

Clonegal & Myshall Parish Newsletter

Easter Sunday 05th April 2026 ~ Easter Sunday ~ Year A

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Myshall Webcam: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoO_Fc63svs

See also the "livecamIreland" website and also from the "Myshall" Facebook Page

Members of the Pastoral Area of Bagnelstown, Ballon, Clonegal Myshall

A thought for Easter 2026 ...

"The Mass of Chrism reminds us of our calling, a calling that is rooted in our baptism. All of us are, as this year's Confirmation theme runs, 'Loved, Chosen, Necessary'. Baptism allows us all to belong, and the synod Synthesis reminds us 'belonging' is critical to our faith journey. Every one of you in the Cathedral this night is needed in our Church. Lay Pastoral Ministers do not replace the clergy. Lay Pastoral Ministers do not replace the lay faithful already immersed in the life of their parish. The clergy do not replace the call of every baptised person. The Church of Kildare & Leighlin needs everyone" (Chrism Homily 2026)



May each one of you grow to realise the profound calling that is your baptism this Easter and may your Easter be filled with light, peace and joy.

Every blessing,

✠ Bishop Denis

Saint Brigid's Church Bi-Centenary Committee: The committee will host a **Tractor/Car Run on Sunday 3rd May at the Spellman Hall, Kildavin.** All proceeds goes towards Church Funds for major Parish Projects. Your support will be much appreciated. For further information please contact Johnny at 086-8416901; John Hickey 087-6893217 or James Shepherd 087-9280746.



Mass Times & Anniversaries

Holy Saturday 04th April Easter Vigil at 8 pm in Drumphea	Holy Saturday 04th April Easter Vigil at 6:30 pm in Clonegal Francis (Fran) Murphy, High Street, (1st Ann); Stephen & Margaret Murphy & deceased members of the Murphy family, Abbeydown; Andy Osborne, Leaney, Ardattin; Jack Brennan, Clonegal; John Doyle, Monaghan; Andy O'Neill, Corragh; Annie Kavanagh, Drummin; Richard Jeffers, Ballyshonogue; Michael Dunne, Ben Dunne & deceased members of the Dunne Family, Clonegal; Garry Sinnott, Clonogan.
Easter Sunday 05th April - Mass of the Resurrection in Myshall at 10 am	Easter Sunday 05th April – Mass of the Resurrection in Kildavin at 11:30 am Ann O'Leary, Rose Cottage; Maeve Codd, Lackabeg; John & Dymphna Kavanagh, Crannmore; Eamonn Tracey, Ballinvalley; Barry Malone, Kilbride and his grandparents Thomas and Annie Malone; Jimmy Kirwan & deceased members of the Kirwan Family, Kilbranish; Billy Kirwan & deceased members of the Kelly Family, Drumderry; Ann Tracey, Crannmore; Ned & Margaret Tracey, Craanmore.
Monday 06th – Friday 10th April No Weekday Masses in Myshall	Monday 06th – Friday 10th April No Weekday Masses in Clonegal
Saturday 11th April – Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at 8 pm in Drumphea	Saturday 11th April – Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at 6:30 pm in Clonegal
Sunday 12th April – Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at 10 am in Myshall	Sunday 12th April – Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at 11:30 am in Kildavin
Monday 13th April - No Mass	Monