS MIND
Betty Brady, Castleruddery

ANNIVERSARIES:
Stephen Byrne, Tuckmill
Joseph Kinsella, Weaver Square
Nan Kavanagh, Carrigeen
Dermot O'Neill & Seánie O'Neill, Newtown
James Bourke, Irongrange & Rahill
Frank Doyle, Carrigeen
Jim Doyle, Carrigeen
Betty Quirke, Beech Avenue, Parkmore
Sarah Lennon, Parkmore



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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SUNDAY MASSES 2026

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

SLÍ AN CHROÍ ADVENT RETREAT
Takes place 27-29 November. 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. Phone Michele at slianchroi@spms.ie or 089-4690508.

BALTINGLASS – BIGSTONE – GRANGECON – STRATFORD
PARISH NEWSLETTER
Feast of Christ the King – Year A – 22nd November 2026



The last Sunday in Ordinary Time celebrates the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, commonly called the Feast of Christ the King. 'King' can suggest power and control, but Jesus is the
Shepherd. He walks with His people, caring for them and guiding them in love.

In Jesus' time, people hoped for a king who would fulfil the Old Testament promises, free them from oppression and protect them from hardship. Their longing for safety and care helps us understand the image of the shepherd.
Yet Jesus was not the king they expected. He came to serve, not overpower. He leads with truth and love, cares for the vulnerable and stays close to those who suffer. His authority rests in care, not control.
Pius XI established the feast in 1925, amid turmoil and rising authoritarian governments. It reminded the people of God that Jesus is their King. Unlike leaders who oppress through force, this Shepherd offers guidance, protection and loving service.
We are invited to follow His example. Jesus remained humble even when humiliated. He taught us to serve rather than demand service, forgive rather than seek revenge, and care for the poor with respect rather than deepen their suffering.
His greatness is revealed in humility, service and love. To follow Christ the King is to trust the Shepherd and extend His care to others.



The Season of ADVENT – begins next week.
Advent is a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival, "advent", of Jesus Christ's Nativity at Christmas time as well as Christ's expected return in the Second Coming. During this important event, each week of Advent focuses on a different theme – Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. We celebrate Advent waiting for the arrival of Jesus.



MINISTERS FOR THE 28th & 29th November

SATURDAY 6PM (Baltinglass)
Minister of the Word: Rosemarie Seitz
Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Carwood
Mary Patterson

SUNDAY 11AM MASS:
Minister of the Word: John Paul Kenny
Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Lord
Kieran Cogan

STRATFORD: 9.30A.M
Minister of the Word: Liam Brady
Eucharistic Minister: Carmel Doyle

PATHWAYS IN ADVENT

Join us in St. Paul Oratory for the four Fridays of advent (Nov 27th/ Dec 4th/ 11th / 18th) at 11am for a short prayerful reflection on the Gospel and excerpts from pathways for the Irish Church (National Synodal Assembly, Oct 2026). It is our hope that these sessions will both provide spiritual nourishment along the Advent path, as well as providing a prayerful space to begin to explore together how we can bring about this vision of Church in our lives and in our local faith community

BALTINGLASS LIBRARY EVENT

Tuesday 24th November 19.45 - 22.00 - Baltinglass Film Club showing a 2025 **British comedy-drama**. Described by one critic as "*A big consoling hug of a movie*" All Welcome For details phone 059 648

NEWSLETTER

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

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9.30am – 1pm
Tues. & Thurs. 9.30am – 1pm
& 1.30pm – 2.30pm

STRATFORD/GRANGECON GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
13, 18, 28, 29
No Jackpot Winner
2 Match 3 Winners - €100 each
William Couglan, James Crampton
Sellers Prize: Colette Bollard
Next Week's Jackpot €20,000.

BALTINGLASS GAA LOTTO



Winning Numbers
12, 14, 22, 30
No Jackpot Winner
5 Match 3 Winners - €60 each
Willie Heffernan, Niall Doogue, Niall Salmon, Danielle Leigh, Michael O'Brien
Next Week's Jackpot €20,000.

BALTINGLASS ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our **Christmas Party**, for local non-member-Seniors, and Active Retirement members will take place in Germaine's on Wed. 9th December at 1pm. Tickets €30. And available from Mary on 087 299 9571 or 086 062 9435.

Windfall Raffle for Active Retirement Ireland: All **remaining ticket stubs must be returned please at November meeting**, for this official Raffle.
Collection for Charity called **" In their Shoes"**: Members are invited to contribute items at our November meeting, such as scarves, hats, gloves, warm clothes, toiletries, toys, or donations for McDonalds Vouchers, please. Kindly indicate whether the gift is suitable for Male or Female or Children.

A Crime Prevention Officer will address the next meeting **which takes** place on Wednesday 25th November at 3pm in Germaines. In preparation for our January AGM, nominations for election of Officers and Committee will be requested at this meeting.

CAROLS IN THE WOODS

will take place on Saturday 5th December at 4.30 pm (weather dependent) in the Lord's Wood, Baltinglass. A beautiful candlelit walk through the woods while listening to or joining in some festive Carols. Bring a torch. Hot drinks and mince pies to follow. All are welcome and donations will go to St Vincent de Paul. Please note there will be no parking in the Lord's Wood Car Park, but parking is available along the N81 by the cattle mart. Organised by Baltinglass Tidy Towns.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
LIVING WELL EXPO 2026 FOR OLDER PEOPLE

will take place Wednesday, 25 November at Mount Wolseley Hotel, Tullow, from 9.30am to 1pm. This event will bring together a wide range of local organisations and services that support older people to live well, stay connected and remain active in their communities. Meet local service providers, discover community supports, explore health, wellbeing and active ageing opportunities, learn about transport, housing, digital skills and more. Free admission. Everyone welcome. The Expo is open to older people, their families, carers, friends and anyone interested in learning more about the services and opportunities available to support positive ageing.



Weekend Collections
14th & 15th November
Off. €880. Dev. €1,880.
Many thanks to all who contributed.

ADVENT MORNING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Focussing on the deeper meaning of Christmas. **Venue:** Teach Bhríde, Tullow on Saturday 28th November. **Facilitators:** The Brigidine Sisters- Sr Teresa Carter & Sr Teresa Phelan. RSVP on 083 392 8708 by Thursday 26th November. Suggested donation is €15 which includes lunch.

OPEN INVITATION TO ADVENT MONDAYS

Monday, 30 November 2026
Roisín Pye-Alexander (Trócaire)
Walking Gently on the Earth: How faith and ecology go hand-in-hand
Monday, 07 December 2026
Dr. Amelia Fleming - *Women in the Bible: Mary and Elizabeth*
Monday, 14 December 2026
Dr Noel Keating - *Silence is God's First Language: Rediscovering Contemplative Prayer* @7:30 pm each evening in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre
Monday, 21 December 2026 *Advent Penitential Service* @7:30 pm in the Cathedral

APA (A PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA)

Trift Charity Shop Hacketstown Road, Carlow are having a Pop up shop, with compliments of the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow for 3 days. Running from 23rd to 25th November from10 am to 10 pm each day. Gift wrapped presents, Clothing, lamps, Pictures and other treasures. All Proceeds go to the poorest of the poor in Ethiopia and Tanzania.

BALTINGLASS MEN'S SHED

Are holding a Sale of Work on the 28th November between 10am – 1pm. Your support would be appreciated.

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

is now taking enrolments for September 2027. For more information please see the school website; www.bigstonens.ie or email the school at office@bigstonens.ie or phone 059 9161171.

Anniversaries for Week Ending
14th & 15th November 2026

Ballymurphy: Anniversary Mass:
Lizzie Roche (nee Hickey) Rocksavage

Rathanna: Anniversary Mass:
Special Intention

Borris: First Anniversary Mass
Jimmy & Christina Nolan Tinnecarrig

We also remember…

Paddy Doyle Carrignafecka
Jim Fogarty Seskin
Ned Doran Coonogue & deceased members of the Doran family
Michael Murphy Coonogue
William Byrne Cournellan
Mary McGee Ballybrack
James & Johanna Brennan Kilcoltrim
Jack & Annie Regan Main Street Borris
Paudie Redmond Brook Lodge
Betty & May Rennicks Edenderry

Danny Kelly Coppenagh whose funeral took place yesterday/Saturday in Ballymurphy

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

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

Important November Dates

Mass of the Holy Angels

Will be celebrated this **Wednesday evening, 18th November**, to remember all deceased children of the parish, those who died young, in infancy and before birth. All are welcome.

No Wednesday Morning Mass This Week

Mass for those who Died during the Year

Wednesday 25th November 7.30pm
Sacred Heart Church Borris

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

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**
Mass in Duiske Abbey at 11.00am

Monday to Friday: **Mass in Duiske Abbey at 10am**

St. Mullins Mass Times 2026

Mass Times for the Year 2026

Saturday Night Mass: **Drummond at 7.00pm**

Sunday Mass: **Glynn at 10am**
Holyday of Obligation Mass: **Drummond at 10am**
Wednesday Mass: **Drummond at 9.30am**

Thursday: **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
2.00pm Drummond

Drummond Church is open daily for private visits.

Paulstown Mass Times

Saturday: **Mass in Goresbridge at 7.30pm**

Sunday: **Mass in Goresbridge at 10.00am**
Mass in Paulstown at 11.30am

Do you have a Notice for the Parish News?

If your group / club / organisation has a notice that they wish to be included in the Parish News please forward the details to borrisparish@gmail.com by 12 noon on Thursdays for inclusion in the following week's edition.

The Parish News can be found on the Parish Website www.borrisparish.ie and on various local Facebook pages. Inclusion in the Parish News is at the discretion of the editor.

Fr Rory

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

Get 7-day access to your local library, 8am to 10pm!

My Open Library is the self-service initiative that lets you use library facilities beyond regular opening hours from 8am to 10pm, seven days a week! At participating libraries during these times, you can Borrow and return books; Read and Study in a quiet space; Access Wi-Fi and computers; Print, scan and photocopy; Use meeting Spaces

My Open Library operates 365 days a year and operates in Tullow, Bagenalstown & Borris Library Branches.

For more info: Drop in to Borris Library
Or contact us on 059 9170350

Radio Maria Ireland

Radio Maria Ireland is a Catholic Radio Station. It offers prayers, teachings, and music to deepen one's faith, and encourages us to keep growing in the faith on a daily basis.

We broadcast 24/7, on three pillars being that of

1. Prayer & Catechesis,
2. Music
3. Human Formation.

Further information can be found on www.radiomaria.ie.

You can listen to Radio Maria:

1. via Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210
2. Download our FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"
3. Streaming on our WEBSITE - www.radiomaria.ie
4. Via our 'Listen Live Radio' link on our Facebook Page.
5. Via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).
6. Via DAB Radio in Leinster area (including our area)

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Carlow
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Assisting people in dealing with their depts, mortgage arrears and helping them manage their resources. MABS offers free Dept Relief Advice under Personal Insolvency options. Money Management Sessions provided for Transition/Leaving Cert Students and Community Groups.

Carlow County Council Register of Electors

Even if you receive a polling card, you now need to add your PPSN, date of birth and Eircode to the register.

You can update your details at checktheregister.ie or by paper form.

If you need assistance, Carlow County Council Register Staff will be happy to help you on:

059 9170332 / 059 9170308 / 059 9172448
or email: register@carlowcoco.ie

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 Constituency office on 059-9170754
or email jennifer.murnaneoconnor@oireachtas.ie

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:

Share your experiences. Meet with family members in similar situations and who 'get it'. Receive support that will support you to look at practical solutions and effective responses learning how caring for yourself can support the whole family.

Contract 085-7872730 or 086-6045805 for details

SUPPORT FOR YOURSELF CAN HELP THE WHOLE FAMILY

Communityhub.ie

Community Hub is a free service to community groups in your area. It allows for community groups to share what is going on, but also see what is going on around them also.

"Community Groups Register your group for free today at communityhub.ie to list your upcoming events and notices in a dedicated space where local people can easily find you."

The Living Well Expo 2026 for Older People

The Living well expo 2026 will take place on Wednesday, 25th November 2026 at the Mount Wolseley Hotel, from 9.30am to 1.00pm.

This free community event will bring together a wide range of local organisations and services that support older people to live well, stay connected and remain active in their communities.

✅ Meet local service providers

✅ Discover community supports

✅ Explore health, wellbeing and active ageing opportunities

✅ Learn about transport, housing, digital skills and more

🎟️ **Free admission - Everyone welcome**

The Expo is open to older people, their families, carers, friends and anyone interested in learning more about the services and opportunities available to support positive ageing.

Accent Dance School

Every Thursday at 6.30pm in Borris Town all



Readings for…
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th November 2026

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff; her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands, you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.
Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Indeed, thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!
Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

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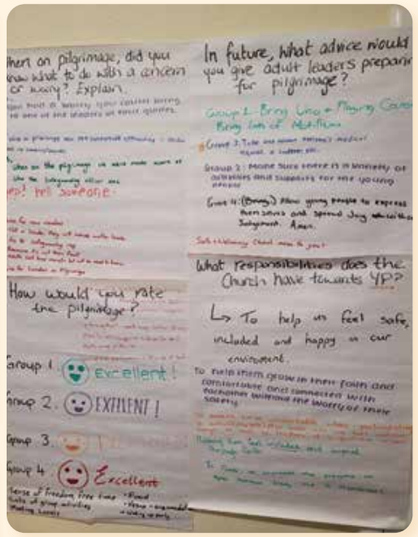



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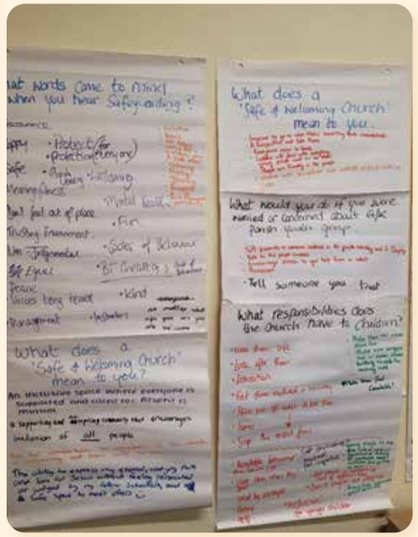



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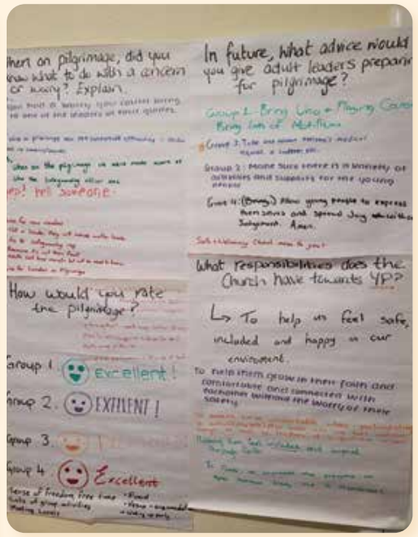



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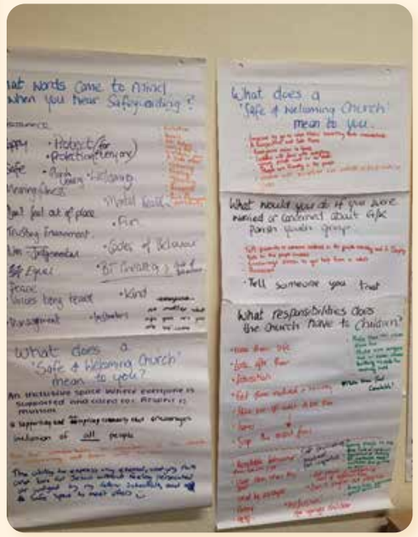



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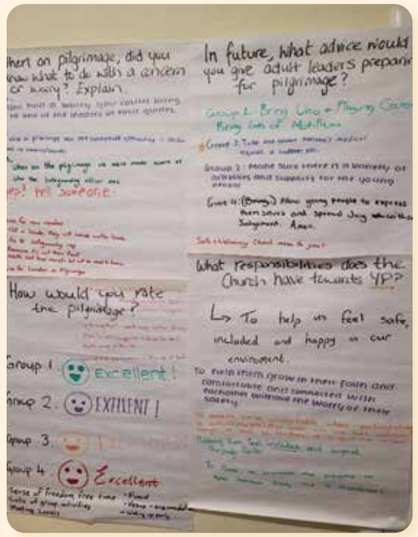



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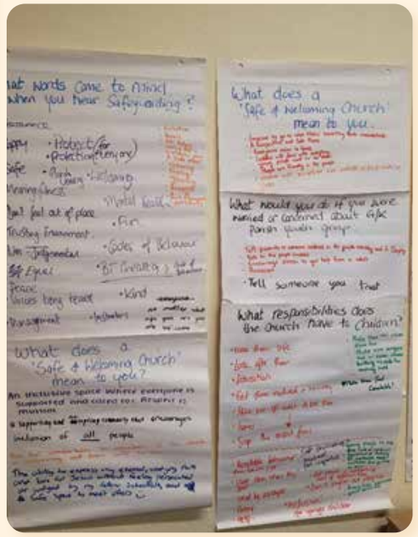



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Flower Club Christmas Gala Event

Carlow Flower Club will hold their Christmas Gala Demonstration "Celebrating the Festive Season" at 8.00pm on Tuesday, 24th November, in The Woodford Dolmen Hotel Carlow. Demonstration By Bernadette Scanlon AOIFA Teacher Judge and Demonstrator. Mulled wine and mince pies on arrival. Entrance Fee €15 in support of AOIFA nominated charity "Breast Cancer Ireland". Arrangements will be raffled on the night. All welcome

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Please Remember in your Prayers

Seamus Timmons, Oak Hill, Palatine Road

Lord, comfort all Seamus' loved ones.

Vigil for Victims and Survivors of Domestic Abuse

You are invited to participate in a vigil to remember the Victims and Survivors of Domestic Abuse on Thursday,0 3rd December, at 5.30pm., The Exchange, Potatoe Market

This event is open to the public so please share with colleagues, friends, family, and service users.

We look forward to meeting you there!

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World Youth Day Seoul 2027

Join Bishop Denis on this once in a lifetime pilgrimage in South Korea. Young people from all over the world will gather with Pope Leo for a week of prayer, reflection, and a celebration of our faith. If you are aged between 19 and 30 and interested in this trip, contact the Cathedral Parish Office.

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Bake/Craft Sale

Sunday, 6thDec, Askea Parish Centre, 9am until 3pm. Raffle. All children must be accompanied by an adult

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The Living Well Expo 2026 for Older People

Carlow Older Person's Living Well Expo on Wednesday, 25th November, from 9.30am to 1pm at Mount Wolseley Hotel. A free event bringing local service providers together to offer advice and supports on health and wellbeing, active ageing, hobbies and social activities, home safety & security, the new Warmer Home scheme and enhanced SEAI Grants.

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Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat 11th-13th December 2026

Calling all young people aged 16–35!

Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare.

This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included.

Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome.

To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

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Slí an Chroi Advent Retreat, 27-29 November

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.

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BUMPER CHRISTMAS BINGO
SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 3:00PM
YOUTH CENTRE



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Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Jackpot Sunday 22nd November 2026

€9,000

Numbers drawn on 15th November

14-22-29-30

3 Match 3 winners share €500

Our Faithful Departed……

Paddy McManmon, Loughbollard, Clane
Vera McGrath (née McManamon) Abbey Park, Clane
Nora Doyle, Richardstown

…may they rest in peace, Amen

Masses for the Week

Clane

Sat 21st November	6.30pm	Colm Connolly (Months Mind), Fergal Noonan, Conor Garrigan, Paddy, Brigid & Thomas Baker and all Members of the Baker Family, Donal Doolan, John Mitchell, Josephine Nilan, John Christansen, Frank Killaly
Sunday 22nd Nov	9.30am	Michael O'Donoghue Jr.
	11.30am	Kathleen Marron, Jan Cykowiak, John Burns, Gerty Killick, Mary Eustace, Henry & Darren Mitchell, Kathleen Cody Duggan
Tuesday 24th Nov	10.00am	People Of The Parish
Wed 25th Nov	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Thu 26th November	10.00am	Michael Gill, Deceased Members of The Mens Shed
Friday 27th Nov	10.00am	Michael Duffy
Sat 28th November	6.30pm	Ray Lazenby (1st anniv), Betty Jordan (1st anniv), Eimear Fogarty, Inez Connolly, Kathleen & Bill Merriman, Mick Slevin, Johnny Gartland
Sunday 29th Nov	9.30am	Peter Gartside
	11.30am	Maureen Madden (1st anniv), Davis Manjaly, William & Liam Kenny, Brid Costello

Rathcoffey

Sunday 22nd Nov	10.30am	May & Thomas Coyne, Hugh & Bernadine O'Connor, Thomas & Kathleen Brennan
Sunday 29th Nov	10.30am	Daragh Connolly (1st anniv)

	Sat 28th 6.30 pm Clane	Sunday 29th 9.30am Clane	Sunday 29th 11.30am Clane	Sunday 29th 10.30am Rathcoffey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Teresa Grace Elizabeth Behan Padraig Carbury Diarmuid Coonan	Charlotte Hackett Oriana Hackett Jenny Remo Matthew Cribbin	Margaret Maguire Colette O'Byrne Sean O'Hara Rose Sullivan	Siobhán McCrystal Brendan Travers
Ministers of the Word	John Farrelly Faye Miller	Anthony Marron Christopher Morrin	Claire McManus Crainie Padraig McEvoy	Ray Barry
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

Feast Of Christ The King 22nd November 2026 Book Page 95
Charity Number 20015848
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

Praying with the Angels and Saints

These agents of God are found throughout scripture. God uses them as messengers to deliver guidance, warning and comfort.
"Now get yourselves ready. I'm sending my Angel ahead of you", comments the book of Exodus 23:20, "to guard you in your travels, to lead you to the place that I've prepared. Pay close attention to him".

Angels sometimes appear as ordinary people, as in the three men who appeared to Abraham and Sarah in their desert tent. They realised they were angels only when they had left (Gen 18). This can happen for us as the poet Mary Oliver points out: "you might see an angel anytime and anywhere".

They also appear in visions, for example, the angel who spoke to Joseph in a dream (Matthew 1:20). We pray to the angels for guidance, comfort and protection.

To our Guardian Angel
Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day (or night) be at my side,
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

Our Parish Lotto Jackpot now stands at €10,000!
Play online Clane Parish Lotto (www.claneparish.com/play-lotto/) or Tickets from the Parish Shop or your local Promoter.

PARISH LOTTO DRAW
Sponsored by
Sherry FitzGerald Reilly, Clane

Tuesday 17th November 2026

5, 7, 22, 31

No winner of Jackpot
3 x €50 Winners
Liam O'Shea, Mary Boland,
Donal O'Brien

Promoters Draw
2 x €50 prize winners
Peter Sheridan, Mags Brilly

Next week's Jackpot:

€ 10,000

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 23rd - St. Columban, Carlow
Tuesday 24th- St. Colman, Cork
Wednesday 25th– St. Catherine, Egypt
Friday 27th– St. Fergal, Laois

Thanks to all who supported the Church Door Collection for the Altar Society last weekend. The total collected was €985
Your Generosity was much appreciated.

Public Rosary
28th November at 3pm at The Abbey
All Welcome. Prayer sheets provided.

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.

Congratulations to our recent Weddings in The Parish

- Micheal Cahalan & Sarah Carter
- Mark Barnwell & Aoife Byrne

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 25th
Continuing for 5 weeks in the New Year.
Time: 7.30-9pm
Venue: Parish Hall, Clane
All are welcome!
Register your interest by contacting the Parish Office on 045-861 393

Thought for the Week
Christianity - An ethical summons to the other.

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

Basket	€ 2,102.81
Envelopes	€ 961.24

Men's Clothes collection for The Alice Leahy Trust
on **Saturday December 5th** from 9am to 11am at The Suaimhneas Centre, Main Street, Clane
Clean: T-shirts, Trousers, Shirts, Jumpers, Shoes, Casual Jackets. Must be in very good condition.
Thank you.

Join us for **Christmas Carols by Candlelight**
at Prosperous Church
Wednesday 16th December 7.30pm
Admission free. All Welcome!

Living Well EXPO 2026 For Older People
Mount Wolseley Hotel, Tullow
Wednesday 25th November 2026, 9.30am-1pm
Free Admission

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
Director of Pilgrimage at Our Lady's Island.
Jim uses his amazing wood carvings to explore core human issues - if you have not yet experienced his unique healing workshops, do not miss this opportunity.
He is a psychotherapist whose special interest is exploring how the past that is unacknowledged can still influence the present both at personal and ancestral level.
Donations welcome to cover costs.
Contact Bryan: 087-355 4414

Parish Safeguarding Representatives
Fr Paul O'Boyle, Sean O'Hara, Aisling Behan
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person
Ailish Higgins dlp@kandle.ie 085 802 1633

St. Vincent De Paul (svp.ie)

Annual Church Gate Collection will be held before and after all Masses on 5th/6th December.
There are a number of ways to donate:

1. Online through AIB
IBAN: IE55AIBK93323604233076
BIC: AIBKIE2D

2. By Phone: 0818 176 176
(Please state you wish to donate to Clane/ Rathcoffey Conference account)

3. QR Code which will be on collection posters at all Masses

Contact phone no. SVP Clane
085-7454 853
All funds raised are distributed to families and individuals in our local community.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.
Every human life is your gift to the world.
Each person is unique, with a task you have entrusted to them alone. Help us always to promote the basic rights of all, and to recognise that we are all parts of one body, dependent on one another, and called to share a common life.
Amen.

For more information
WWW.CLANEPARISH.COM
WWW.RATHCOFFEYPARISH.COM
WWW.KANDLE.IE (Diocesan website)

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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.

It makes me feel part of the Community.

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

I enjoy helping with the Confirmation kids, because I remember what it is like to make my Confirmation.

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
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.

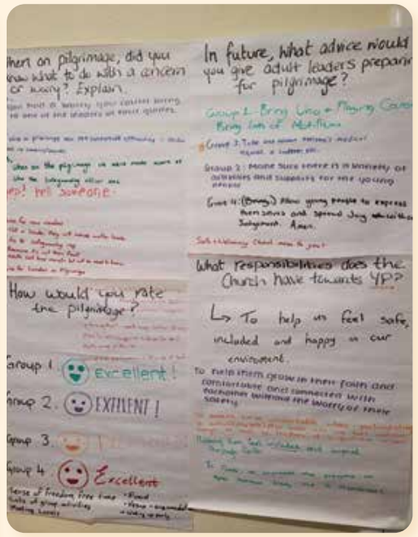
Special thanks to the National Board for organising and hosting the event.



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.



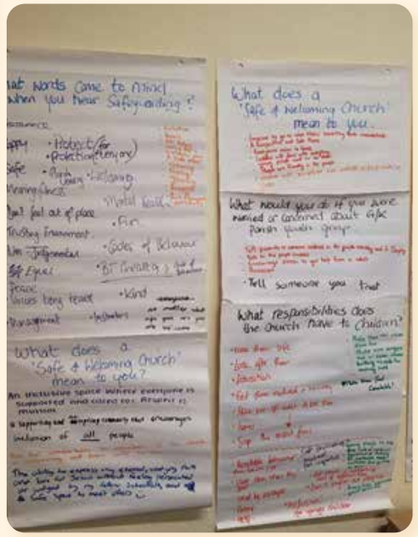




Youth Pilgrimage to Rome



John Paul II Awards





Clane Confirmation class



Amadeus



Christmas

Parish Newsletter

22/11/2026

Christ the King

Anniversaries: With love we remember

Saturday 21st November, Ballyconnell 7.30

Patrick & Margaret Hennessy, Raheen, Mai Coleman, Ballykilduff & deceased members of the O'Brien Family. Dan & Bridget Quinn, Knockeen.

Sunday 22nd November, Kilquiggan 9.00

Patrick & Anastasia Keogh, Myles Keogh Senior & Myles Junior & Claire Keogh, Killinure, Nuala & Jimmy O Brien, Shillelagh.

Sunday 22nd November, Clonmore 10.30

Seamus & Betty Doyle, 1 School Road, Clonmore.
Peter, Pete, James & Margaret Keegan, Clonmore.

Friday 29th of November, Killinure 7.30

Marian, Breda, Eileen, Dolores, Patrick, John & William O'Neill, Killinure.

Saturday 28th November, Ballyconnell 7.30

Sean & Phyllis Byrne, Coolkenno.

Sunday 29th December, Kilquiggan 9.00

Nick & Breda Byrne, Seskin.

Weekday Mass Schedule for the coming week

There will be no Mass on Wednesday morning in Ballyconnell. There will be mass on Friday evening in Killinure at 7.30.

Collections: 14th & 15th of November

Baskets: €465. Envelopes: €440. Envelopes returned: 69. Bingo €755, Next weeks jackpot €750.

Coolkenno GAA: Numbers 5-10-17-32.
Jackpot Winner of €17,000, Congratulations Conchur Caomhanach!
This week's jackpot. €3,000: Next Draw: 23rd of November in The Dying Cow. Lucky Dip winners: Eoin Rossiter, Ann Byrne, Susanne O'Sullivan & Catriona Dolan.

Parish/Diocesan Lotto: Numbers 4-14-21-27. No jackpot winner, Next week's jackpot €17,00.
18 match 3 winners €56 each.

Carlow Older Persons Living Well Expo

Hosted by Carlows Older People Council.
Expo will be held on Wednesday the 25th of November, from 9.30am to 1pm at Mount Wolseley Hotel, Tullow. A free event bringing local service providers together to offer advice and supports on health and wellbeing, active ageing, hobbies and social activities, home safety & security, the new Warmer Home scheme and enhanced SEAI Grants, All welcome.

Parish Office opening hours for the coming week:
Tuesday & Friday 10.30 to 1.30.

Parish Priest. Fr. John: 086-2403787
frjohn51@gmail.com

Parish Secretary's:
Rosemary & Margaret: 059-9156890
Clonmoreoffice.parish@gmail.com

Parish Newsletter

Items for our Parish Newsletter should be sent to the following email address:
Margaret.clonmoreparish@gmail.com before Thursday midday.

Donate Button

There is now a way to donate on our Church Cam.
1. Log into churchcamlive.ie
2.Viewstreams
3.In the search box go in to 'Clonmore Parish' and then the donate button.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 22nd of November, Bingo in Ballyconnell Hall at 8pm. The Jackpot will by €750 if you check in 45 numbers. Also check on 13 and win €275.

Tuesday 24th 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 every Tuesday 7.30pm – 8.30pm. All welcome.

Annual Christmas Concert

Regina Hanley & the Wolseley Singers and Special Guests.
Sunday 6th Of December at 3pm
Austin Suite, Mount Wolseley Hotel, Tullow
Adults €20, Childres (under 12) €5, Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) €45
Online booking fees apply.
Book your tickets online
www.tickettailor.com/events/thewolseleysingers/2479673
Tickets also available at the door, subject to availability.
Proudly supporting Clonmore Cancer & Medical Trust.

Thought for the week

May grant you always…. A sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you, A sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you. Laughter to cheer you, Faithful friends near you. And whenever you pray, Heaven to hear you.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

Lotto Draw for 11th November

Numbers Drawn 14 - 20 - 26 - 27

No €16,000 Jackpot Winner

13 match 3's won €77. No local winners

Next Weeks Jackpot will be €17

Thanks for participation & good luck!!!



Weekday Mass Reader

Week starting 16th November: Martina Egan

Readers of the Liturgy

Sat 21st Nov Philip Brady & Mary Foley

Sun 22nd Nov Gerry Raleigh & Sheila Cleary

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 21st Nov Nathalie Leeper Murphy, Teresa Naughton, Niamh Staunton & Bernadette McKeon

Sun 22nd Nov Colisa Halligan, Reggie Rowe, Christy Pentony & Elaine Farrell

Ofalia House Colisa Halligan

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 in the Charleville Centre, Church Road, Tullamore, R35H660.

Guest Speaker – Patsy Fitzsimons, Decision Support Service

Sponsor a Light on our Christmas Tree

Sponsoring a light on our Christmas tree has become a beautiful community tradition for Edenderry to honour a loved one, share an intention, or offer a prayer during the festive season.

We are delighted to share that our Christmas tree will be officially lit up on the night of our Parish Carol Service on Sunday, 6th December, filling our church with light, music, and prayerful remembrance.

You can sponsor a Christmas bulb now by calling into the Parish Office. Every light will bring a warm glow to St. Mary's Church throughout the Christmas season.

Whether near or far from home this Christmas, let us light up St. Mary's together with love, memory, and hope.

Christmas Mass cards

We have a large selection of signed Christmas Mass Card Bouquets available in the Parish Office

For your attention!! - Mass times will change from 2nd of January 2027. Saturday evening Mass will now take place at 7.15pm and Sunday morning 10.15

Pastoral Care for the Sick

If you or someone you know is sick, housebound, or in hospital and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please let us know. Our parish team is always privileged to bring the comfort, healing & peace of Christ to those who are facing illness or are unable to attend Mass.

To Arrange a Visit: Please contact the Parish Office during the week at 089 209 1432.

Hospital Stays: If a loved one is in the hospital, please notify the parish office directly or ask the hospital nursing staff to contact the on-duty Catholic Chaplain.

Baptism

We extend our warmest welcome and congratulations to all the children recently baptised in our parish.
We especially welcome Anna Jean Shanley & Rua Brendan Dempsey who was baptised last weekend

Christmas Remembrance List

This Christmas let us remember our dearly departed close in prayer.

We are now compiling our 2026 Christmas Remembrance List. To have your deceased loved ones and family members included in all our Masses this Christmas. Please drop their names into the Parish Office. All names will be placed in the "Sanctuary Area" behind the altar to be prayed for throughout the entire Christmas period.

The 24-hour Adoration takes place in the Nun's Chapel on the last Friday/Saturday of each month. We are looking for two volunteers to cover 1am to 2am Saturday morning.

If you are interested in spending one hour with Jesus, phone 086 844 7326

Do you know? Your Church Donation Could be Worth More!

If you are a taxpayer and donate €250 or more to the parish during the year, the parish may be able to claim tax back from Revenue at no extra cost to you.

Donations can include weekend collection, priest collections, special collection and other parish contributions.

Simply leave you name, address and PPS number with the parish office.

All information will be treated with confidence.

Thank you for your continued Support to our parish

Weekend 7th/8th November

Offertory Collection	**€2,613**
Online Donations	**€56**
Tap & Go	**€127**

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 14th/15th November



ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 7.00pm: Months Mind Mass for Helen Fryday; Months Mind Mass for Frank 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; Ben Nolan

Sunday 10.00am: REMEMBRANCE MASS - for all who have died in our parish from Nov 2025 until Nov 2026

Monday 9.15am: Mass Card Bouquets

Tuesday 9.15am: Retired & deceased workers & their families of the former Croghan Briquette factory, remembering those who died in the past year, Mick Johnson, Mick Yates, Des Kennedy, Brian Smyth & Gilbert McDonnell

Wednesday 9.15am: November List of the Dead

Thursday 9.15am: S.O.W. November List of the Dead

Friday 9.15am: November List of the Dead

Saturday 7.00pm: Months Mind Mass for Oisin McDevitt; Tony Maher; Mick Moore, Carrick Hill, 1st Anniversary; Alice Morrissey; Eileen McGrath; Dolores McCarthy; Pat Cullen, 2nd anniversary; Sean Mock Davy, 6th anniversary & his grandson Baby Bobby Kerrigan; Rosario Davy, her son Alan & deceased members of the Davy & Bruntz families; Sadie Carroll; Gerald Foley; Harry McDonagh

Sunday 10.00am: Months Mind Mass for Sean Corcoran; Phil & Kitty Quinlan; Edward & Ann Foran, their sons Peter & Bernard, daughters Mary Bridget, Margaret & Josie; Tim Leech Killane; Liam Williams; Dessie O'Neill

This weekend's anniversary
Months Mind Mass for Gerry Smullen

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

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Mass Of Remembrance 2026

November is a special month in the Church calendar when we pause to remember and honour all those who have gone before us.

This Sunday, our parish community will gather for our annual Mass of Remembrance to pray in a special way for all who have died from our parish over the past twelve months, as well as those from the parish who have family living here in our community.

g the Mass, their names will be read aloud, and a candle will be lit in their memory as a symbol ist's light and our enduring love.

rmly welcome all families and friends of the deceased to join us, along with the wider parish unity. Coming together in prayer is a meaningful way to support our bereaved families and let now that their loved ones remain in the heart and prayers of our parish family.

l rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Join us on Sunday, 6th December at 6pm for our Carol Service with St. Mary's Choir and the Sanctuary Choir, followed by the lighting of our churchyard Christmas Memory Tree by local community champion Shane Loughlin

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

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of
Michael (Mick) Mullen &
Philomena Conlon (née Gill)
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





MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

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)
		James & Anne Kenny (Anniv) & remembering their son Pat & all deceased family members
	12 noon	Ann Lannery (1st Anniv)
		James & Margaret Hayden (Anniv)
		Michael & Eileen Devine (Anniv); remembering their sons Johnny & Oliver & their daughter Anne
Mon, 16th Nov	10am	Shared Mass for the Living **Adoration 10.30oam – 11.30am**
Tue, 17th Nov	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 18th Nov	10am	Eileen Foley (Recently Deceased)
Thu, 19th Nov	10am	Patrick, Kevin, Margaret & Maurice Roche, Highfield (Anniv) **Adoration 6.30pm – 7.30pm**
Fri, 20th Nov	10am	Parish List of the Dead
Sat, 21st Nov	6pm	Patrick Scully, Courtown Park (5th Anniv)
		Brigid Weldon, Laragh (Anniv)
		Michaela Logan (Anniv) & remembering her grandfather & her aunt Ellen
		Nicholas Brady (Anniv); remembering his wife Martha & son Nicholas & all deceased family members
Sun, 22nd Nov	9am	Pat O'Brien, Boycetown (17th Anniv)
		Betty Lynch, Courtown Park (Birthday Remembrance)
	12 noon	Neville Bird, Main St (Anniv) & remembering his brothers
		Michael & Mamie Murphy, Branganstown (Anniv)
		Aleamma Chacko (Anniv)

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

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)
Sun, 22nd Nov	10.30am	Joseph Sheridan (Anniv) & remembering his son Paddy (6th Anniv)
		Kathleen Gannon (10th Anniv); remembering Andrew, Bridget, Andrew Jnr. & Anthony & all deceased family members
		Mary Fahey (Anniv); remembering her husband Michael, Bob & Ciss Needham, Peter & Tom Halligan;

PARISH LOTTO
TUE, 10th NOV 2026

Lotto Nos. 6 – 15 – 25 – 29

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €14,500**

(3x€50 Winners): Pat Brady, Martina Doyle, Joe McFadden.

(Promoters): Paddy Malone, Rosie Duff.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH G.A.A. LOTTO
TUE, 10th NOV 2026

Lotto Nos. 3 – 35 – 36

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €3,000**

(5x€20 Winners): KM Sheds, Niamh Mullally, Catherine Mullally, Chloe Faherty, Michelle Mooney.

Thank you for your continued support.

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, 8th NOV 2026

Lotto Nos. 20 – 21 – 24 – 32

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €20,000**

(5x€25 Winners): John Montague, Dermot Devoy, Ber Holton, John Ryan, Orla Byrne.

(Promoters): Martin Kiely, Bar Staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Dev. Fund: 8th Nov. €1,592.00; Offertory Collection: €1,150.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected & counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 15th 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 – John O'Malley; Sun 9am – Philomena Obasi; 12 noon – Sarah Panakal.

Newtown – Sun 10.30am – Mary Doherty.

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 – Mary Murray & Beatrice Mallon.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Brian Tuohy (RIP), Kingsbry, Maynooth, father of Fiona, Bakers Walk, whose funeral took place on Friday last. May he rest in peace.

Never trouble another for what you can do yourself!

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What does God desire of us? This simple question is perhaps not asked frequently enough! It can be made quite personal: *what does God want of me, from me*? In the end, the answer has to be-in the words of the song- "*all that I am*" precisely because God loves all that I am. This will mean allowing ourselves to be loved. It will also mean responding with my whole self, including all the gifts of body, mind and soul that God has bestowed upon me. In the end, God does hope that we may be and become our true selves. Nothing less is adequate to God's own love of us.

The scripture readings for this weekend, emphasise fidelity and dedication to duty and work. It is more blessed to give: talents and gifts are given for the service of the community. The Christian is to be fully dedicated to working in service of others while watching and waiting for the life to come. There is always so much good to be done for others and so little time in which to do it!

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: "I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place."

Responsorial Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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.

When we lose someone we love, the loss seems too great to bear,
God sends us friends to comfort us, to show that He deeply cares.
But in the dark hours of night, when there's nobody else around;
When we feel the saddest and loneliest, it is there God's love can be found.
It's like a soothing, healing balm, to soothe our broken hearts,
The healing oil poured over us that flows into every part.
We can rest secure in God's love and know He's by our side,
He holds us when we feel as though a part of us has died.
We can know that God will listen when we just want to talk,
Ane when we feel the need to cry, we can share it with the Lord.
For He is always waiting there, ready with arms open wide,
As we pour out the hurt within, He pours His love inside.
Our Father above loves us so much and will never leave us alone,
He will not forsake us in our need, to face this on our own.
He comforts us and strengthens us and rubs us with His balm,
And as the dawn breaks through the night, we'll awake in His loving arms.

AFTERGLOW

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd love to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughter and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun,
Of the happy memories that I leave, when life on earth is done.

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

PARISH NEWSLETTER Parish Radio Link 106.6FM

22nd November 2026 **Fr. Yohan Fernando Phone 045 878008 / 085 8116350** **Issue 1755**

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

Christ The King

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the following who have died and whose Funeral Masses took place this week in St. Brigid's Church, Kill.
Carmel Hadnett, Kill Village, Funeral Mass Thursday, burial in St. Corban's Cemetery, Naas.
Raymund (Ray) O'Connor, Oughterard, Straffan, Funeral Mass Friday, burial in St. Corban's Cemetery.
Anna Barrett, The Gables, Kill, Funeral Mass Saturday, burial in St. Corban's Cemetery, Naas.
We also pray for **Mary O'Donovan,** Whitethorn Grove, who has died and whose Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 24th Nov at 10am in Kill Church, burial in St. Corbans Cemetery, Naas

May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Marie Broderick; James Ashe; Pauline Kilcullen; Jack & Bridget Davis; Thomas Buggle; Sarah Smullen; Margaret & John McKenna; Tommy & Michél McKenna; Geraldine Agnew; David Cambie; Kathleen Moran; James & Donegan; Jim Byrne; Arthur & Sadie O'Rourke.

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 FLAG DAY: Thank you to the community for the generous support of our upcoming Christmas dinner in Kill GAA Hall on 6th December. The €585 collected is greatly appreciated.

KILL SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY: All senior citizens welcome to attend the annual Christmas Dinner in Kill G.A.A. (by kind permission) on Sunday 6th December at 1pm. **Please submit names to parish office by1st Dec**

MISSION COLLECTION: A total of €2,695 was forwarded this week from the parish.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: Basket €1,028. Envelope Collection €1,170. Sincere thanks.

BALLYCANE CHOIR CONCERT : Annual Concert this Sunday 22nd Nov from 6.30pm to 8pm in Ballycane Church, Naas. We will perform songs and hymns we love to sing throughout the year. Admission free. Donations welcome.

KILL HISTORY GROUP: Next meeting will take place on Monday 23rd Nov at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Topic: "*The Bones at Gallows Glen*" . Speaker: Dr John Kehoe. All welcome.

KILL GAA LOTTO: 16th Nov 2026. Winning no's 10, 12, 23, 26. No Jackpot Winner. Two lucky dip winners: Joe Egan & Nadia Buckley.

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 2
READERS FOR NEXT WEEK:
Saturday at 6.30pm: Mary Cocoman
Sunday at 11a.m: Antoinette Agnew

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: John O'Connell
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Sunday at 9.30am: Olive Walsh

Ardclough Community Council invites you to the **turning on of the Christmas Lights.** Gathering for refreshments and Christmas spirit in the Ardclough Village Centre from 6pm on Friday 4th Dec with Lights set to turn on at 6:30pm. All welcome

Ardclough Community Council Pub Quiz to raise funds in support of local community initiatives.Takes place.in Ardclough GAA on Sat 5th December at 8pm. All welcome to this fun-filled evening.

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NEWSLETTER

22nd November 2026 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - KING OF THE UNIVERSE:

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:

RAHEEN: SATURDAY 6.30pm

Kathleen Hamilton, Geashill. ***Months Mind***

Seamus Ennis, Cloneygowan. ***1st Anniv.***

Seán, Concepta, Carmel & Luke Henchy, Ard.

Mairead & Joe McKenna, Newtown &

Deceased Family.

BALLINAGAR: SUNDAY 10.00am

Mary Dunne, Knock.

Pat & Mary Geoghegan, Ballinagar &

Their Son Pat.

Barney Aspell, Killelary & Deceased Family

KILLEIGH: SUNDAY 11.30am

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

Eamon Purcell, Reary, Rosenallis.

Months Mind.

Jim Digan, Killurin.

John & Elizabeth Arnold, Ballyaville.

Peter & Mary Flanagan, Meelaghans &

Their Daughters May, Nellie & Brigid & Son Jimmie & Deceased Family.

Edward & Mary Poland, Hawkswood & their Son Raymond &

Brigid & Michael Poland.

John & Brigid Wright, their Son Johnny, Daughter Ellen & her Husband

Vincent Reddin & their Son Niall.

This Week in Killeigh at 10.00am

Thursday & Friday.

MASSES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

RAHEEN: SATURDAY 6.30pm

Quintin Pierce, Clara & Ballydownan.

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

1st Anniv.

Paula Tracey, Cloneygowan.

Elizabeth (Betty) & Walter (Wally) Byrne, Bogtown.

Bridget & David Cox, Cloneygowan.

BALLINAGAR: SUNDAY 10.00am

Margaret Seery, Ballinagar.

KILLEIGH: SUNDAY 11.30am

Cathy Lynch, Aghanrush. ***Months Mind.***

Mary, Seán & Patsy Walsh, Killeigh.

Peter & Mary Kelly, Cloncon &

Patrick & Kathleen Kelly, Cloncon.

Desmond Whyte, Killurin.

Ministers of Holy Eucharist Next Week:-

Raheen Sat: Carolina von Ow/Gretta Clear

Ballinagar Sun: Johnnie Dunne

Killeigh Sun: Patricia Nunan/Anne Brady

READERS for next weekend:-

Raheen 6.30pm: Pierce Family

B'Gar 10.00am: Johnnie Dunne

Killeigh 11.30am: Lynch Family

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'

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

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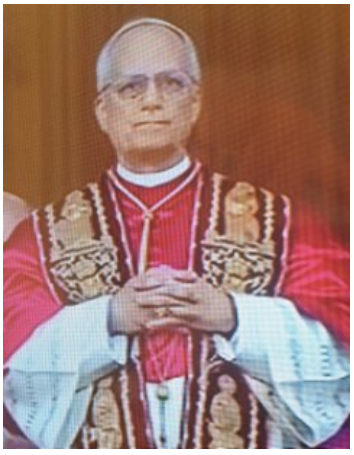
Welcome and Thank God for Pope Leo.



Parish Office Closed This Week:

Pathways in Advent

This ***three-week programme*** is an opportunity to take one hour per week to join us in quiet prayerful reflection to prepare for Christmas.

You are warmly invited to the **1st Killeigh School House (Better known as the Small Hall)** from **7.00pm-8.00pm** on **Mon the 30th of Nov,**

Mon the 7th and 14th Dec as we reflect on the ***Following Sunday's Gospel*** and journey through the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Christmas Timetable –

Vigil Masses -

Killeigh 5pm & Raheen 7.30pm

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

Parish Christmas Draw: takes place **Thursday 10th** of **December** in the **CYMS Hall Cloneygowan** at 8pm. Cards are €2 a Line or a Full Card €20.

Draw Cards & Parish Calendars are being distributed throughout the parish. Thanks to all who help with it

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

Our "Draw Donate Button" is now activated on www.Killeigh.com

You can now pay 'on-line'.

If you pay by Cheque please mark it **"Killeigh Parish Ticket Account".**

The Parish Draw Committee

have decided to use

an ***Electronic Number Generator*** for the Draw this year.

Killeigh Coffee Morning:

Wednesday Morning Dec 2nd in Killeigh Community Centre 10.30am until 12.30. Everyone welcome. (No Coffee Morning this Wednesday the 25th)

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

Doors open 6.30pm.

Christmas Market on Sunday 13th Dec 2pm to 6pm.

World Youth Day Today:

"Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat

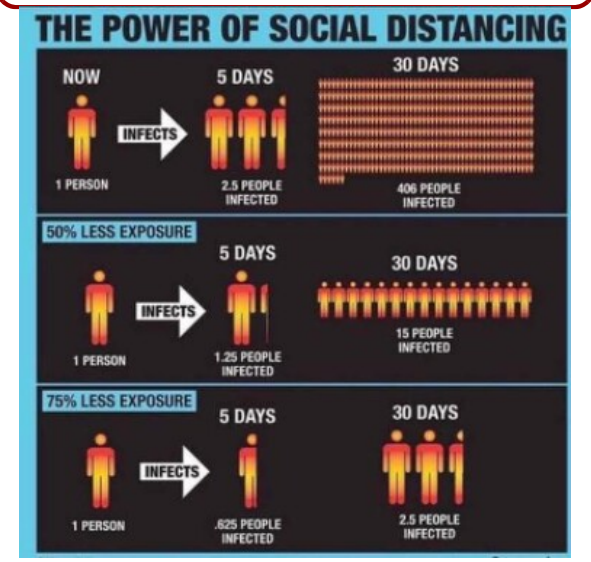
11th-13th December"
Join us at the Youth (16–35) 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. A donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer and meet other young Catholics. All are welcome.
To register or find out more, visit **youth2000.ie** or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

World Youth Day Seoul 2027

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.



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

31st July-Aug 9th: (Aged 19-30)

Join Bishop Denis on this once in a lifetime pilgrimage in South Korea. Young people from all over the world will gather with Pope Leo for a week of prayer, reflection, and a celebration of our faith. Contact **robert.norton@kandle.ie** by Nov 28th to book your place. (15 places)

ART EXHIBITION & CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS IN BALLINAGAR

Art Exhibition - Local artist Olive Cuskelly will be exhibiting her work, along with artwork by her students.

Ballinagar Community Hall Sat 5th & Sunday 6th Dec 12pm–6pm

Christmas Tree Lights - Sun 6th Dec 5pm, in the Local Park to turn on our Christmas tree lights and officially get the Christmas season underway! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Cloneygowan Senior Citizens Christmas Party: Dec 6th at 2pm in the Tullamore Court Hotel. Reply to Ciaran 087 958 5832, Noelle 087 657 0584 or Pat 086 2499 917 by Nov 27th. Free Bus from Cloneygowan @ 1.15 & Geashill 1.30.

Killeigh Senior Citizens Christmas Party: Dec 6th at 1.30pm in the Bridge House Hotel. If you cannot attend can you please contact Mick Feery 086 8811 759 or Sandra Elliott 087 9749 797

RAHEEN G.A.A. CLUB A.G.M.:

Friday 27th Nov at 7:30pm SHARP in the Old School, Geashill.

Clodiagh Gaels GAA Club A.G.M.

Thurs the 3rd of Dec at 7:30pm in Killeigh National School.

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,
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If you are anxious, depressed,
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GROW can support you.
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Young Adult Group Monday 7.30pm,
Community Group Thurs 3.00pm
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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 Death:
Tara Ferrissey, Bagenalstown.
Betty Lewis (nee Byrne), Manchester & formerly Milford. Mass on Fri 27th Nov at 7.30pm in Ballinabranna

Anniversaries:
Bridget & Michael Glynn, Raheendoran
Alice Byrne, Cloydagh, Clogrennane
Frank Golding, 13 Orchard Lane
Roger McGrath, Banagagole
Bob Farrell, Clogrennane
Richard & Emily Farrell, Crettenclough
Christina Doyle, Raheendoran
Mary Harkin, Main Street
Nora Murphy, Coolnakeeran
John Jackson, Raheendoran
Paddy Holohan, Leighlinbridge
Mary & Michael Farrell & sons, Athboy
John & Kathleen O'Neill & sons Tom, Jack & Oliver, Raheendoran

Notices:

Carlow Older Person's Living Well Expo: on Wednesday 25th November from 9.30am to 1 pm at Mount Wolsey Hotel. A free event bringing local service providers together to offer advice and supports on health and wellbeing, active ageing, hobbies and social activities, home safety & security, the new Warmer Home scheme and enhanced SEAI Grants.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat: Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare, from 11th-13th December 2026. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

Remembrance Tree: will be placed in the Church for November, where people can write their loved one's names and place it on the tree where they will be remembered for the month

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

https://www.leighlinparish.ie

LEIGHLIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

22ND NOVEMBER 2026
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

Christ the King

At the end of our Earthly life,

we will be judged on how we have lived and acted.

At the end of time the Kingdom of God will be established through the saving work of Christ.

Then the Shephard King will come to judge how we have loved.

Our lives are to be characterised by a love that welcomes Christ in those most in need,

and by joyful expectation of his glorious coming.



St Fintan's Church		
	Readers	**Ministers**
Sun 29th Nov	Mary Dunne	Loretta McNally
Church Cleaning	Loretta McNally, Claire Jackson	
Church Flowers December	Lena Delaney	**Papers** Daniel Pender
St Lazerian's Church		
	Readers	**Ministers**
Sat 28th Nov 7.30pm	Russell Harkin	Sally Lawlor, Jimmy Farrell
Sun 29th Nov 11.00am	Angela Roche	Maisie Mills, Mandy Ryan
Church Cleaning	Lillia, Bernie Price, Rose Arnold	
Church Flowers December	Mary Redmond	
Reader for Week	Wed Angela Roche	Mon, Tue, Thur Benny Mills

Lotto Results:
Old Leighlin:
4, 11, 14, 24
No Winner
Jackpot € 5,800

Ballinabranna:
1, 18, 19, 23
No Winner
Jackpot € 1,300

Leighlinbridge:
4, 23, 24, 28
No Winner
Jackpot € 4,200

15th Nov 2026

Offertory
L/B € 545
B/B € 215

Weekly
L/B € 380
B/B € 375

Communion Calls: on Mon 30th Nov, Tues 1st & Wed 2nd Dec in usual order

All Notices including Anniversaries must be into the Parish Office by 10AM on Thursday morning. Thank You.

The Parish Office Closes on a Wednesday at 2pm and will also close on a Friday at 2pm from 27th Nov until further notice. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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.

Pathways in Advent – Scripture Sharing in Advent: The Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation has created this resource for use by small groups in parishes, schools and in the home. Based on the Sunday gospel, each of the four sessions also considers in a reflective and prayerful way one of the pathways for the Irish Church, as identified in preparations for the recent National Synodal Assembly. Look out for a group in your parish or feel free to gather a small group together and use the material as part of your own keeping of Advent. See www.Kandle.ie to access the user-friendly material guides.

Rambling Night: on Wed 25th Nov in Ballinabranna at 8pm. Enjoy a night of music, songs & stories. Great night guaranteed, everyone welcome. Admission €5.

Active Retirement Association: Mon 23rd Nov, final session of clay pottery with Anne Marie Fitzgerald. Mon 30th Nov, singing with Ann Moylan. If you want to attend our lunch on Thursday 3rd Dec in the Lord Bagenal a payment of €25 per member is to be paid before 30th Nov, it is subsidized by the Association.

Coffee Morning: In aid of Féileacáin will take place on Sat 5th December in Leighlinbridge Parish Centre from 12 noon to 2pm. Entry is Adult € 5- Child €2. There will be a raffle & door prize, face painting and a special visit from Santa. Donations can be made on the day.

Divine Will Day Retreat: on Wed 2nd Dec 2026. Speaker: Tony Hickey. The Gift of living in the Divine Will as presented in the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta. Taking place in the Dolmen Hotel from 10.45am to 5.30pm. Registration fee is €25. To book please contact Maria on 086 1020741

Remembrance Tree: will be placed in the Church for November, where people can write their loved one's names and place it on the tree where they will be remembered for the month of November. Labels provided.

Cathedral Parish Carlow: Open Invitation to Advent Mondays 2026 @7:30 pm each evening in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre
Monday, 30 November 2026 Roisín Pye-Alexander (Trócaire) *Walking Gently on the Earth: How faith and ecology go hand-in-hand*
Monday, 07 December 2026 Dr. Amelia Fleming *Women in the Bible: Mary and Elizabeth*
Monday, 14 December 2026 Dr Noel Keating *Silence is God's First Language: Rediscovering Contemplative Prayer*
Monday, 21 December 2026 *Advent Penitential Service* @7:30 pm in Cathedral

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

22nd 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.

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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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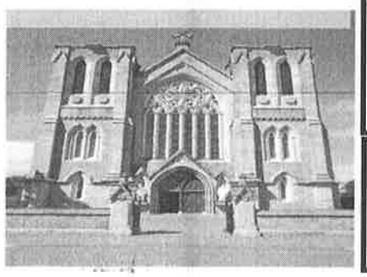

Notices & Anniversaries to be left in the Parish Office by Thursday's @ 1 p.m.

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

Saturday 21st November, 2026 6.30pm Mass
Paul Dunne, Passlands (Months Mind), Patricia Donoher (Months Mind), Umeras, Mark Lawlor, Millstream Avenue, Margaret Walsh, Cowpasture, Margaret Walsh, Old Grange, Catherine Tynan, Paddy & Anna Cunnigham, Ballagh, Andy & Elizabeth Mahon, Grange Mooreabbey, Liam McCarthy, Drogheda Row, Dennis (Butch) O'Brien, Clogheen, Buddy Harrison, Manic Harrison, Annemarie Harrison, Mooney family, Ballyfarsoon, Mary & JohnJoe Brady, Coventry, Whelan family, Ballybrittas, Sean Whelan, Skirteen, Helena & James Campbell, Monasterevin, Mary & Ned Molloy, Nurney & deceased members of Nolan family, Wicklow, Mary & Denis Doyle, Athy, Raymond Greely, Monasterevin, Peg & Jonny Connolly, Lughill, John Caroll (Birthday Rem.) St Evin's Pk., Sean Grattan, Umeras & deceased members of the Grattan family, Whelan St., Margaret Nicholls (Birthday Rem.), St. Evin's Pk., Joe Harrison, Old Grange & Bray, Madeline Lusk, Cowpasture, Jim Joe Lusk, Rose Davis, Mrs Madge Lusk, Stan Cosgrove, Nancy Quinn

Sunday 22nd November, 2026 9.00am Mass
Peter & Josephine Cullen, St Evins Park, Rose Cullen, Hybla, Christopher Nolan, Drogheda St., Paddy, Eileen & Bernie Holligan, Barraderra, Dick Holligan, Old Grange, Larry Holligan, St. Evin's Pk., Laurence & Hannah Feddigan, Killenard, Pat & Kate Dunne, Lackagh, Mattie, Nancy, M.J, Joyce & Jack McCormack, Balkinstown, Nurney, Séan Murphy, The Glebe & deceased members of the McBride & Murphy Families, Alice & Myles Christie, Paul Ryan, Bellgrove

Sunday 22nd November 2026 11.30am Mass
Pat O' Meara (Months Mind), Cowpasture, Richard Brady & John Joe Cowap,(Months Mind), Dublin, Odie Nolan (Birthday Rem.), Pass Bridge, Kevin Martin., George & Breda McDermot, Newbridge, Margaret Behan (Birthday Rem.), Cappinargid, Christopher Behan & deceased members of the Behan family, River Row, Denis & Catherine O'Leary & deceased members of the O'Leary & O'Donovan Families, Bandon, Co. Cork, Richard O' Rourke, Mountrath, Laois, Christy Lonergan , Patrick Lonergan.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €400.00
Baskets Collection: €1190.00

CHOIR
Saturday 28thNovember
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 29th November
11.30am: Eugene Nolan

LOTTO
24/11/2026
TEAM: A
Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

READERS
Saturday 28th November
6.30pm: Deirde Cotter

Sunday 29th November
9.00am: Lisa-Marie Duffy
11.30am: James Forde

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 28th November
6.30pm: Teresa Martin, Jackie Kennedy, Ger Harrison, Pat Molloy
Sunday 29th November
9.00am: Lily Donoghue, Sharon Hanley, Paddy Clarke, Teresa Flood
11.30am: Ann Lonergan, Fiona Behan, Fiona Farrell, Rachel Farrell

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Sunday 6th December 2026

TEAM A
Sr Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 17 /11/2026
Numbers Drawn
2, 17, 20, 23
Next Weeks Jackpot € 16,800
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Sophia Cox	G. Harrison
€20 Rose Prendergast	R. McD.
€20 Dermot McD.	Parish Office
€20Niall, Eoin Cunningham	M. D.
€20 Mick Whyte	R. McD.

Next Draw 24/11/2026
Thanks for your support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
Draw Results 16/11/2026
Numbers Drawn
6, 14, 18, 24
Next Weeks Jackpot € 7,800
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Shellie Nugent	Online
€20 S, D & B	P.. Whyte
€20 Mr. & Mrs. Roche	P.Donoher
€20 Claire & John	J. Coughlan
€20 Joan Connolly	P. Brereton
€20 Pauline McGlynn	R. McD.

Next draw: 23/11/2026.
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
Results:
13/11/2026

€100 Ned Weldon	Steven
€50 Ann, Jonny Harrison	D. R.
€25 Emily Doyle	Steven
€25 Lauren Kelly	Betty Keogh

CHRISTMAS ANNIVERSARIES

Due to the high amount of anniversaries on the weekend of Saturday 19th December and Sunday 20th December. It is impossible to fit them on the newsletter and call out all the names.

A list of all names will be displayed in the Sacred Space at each mass. During Mass a Candle will be lit in the Sacred Space for all the loved ones and a minutes silence will be held.

FR. LIAM'S RAMBLERS !

Every Wednesday night come and walk with Fr Liam and those preparing for the Camino de Compostela.

Walk starts at **7pm** from Parish Centre and we walk around the town.

We are hoping to build up by adding a little bit extra every week. Last week we did 4km.

All are welcome.
Walk finishes at **8pm.**



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Kathy and the Dunne family wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to all who helped them through their heartbreaking time on the passing of Paul.

Thanks to all who attended the wake in Ballygar and Monasterevin, Thanks to his great neighbors and friends, those who brought food to the house. Thanks to his friends and colleagues in Irish Rail and the members of the gym in the Heritage , Killenard.
Thanks to Fr. Liam, Fr. Douglas and Hyland undertakers for their kindness and support.

The Hoy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome into the Christian Community, babies Eimhin Terry Whelan, Lucy Ruth Greene, Oisin Patrick Keogh & Layla Niamh Gemma Daly

Who were baptised by Fr Liam on **Saturday 14th November**.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON **SATURDAY 5TH & SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER.**
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.
People in your Community need help. Become a Volunteer today and help make a difference!
If you would like to Volunteer for a couple of hours a week, please visit www.svp.ie and click: GET INVOLVED

CONTACT US: Enda Gleeson
01-8198405

Monasterevin
085-1209577 or
volunteer@svp.ie

Due to the huge volume of requests for assistance at Christmas. We ask that those seeking help, please apply **before the end of November.**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Family of Pat (Patricia) Donoher, Umeras would sincerely like to thank our family, friends & neighbors for all the love and support they've given us in the past few weeks.
Thank you to everyone who left condolences on R.I.P. and sent Mass cards.
To Paul Hyland , Tom & Niall for their patience and kindness.
Thank you to the nurses in the Medical Centre & Fionnuala Palliative Care for all their help. To all the families who have lost their loved ones recently.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Feast of Christ the King is celebrated today. The last Sunday of the Liturgical year.



Monday 23rd November is the Feast Day of St Clement I. (Pope). He served as the 4th Bishop of Rome from about 88-90AD and is best known for being an Apostolic Father.



Feast of St Columban
He is the Patron Saint of Motor cyclists, European Unity, and the Missionary Society of St. Columban.



Friday 27th November is the **Feast Day of St. Catherine Laboure.** A French Daughter of Charity who experienced Marian Apparations in 1830 during which the design of the **Miraculous Medal** was revealed.



St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath

Sat. 14th Nov. Sun. 15th Nov. 33rd Sun. Ord. Time

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

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Name of Parish App. *Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 14th to Sun. 22nd Nov.

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

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.

Seán Kelly, Clonagown and Arklow

Tues. 17th Nov. 10.00 am

Wed. 18th Nov. 10.00 am

Thurs.19th Nov. 10.00 am

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

Fri. 20th Nov. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 21st Nov. 7.00 pm Jack Hyland, Cavansheath. 7th Anniv.

Maura Phelan, Shannon Rd.,

Paddy Cullen, Clonenagh.

Patrick and Angela Wallace, Patrick St.,

Annual Mass Remembrance for Deceased

Members of St. Fintan's G.A.A. Club, Mountrath

Sun. 22nd Nov. 9.00 am The Hollow Church

Feast of Christ, Universal King

11.30 am Feast of Christ, Universal King

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.

In November - We Remember

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Watch and Pray on Feast of Christ, Universal King

Next Sunday (22nd Nov) is the Final Sunday of the Church Year. Each year in Mountrath Parish Church we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on this special Day, the feast of Christ the King.

We as Parish, visit the Church (on this day) to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration and in silent prayer in a spirit of thankfulness. Listed below are adoration / silent prayer times allocated to each of our 30 Townslands in the Parish, Station Areas. Parishioners from all our Parish townslands are invited to be part of this special time.

Parish Townslands and Times 12.20 pm (Immediately after Mass) Clonard, Moonbawn, Forest Hill, Knockanina. Redcastle, Clonenagh, Derrough, Rushall. Radharc Na Sleibhte. Wallis St., New Line Close.

12.45 pm Ringstown, Derrylusk, Cappagh, Trumera. Dysartbeigh, Coldblow, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. Shannon St. Stillbrook. Portlaoise Rd.

1.00 pm Church St. Factory St. Kiln Lane. The Square, Ard Eireann Thomas Court, Patrick St. Old Forge Crescent. Main St. The Hollow.

1.15 pm Clonadacasey, Cloncourse. Shannon St. St. Fintan's Tce. Woodbrook. Concluding Prayer at about 1.30 pm

Cemetery Prayer

May God remember forever our dear ones, who have gone to their eternal rest.
May they be at one with the One who is life eternal.
May the beauty of their lives shine forevermore,
and may our lives always bring honour to their memory. Amen.

The Three Tenors Concert

Tickets available around the Town

Spar - The Square (Carrolls)

Telford's Main St.,

Aidan Byrne Main St.,

Keegan's Butchers Main St.,

Centra (Ann Martyn) Main St.,

Eddie Phelan's Main St.,

Pat McSpadden, Redcastle

Mary Teresa Burke. Shannon St.,

Conroy's Chemist. Shannon St.

Thank you for your support

It is very much appreciated

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

Christmas Cards and 2027 Calanders are now available. Call to Byrne's shop Main St or ring Sean on 087 7676318. We will also have a stand at the Christmas market in Bloom HQ. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 12th

Nos. Drawn 12 16 19 26 No Jackpot

Winner 12 Match 3's Rec. € 84 each

1 Local Winner Sheelagh and Christopher

Promoter - Heather Mortimer

Next Week's Jackpot €20,000



Featuring Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Maynooth College) who will share a song or two with us

Link to Buy tickets online –

Christmas Concert In Mountrath Church

WillWeGo

Naas https://www.naasparish.ie

Parish Newsletter

22nd November 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

No: 2071 Mt 25:31-46

Advent begins ..... next weekend!

As we enter the season of Advent, we are invited to pause, step out of the winter rush, and open our hearts to the quiet arrival of Christ Jesus. Beginning a new liturgical year invites us to watch with hope, even when the days feel short, dark and busy. Let us pray during these weeks with quiet trust and care for one another. May this Advent bring stillness, renewed faith, and warmth and light into our homes and parish family. This weekend, we highlight some opportunities for prayer and reflection. Spiritual helps which may allow us to celebrate the season of Advent with a sense of purpose and expectation, as we anticipate the birth of Christ at Christmas.

Scripture Sharing, "Pathways in Advent"

based on the Sunday Gospel:

Tuesdays after 10am Mass in the Upper Room with Fr. Michael, starting on 24th November.

Wednesdays after the 7pm Mass in the Day Chapel, Ballycane with Deacon Jody starting on 2nd December.

Advent Giving

We would like you to bring donations of non-perishable food or toiletries to Mass on **Gaudete Sunday**, which is 12th/13th December. These donations will be distributed by our NaasPoint volunteers to those in need in the local area.

Rorate Masses

We invite you to our Special Christmas Preparation Masses starting on Thursday 17th December and finishing on 24th December. These Masses will take place at the earlier time of 7am.

Deacon Alex Ignat



We are delighted to welcome Deacon Alex to Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes....

"My name is Ignat Alexandru Emanuel and I am from Romania. I am 24 years old and was ordained a deacon on 18th October 2026 by Bishop Iosif Păuleț. I have two wonderful parents and a little brother who is 13 years old. I entered the seminary at the age of 14 in 2016 and completed my studies in June this year. I enjoy doing lots of things, but what I love most is music. I will be serving as a deacon in Naas, assisting the Parish Team, until the end of May next year, when I return to Romania for my ordination to the priesthood."

Summary of the Sallins Parish Accounts 2025

Income	2025	2024
Basket Collection	€28,621	€28,124
Envelope Collection	€24,878	€36,384
Shrine Income	€9,591	€7,931
Rental Income	€3,790	€11,878
Fundraising	-	€1,010
Tax Refunds/Rebate	€10,929	€6,791
Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings	€2,700	€1,800
Other Income	-	€2,250
	€80,509	**€96,168**
Expenditure		
Admin/Services from Naas Parish Office	€8,000	€8,000
Insurance	€3,212	€3,118
Security	-	€1,350
Light and heat	€2,440	€1,195
Rates, Water, LPT Waste Collection	€412	€577
Repairs and maintenance	€3,022	€127,777
Diocesan Levy	€17,196	€17,196
Missallettes, Printing Stationery	€400	€402
Altar Shrine Requisites	€5,726	€4,180
Telephone, Broadband and Computer expenses	€2,151	€2,491
Music/Choir Expenses	€2,865	€4,737
Legal and Professional	-	€9,672
Bank/Accountancy Fees	€341	€330
Other Expenses	€2410	€2269
	€48,175	**€183,296**
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	**€32,335**	**-€87,128**

Dear Sallins Parishioners,

Thank you for your continued generous support of both our basket and envelope collections which cover our day-to-day running expenses. The high envelope collection in 2024 was due to special collection in support of the Church refurbishment and is reflected in the high expenditure for that year in the Repairs and Maintenance Category. Both of these have now returned to normal levels. The rental income includes car park income and this is held in a separate account which did not transfer across before the year end in 2025.

Tax Refund on your donations.

The Parish qualifies for this scheme and is entitled to reclaim tax at a rate of 45% on donations of more than €250 per year. Some tax refund authorisation mandates have now expired and we would be delighted if you could sign up again for another 5-year period. To take advantage of this form, you would need to donate in a traceable way, the easiest of which is through the weekly envelope boxes which will be available soon for 2027.

Expenditure:

The legal and professional fees in 2024 related to the sale of the land plot to the rear of the Parish Centre. I am pleased to report that the sale was finalised this year and our accounts for 2026 will reflect this along with the expenditure incurred for the church roof replacement and parish centre upgrade. We are also planning to upgrade the church heating system quite soon.

Thank You! Once again for your continued and generous support to our finances – it is very much appreciated.

Kieran O'Keeffe – November 2026

Sallins Parish Finance Committee: Kieran O'Keeffe (Chairperson), Mary McConnon (Secretary) Fr. Liam Morgan, Geraldine Sexton, Brian Kenny, Garrett Prendiville, Tom Cross.

Summary of Two Mile House Accounts 2025

	2025	2024
Income Received		
Basket Collection	€24,350	€20,967
Envelope/Standing Order Collection	€14,647	€16,357
Shrine Income	€3,915	€4,340
Tax Refunds/Rebate	€10,808	€12,979
Donations/Bequests	€10,000	€0
Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings	€7,002	€6,289
Income from Parish Investment Fund	€940	€918
Other Income	€100	€1,486
	€71,762	**€63,337**
Expenditure incurred		
Office support, newsletters	€7,000	€7,000
Pastoral Programme Expenses	€0	€202
Insurance	€2,975	€2,892
Security	€756	€3,548
Light and heat	€3,374	€5,150
Repairs and maintenance	€7,663	€7,343
Diocesan Levy	€4,310	€4,310
Missalettes, Printing, Stationery	€49	€279
Altar Shrine Requisites	€2,087	€1,401
Computer software, hardware and servicing costs	€1,476	€1,668
Music/Choir Expenses	€196	€0
Accountancy Fees	€244	€300
Youth and Community Expenses	€1,492	€1,685
Bank charges	€1,749	€1,697
General expenses	€3,200	€3,000
	€36,571	**€40,474**
Surplus of income over expenditure	**€35,191**	**€22,862**

To the Parishioners of Two Mile House

The Parish Finance Committee thank you, most sincerely, for your contributions to the Parish finances. The summary statement above reflects income from collections, a significant tax refund, a generous bequest and income from candles and the purchase of graves. 2025 spending was in line with previous years across the areas as shown above.

The tax refund received in 2025 was mainly the claim under the Charitable Donation Scheme, with a small refund under the VAT Compensation Scheme for Charities. Your participation in the Charitable Donation Scheme contributes a significant amount to the Parish finances each year. Contributing either by the identified envelopes or by an identifiable online contribution can increase the value of your contribution by up to 45%, provided you have given your consent by completing a certificate. If anyone wishes to join the scheme, please contact any of the Committee members listed below.

Thank you again for your support to the Parish; acknowledging both your financial contributions and the non-financial support provided by many of you in donations or in a range of jobs from collecting, counting, church cleaning and minding, sound systems and many other jobs that are done on a voluntary basis.

Maura Conneely – November 2026

Finance Committee: Maura Conneely (Chairperson), Fr Liam Morgan, Fr Michael Flattery, Art Shirran, Cathal O'Boyle, John Quinn, Marie Casey.

NaasPoint Christmas Food Appeal

Last few slots available for volunteers on **Thurs 3rd, Fri 4th and Sat 5th December**.

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The Sallins Sunshine Club Annual Christmas Party

Sunday 29th Nov. in the Westgrove Hotel, Clane at 2pm. The Club welcomes Senior Citizens, Retirees, and those living alone, from the Sallins area, to join us in an afternoon of food, music and fun. If you, or someone you know would like to attend the Party, contact Frances at 086-7927770 before 25th Nov. A complimentary bus will leave the Square (Gala) in Sallins for Clane on Sun. 29th at 1.30pm and return to Sallins, from Clane, after the Party.

The Holy Mass

Continue our journey into the Mass, exploring the Gospel and the Homily/Sermon discovering how this gets us into a deeper understanding about Christ, Our Lord.

Come and find out more, join us on Tuesday 24th Nov. in Ballycane at 7.15pm.

Stay for biscuits and a cup of tea/coffee.

Advent Collection will be taken up at all Masses in Naas and Sallins next weekend in support of the Priests of the Parish. ***We thank you as always for your generous support.***

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,560 Offertory: €2,630
Online Donations (12th – 18th Nov): €564
Tap & Go (12th – 18th Nov): €766
Sallins: Envelopes: €515 Baskets: €570
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"Those who die in grace, go but to God, and God is very near"
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Áine Dooley
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Sadhbh Ní Chuinneagáin
Lily O'Brien
Tom Kearney

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the €7,900 Jackpot on 18th November 2026

Numbers Drawn were: 19-11-2-3

Lucky Dip winners were: P. Waldron, M. Deegan, J. Higgins, P. O'Flaherty

You could win the Jackpot of €8,150 on Wednesday 25th November

Thank you for your support.

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15th November 2026

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In Parish Centre
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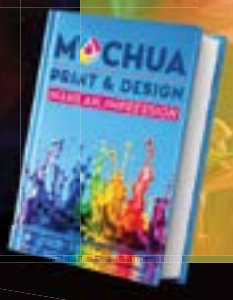

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6pm

with Christmas songs

6.15pm

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6.20pm

Jack will introduce the man himself, Santa

6.30pm

Santa will switch on our lights and the whole town will be sparkling.

As the town is glistening the Laois Community Choir will sing their hearts out as Santa moves to the Sleigh to allow families to capture their selfies with Santa.

It is worth noting that the Lower Main St. and Church Avenue will be closed from 3pm that day to reopen at 9pm.

Local businesses and residents are asked to make alternative arrangements for their cars and vans, for that short period.





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Time to Think...



Don't Quit

Recently Pope Leo XIV at Mass in Uruguay, delivered a magnificent reflection to parents whose children no longer practice the faith despite their best efforts: "When we wonder and ask, where our faith comes from, the name of a specific woman often comes to mind; a mother, a grandmother, a godmother, a religious sister, or a catechist. We may not remember every word they said to us, but we do remember how they prayed, how they spoke, how they spoke of the Lord and with what conviction they lived out, what they taught us.

Today, I would like to thank all those women. Thank you for having believed, and for having kept open a path to God in so many families. Some were able to do so, supported by a long-standing family tradition, others had to sustain that faith with greater effort, perhaps without always finding understanding or support within their own homes. I know that many of you carry a very specific sorrow; you taught your children to pray, and today, they no longer do so.

You used to attend Mass together, and it has been years since they entered the church. You spoke to your grandchildren about God, and now you do not know if those words left a mark. Sometimes you wonder if you did something wrong. Or if it was all future. Allow me to recall St. Monica here, who knew that pain well. She prayed for years for a son who seemed to be drifting further and further from God. But she never stopped trusting in His grace. Therefore, do not consider what you have sown to be lost. The Lord Himself taught us that the seed can grow without the Sower knowing how.

Mothers and grandmothers never tire of passing on the faith. Preach with your lives, as well as with your words. Insist on prayer, love and hope. Insist on them, in season and out of season. Do so with patience, without harshness or discouragement, even if your loved ones seem far from God, continue to place them before Him. Do not stop blessing them, accompanying them, and simply reminding them of what they once received. There are doors that you cannot open, but God can."

There were once a bunch of tiny frogs, who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. A big crowd gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants.

The race began…

No one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. They shouted, "Oh, way too difficult!!! They will NEVER make it to the top" and "Not a chance. The tower is too high".

The tiny frogs began collapsing, one by one except for those who, in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher….

The crowd continued to yell, "It's too difficult! No one will make it!"

More tiny frogs got tired and gave up… But one continued higher and higher. This one wouldn't give up! And he reached the top.

Everyone wanted to know how this one frog managed such a great feat.

His secret? This little frog was deaf!!



The wisdom of this story is:

Ignore the pessimism of others.

It can take your dreams from you.

Stay positive.

Don't Quit

When things go wrong,
as they sometimes will,
And the road you're trudging
seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and
the debts are high,
And you want to smile,
but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns.
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won
had he stuck it out.

Don't give up though
the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.
Often the goal is nearer than it seems
To a faint and faltering man.

Often the struggler has given up when he
Might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the night
slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.
Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are.
It may be near when it seems afar.

So stick to the fight
when you're hardest hit.
It's when things seem worst
that you mustn't quit.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER

Top score: Tom Kelly, 1st Lady: Catherine Fitzpatrick, 2nd Lady: Margaret Flanagan. 1st Gent: Frank Keenan, 2nd Gent: Tom Jacob, 1st Half: PJ Cahill, 2nd Half: Sadie Chester. 13 Tricks: Frank Keenan & Sadie Chester. Raffle: 1st Frances Dunne, 2nd Sadie Chester, 3rd PJ Cahill. 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 Monday 16th November: BOWLS in St Mary's Hall from 2-4pm. Wednesday 18th afternoon with Caroline Cahill from 3pm in Parish Centre. Thursday 19th in Sue Ryder Centre Kilminchy "cards and chat" from 3pm. New members welcome to any/all - 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.

LINE DANCING - all are welcome to join us Thursdays 8pm Seanchistin, Ballyfin, R32AY99 with gentle exercise to the best of music. Ph Maureen 0876482038 / seanchistin@gmail.com

DANCING commenced 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 next Meeting Sat. 14th Nov. 1.30pm in the Library. The first Irish woman Chess grandmaster Ms Trisha Kanyamarala, from Portlaoise, will be in attendance. All are welcome.

HEARING AID LOST in Portlaoise. If found, Contact 087-3951925.

PORTLAOISE TIDY TOWNS NEW VOLUNTEERS are always welcome. if you would like to meet new people and enjoy the outdoors why not join us on Saturday mornings 9am in Lyster Square opposite Mulhalls Supervalu. "love where you live".

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RELIGIOUS NOTES

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Every Sunday at 3PM 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.

THE ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRISON OFFICERS & FAMILIES will take place in Portlaoise Parish Church on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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



Ann Heffernan (née Keogh)
Liogard, Portlaoise



Fint Duff
Rathnamanagh



Julia Cushen (née Finlay)
Rathmore, Stradbally



Kathleen Flynn
Parnell Crescent



James Roche
Ballycarroll, Portlaoise



Mary Harte (née Carr)
Ballydavis, Portlaoise





IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CHRISTY O'DRISCOLL

Late of Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary - 10th November 2026.

God called your name so softly
That only you could hear
And no one heard the footsteps
Of angels drawing near.
The golden gates stood open
God saw you needed rest
His garden must be beautiful
He only takes the best.

Loved and missed by all his loving family.

May Christy Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

BRIGID CONROY

Ballymacken, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs
14th November 2026.

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.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Brigid



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PATRICK FENNELLY

30 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs
15th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Sunday 15th November at 10am.**

As each day dawns, we think of you,
As each night falls, we pray for you,
And throughout our lives, no matter where,
In our hearts you are always there.

Sadly missed and loved always by Mary, Eugene, Seán and Ronan.

Rest in Peace Patrick



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PATRICK FENNELLY

30 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs
15th November 2026.

No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts is always kept for you.

Always remembered by Bee and family.

Rest in Peace Patrick



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

FINT GORMAN

84 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs
16th November 2026.

May the winds of Heaven blow softly
and whisper in your ear,
How much we love and miss you,
and wish that you were here.

Loved and missed always by your 8 Children, Grandchildren, Great grandchildren extended family and friends.

May Fint Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARGARET HARDING

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs on 16th November 2026.

A beautiful smile, a heart of gold,
One of the best, this world could hold.

Lovingly remembered and missed by Mary.

Rest in Peace Margaret



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARGARET HARDING (NÉE CONROY)

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 16th November 2026.

Always in our hearts.

Forever loved, cherished and never forgotten by all your brothers.

Rest in Peace Margaret



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JIM LALOR

The Heath, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 19th November 2026.

In God's care you rest above
In our hearts you rest in love
Never more than a thought away
Loved and remembered every day.

Sadly missed & forever loved by his family.

May Jim Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARTIN LALOR

No. 1 Borris Little, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 17th November.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, **Tuesday 17th November at 10am.**

Will those who think of Martin today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Rest in Peace Martin





IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR MOTHER

KATIE GING

AND HER DAUGHTERS

KATHLEEN O'REILLY & MARY NOLAN

ALSO HER SON

JOHN JOE GING

AND ALSO REMEMBERING

MARGARET GING

On her 7th Birthday away from Home.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this **Sunday 15th November at 10am**.

Will those who think of them today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Sadly missed and always remembered by their loving families.

May They Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

LIAM KELLY

14 Hawthorn Way, Portlaoise, Laois.

Whose 1st Anniversary occurs 14th November 2026.

Until We Meet Again, in Heaven

The Lord called you home to His heavenly kingdom,
Where sorrow and suffering are no more.
May the angels guide you to eternal peace,
And may you rest in God's loving arms.
Although a year has passed without you,
Our love for you will never fade.
We find comfort in our faith and prayers,
And in the promise that we will meet again.
Until that day, may God keep you close,
And may the light of heaven shine upon you.

Thank you for the years we shared,
For the memories that will live forever,
And for the love that even death cannot take away.
Until the day we meet again.

Deeply loved and missed from Theresa his wife, sons Joel & Sean, Uncle Finian, cousins Fiona, Ursula, Orla. Bridget, Catriona & Jimmy Rowan.

May he Rest in Eternal Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARY NOLAN

29th Anniversary - Died 14/11/1997.

"She has gone no further from us
than to God and
God is very near".

Sadly missed by her husband Michael and family.

May Mary
Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

THERESA O'CONNELL (NÉE SCULLY)

Kilminchy, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary - 14th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Church, on
Sunday 15th November at 12.30pm.
Will those who think of Theresa today
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Sadly missed by your loving Husband, son Brian, family, relatives and friends.

Rest in Peace Theresa



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

KATHLEEN O'REILLY

29th Anniversary - Died 12/11/1997.

A sudden call from God on High,
We had no chance to say goodbye,
Without farewell, you fell asleep,
But memories of you we will always keep.

Sadly missed by your loving husband James, son James, daughters Catriona, Anita and Louise, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ANN PAISLEY

41 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

33rd Anniversary occurs
13th November 2026.

Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories that will last forever.

Sadly missed and remembered always by all her loving family.

May Ann Rest in Peace



MONTH'S MIND REMEMBRANCE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DERMOT MARTIN

Liogard, Portlaoise.

Month's Mind Mass for Dermot in
St. Peter & Paul's Church on
Saturday 14th November at 6.30pm.

The family of the late Dermot Martin would like to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss.

We wish to extend our special thanks to Matthew Keegan, Funeral Director, and the grave diggers, for their compassionate care in giving Dermot a dignified and fitting farewell.

We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to Martleys Transport, where Dermot worked, and to his colleagues for providing such a touching guard of honour in his memory. It was a fitting tribute to Dermot and a testament to the respect and regard in which he was held.

Our sincere thanks to Sarah Troy for her beautiful singing during the funeral Mass, which added such a moving touch to the Mass.

We are deeply grateful to the doctors, nurses and all the staff of Portlaoise Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital and Tallaght Hospital for the kindness, care and compassion they showed Dermot during his time in their care.

A special word of thanks to his doctor, Dr Simon Honan, for his continued care and support for Dermot throughout.

To Breslin's Pharmacy, Portlaoise, for always doing their best on every occasion.

We would also like to thank our family, friends, neighbours and all those who sent Mass cards, messages of condolences and attended Dermot's funeral.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation.

The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

May Dermot's Gentle Soul
Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CAROLINE (CARRIE) HIGGINS

Rossleighan, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs
10th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Saturday 14th November at 6.30pm.

When God was making mothers, He must have made a fuss,
He spent a lot of time on one and gave that one to us.
Of all the gifts in life, however great or small,
to have you as our mother was the greatest gift of all,
Because you were so special, no words could ever say
how much we love and miss you, Today and every day.

Loved and missed always by your loving Family.

May Caroline Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DAD

DAN RAFTER

Ballymacken, Portlaoise.

Whose 3rd Anniversary occurs
November 17th 2026.

Anniversary Mass in St. Peter & Paul's Church,
Sunday 15th November at 10am.

There's a special kind of feeling
When I think about you Dad
It's a pleasure to remember
All the happy times we've had
There's a special kind of love
That is meant for you alone
There's a place somewhere within my heart
That only you can own.

Loved and remembered by
his Son Daniel & Daughter-in Law Kathy

Rest in Peace Dan



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DANIEL (DANNY) WHELAN

Whose 31st birthday occurs
16th November 2026.

So many things have happened
Since you were called away
So many things to share with you,
Had you been left to stay.
Every day in some small way
Memories of you come our way
Though absent, you are ever near
Still missed, loved and always dear.

Much loved and missed everyday by your family.

May Danny's Soul Rest in the Arms of Heavenly Angels



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

FINTAN (FINT) TROY

Ballyhyland, Portlaoise
10th Anniversary occurs
15th November 2026.

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

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.

Sadly missed by all your loving family.

May Fint Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

TOMMY SKELLY

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs
12th November 2026.

Every day in some small way,
Memories of you come our way,
Though absent you are always near,
Still loved, missed and forever dear.

Loved and remembered by your loving wife Laura and family.

Rest in Peace Tommy



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN (JACK) & MAURA TARLETON



Rossleighan, Portlaoise.

35th & 33rd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
Sunday 15th November at 11.15am.

Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Loved and missed always by your loving family.

May John and Maura Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARGARET RYAN

Grattan Street / later Limerick.

22nd Anniversary occurs
18th November 2026.

Will those who think of Margaret today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Always loved and remembered by all her loving family.

May Margaret Rest in Peace

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 DECEMBER 10TH

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

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

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Feast of Christ the King Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 25:31-46 *Namaste*

We have arrived at the final Sunday in the Liturgical Calendar and this Feast of Christ the King brings our journey with Matthew's Gospel to a close, for now. Instead of palaces or trappings, today we have Christ the King found dwelling with those who are on the fringes of society: prisoners, the hungry, the naked. How transformative it would be to really see God present in each other and in those that society considers the 'least'. There is a beautiful practice in India of using the phrase *'Namaste'* when you greet someone, which literally means, the Divine in me greets the Divine in you. Usually this greeting is accompanied by a deep bow towards the other person. Words are one thing, but can we live this? At the heart of the mystery of today's Gospel is the radical call to be Christ to others and to see Christ in others. Acts of love, mercy and compassion towards the 'least' in the community are a summary of Jesus' ministry in Matthew's Gospel, keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus is never afraid to call out good and evil, and while this might make us uncomfortable, it presents us with the opportunity to go deeper, to recognise the weeds and the wheat, the sheep and the goats in our world but also within ourselves. We are called to him by giving our lives in service to those around us, recognising Christ in those we meet and within ourselves. All are sacred. This is 'Good News', even the righteous in the parable today are surprised to the recognised (v. 37). The call is to contemplative action, and there should be no half measure as we have seen in the previous parables: stay alert, use our gifts and talents, keep the lamps lit. To really live this, to love God who dwells within, through loving our neighbour who is Christ to us; is to be true to the greatest commandment. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett. The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew (Dublin: Messenger Publications, 2022).

"We need not worry about the timing of the 'second coming'. Christ is in our midst now and comes to us again and again – unexpectedly – in the form of the person in need.

Anna Case-Winters

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown **St. Patrick's Rathvilly** **The Assumption Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 21st & 22nd November Feast of Christ the King

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 21st & 22nd November

Jennifer Curry, Ballybit – 1st Anniversary
Pauline & Gerry Cullen, Dublin
Michael Loughnane, Dublin
Brigid Reilly, Collins Park
Margaret Ready, Nurney
Ann Moore, Williamstown
Michael Curry, Ballybit
John Colgan, Rathdaniel
Liam McCarney, Monaghan
Liam McGrath, Knockroe
Ciaran Dunne, Rathmore

Sat/Sun, 28th & 29th November

Anna McEvoy, Ballyroan – 50th Anniversary
Ann Elizabeth McNamara, Bawnogues, Baltinglass
Seamus Williams, Coolmanagh
Cora Cullen, Knockavagh

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN
Sunday, 22nd November – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Fiona Kane.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK
Sunday, 29th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Fiona Kane.

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.

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD - EVENING PRAYER
Church of the Assumption, Tynock on Friday, 27th November at 7.30 p.m.
All are welcome to come together to pray for our departed loved ones.

PATHWAYS IN ADVENT – SCRIPTURE SHARING
Our Parish will be offering the Advent Scripture Sharing to reflect on the Sunday Gospel for the 4 weeks of Advent beginning on **Tuesday, 24th November in the Parish Meeting Room** and continuing the following three weeks each **Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.** In order that we can have a Resource for everyone, please contact the parish office 059 9161114, to indicate your interest.

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD
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.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 14th & 15th November
We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory €285.24 Envelopes €671.82
Kiltegan: Offertory €135.73 Envelopes €259.00

PARISH LOTTO (Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Draw)
Results from 18th November, 2026 No Jackpot winner of 17,000.
Numbers: 04-14-21-27. 18 Match 3 numbers get €56.00 each.
One local match three winner this week.
Winner – Ned Foley. Promoter – Rathvilly Post Office.
Next draw on Wednesday,25th November. **Jackpot €18,000.**
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY – Annual Carol Concert
"***Joy To The World***
" takes place in Carlow Cathedral on Saturday, 5th December with the ***Dublin Brass Ensemble***. Tickets €25 with children U16 years Free, are available at Rathvilly Parish Office or at the door. See Poster in the Church Porch.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 What is World Youth Day?
World Youth Day is a vibrant and transformative event where young people from all corners of the globe come together in fellowship with the Pope. This gathering serves as a Catholic pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, and a powerful demonstration of the vitality of the universal Church. Join Bishop Denis on this once in a lifetime pilgrimage in South Korea. If you are aged between 19 and 30, involved in parish life, this could be for you. 31st July – 9th August. €3,600 includes flight, hotel accommodation and registration. If interested email: Robert.norton@kandle.ie

SLÍ AN CHROI ADVENT RETREAT 27th – 29th November
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 contact Michele at slianchroi@spms.ie or 089-4690508.

ADVENT MORNING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION
Focusing on the Deeper Meaning of Christmas at Teach Bhride, Tullow on Saturday, November 28, 2026 starting at 10 a.m. and ends with lunch at 1 p.m.
Facilitators: Brigidine Sisters: Teresa Phelan & Teresa Carter. RSVP by calling 083-392-8708 by Thursday, Nov. 26th. *Suggested donation*: €15.00 (includes lunch)

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL is now taking enrolments for September 2027. For more information please see the school website; www.bigstonens.ie or email the school at office@bigstonens.ie or phone 059 9161171.

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 24th November St Fiacc's Hall @ 8pm
Jackpot 44 numbers €1220 Double Number €600 Lotto €3600 Bonus Ball €2900

RATHVILLY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
Rathvilly Tidy Towns invite everyone to the Rathvilly Christmas Lights '***Switch On***' on Saturday, 28th November at 6.30 p.m. All welcome.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT 11TH-13TH DECEMBER 2026
Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register: visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

THE LIVING WELL EXPO 2026 FOR OLDER PEOPLE
This Expo will take place on Wednesday, 25 November 2026 at the Mount Wolseley Hotel, Tullow, Co Carlow from 9.30am to 1.00pm.This free community event will bring together a wide range of local organisations and services that support older people to live well, stay connected and remain active in their communities. Meet local service providers; Discover community supports; Explore health, wellbeing and active ageing opportunities; Learn about transport, housing, digital skills and more. Free admission - Everyone welcome. The Expo is open to older people, their families, carers, friends and anyone interested in learning more about the services to support positive ageing.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB
Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers Drawn 15-21-22-24
Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips
Martin Molloy Rathvilly On Line winner
Mgt. McNamara Fr. Flood Ave. On Line winner
Lorraine Kelly Woodgrove On Line winner
Elaine Byrne Fr. Cullen Tce. Paul Kelly
George Botis Rathvilly Borza Takeaway
Next draw 24 Nov. 2026 **Jackpot €10,600**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.
Lotto numbers drawn on Tuesday 17th. November were 4-9-24-26
Theresa O`Neill, Baltinglass Breda Keogh
Trish McCall, Rathvilly Breda Keogh
Joe Donegan, Rathvilly Gabriel Deering
Brandon and Taylor Ryan, Kiltegan Fergal Harmon
Anne Mae Byrne, Rathvilly Gabriel Deering
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Fergal Harmon, Kiltegan.
Next draw 24th November 2026. Jackpot €4,400. Thank you for all your support.

A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER
Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend, St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo
Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027. This residential Weekend starts at 7.30pm on Friday and finishes at 4.30pm on Sunday, and is open to all married couples.
Online booking only at www.marriageencounter.ie

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am to 6pm in Parish Church.

PARISH COLLECTIONS W/E 15th November

Envelope Collection: €2,346. **Basket Collection**: €885. 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.

The Rosary will be recited in St. Patrick's Cemetery

every Sunday for the month of November at 3 pm.

Open Invitation to Advent Mondays 2026

Monday 30th Nov: Roisín Pye-Alexander (Trócaire)
Walking Gently on the Earth: How faith and ecology go hand-in-hand
Monday 7th Dec: Dr. Amelia Fleming
Women in the Bible: Mary and Elizabeth
Monday 14th Dec: Dr Noel Keating
Silence is God's First Language: Rediscovering Contemplative Prayer
7:30 pm each evening in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre

Advent Morning of Prayer & Reflection

Focusing on the Deeper Meaning of Christmas
Teach Bhríde, Tullow on Saturday 28th November 10am to 1pm.
Facilitators: Brigidine Sisters: Teresa Phelan & Teresa Carter
To book: Call 083 3928708 by Thursday 26th November
Suggested donation: €15.00 (includes lunch).

WELL DONE – KEEP IT UP!

The almost 100% attendance of children preparing for Confirmation and First Communion at our Family Masses over the past two weeks was very encouraging. The presence of so many children with their parents was a welcome addition to our weekend Masses and was very uplifting. Please keep it up and try your best to join us over the next few weeks before our next Family Mass.

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.

COFFEE AND CHAT

in Tullow Parish Centre on Sunday 29th November after 11am Mass until 1pm. Everyone welcome.

Carol Service in Holy Trinity, Ardoyne: Eircode: R93 D658. A Service of lessons and Carols for the Christmas Season on Sunday 13th December at 7pm with Tullow Men's Choir Director Mary McQuinn. Collection in support of St. Vincent de Paul.

THANK YOU to all who supported the Coffee Morning on Wednesday ('Red Wednesday') in Tullow Parish Centre in aid of 'Aid to the Church in Need' €505 raised.

Pathways in Advent – Scripture Sharing in Advent

An ideal way to make your way through the advent season. Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures for the four weeks of advent. Resources available on Kandle.ie .

Christmas in Rathoe

Sunday 29th November in Rathoe Parish Hall,10.30am– 5pm.
Santa's Grotto, Cozy beverages, holiday treats, fun activities for kids.
Christmas Market. Raffles etc…All welcome.

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.

The A.G.M. of Tullow Community Groups CLG

will take place in Tullow Parish Centre on Tuesday 8th December.
commencing at 6.30pm. For any enquiries contact Liz or Jeni at 059 9180977.

Regina Hanley & The Wolseley Singers

Annual Christmas Concert with Special Guests

Sunday 6th December at 3 pm in Mount Wolseley Hotel.
Adults: €20 Children (under 12) €5. Family: (2 Adults and 2 children) €45
Book your tickets online: www.tickettailor.com/events/thewolseleysingers/2479673
Online booking fees apply. Tickets are available at the door, subject to availability.
Proudly supporting Clonmore Cancer and Medical Trust.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

Sean & Patricia Fox, Castledermot Road. John & Brigid Rooney, Knocklow. James & Esther Hennessy their son Paddy, son in law Johnny Dooley and granddaughter Sandra Dooley, Butlersgrange. Grabowscy, Borsiak, Zenfler and John Jones, Poland. William & Kathleen Murphy, Ouragh. Tom & Maura Murphy, Ouragh. Kathleen O'Brien, Templeowen. Sammie & Nancy Smith, Templeowen. John & Elizabeth Dalton, formerly of Dublin Road. Jim, Mary, Tommy and Bridget Watchorn, Pairc Mhuire. Eamon & Bridie Byrne, Killinure. Phyllis Minchin, Dublin Road. Maureen Senter (nee Black), Dublin Road.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 11 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Martin Savage, Bishop's Street.
Christine O'Brien, The Hollow. Betty Tobin, St. Austins Terrace. Joe Ronan, Knocknatubrid. Mary Maher, Hillbrook Estate and her son Colin Smith. The Whelan and Keating family, Templeowen. The O'Neill family, Dublin.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Sr. Beatrice Lakes, Brigidine Convent.
MONTHS MIND: Ann Hughes, Phelim Cresent.
Des & William Pullen and Mary Johnston, Dublin. Kathleen Hennessy, Pairc Mhuire. Jamie Coady, Shillelagh Grove and his grandparents Julian & James Coad, Mill Street and also Sr. Jenny. Tom & Peg Jackman, Paulville. Ned Harris, Dublin.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 11 A.M.

Conor Broughan, Coppenagh. Anthony & Vimy McQuinn, Pairc Mhuire. Ann Mock Kane, 6 Barrack Street. Pat Coady, Dublin Road.



TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

22nd November 2026

Feast of Christ the King

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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

Whatever you do for the least of my people, you do for me.

He is a king for the poor.
They say about hm he was like a shepherd
who kept all his sheep in view,
like a teacher keeping an eye on every student in the class,
like a parent giving time to all the children,
a grandparent remembering each grandchild.
All are important,
especially the lost, the strays, the wounded and the weak.



And when he meets us all in the final kingdom
he'll wonder how we treated the weak,
the lost and the poor.
Strange type of king;
not a collector of taxes,
not the richest one in the land,
not the one defended by his people,

but the generous one, the one who was poor
and the one who defended his own to death.

And how do we honour him?
His own words say it all:
Whatever you do for the least of my people, you do for me.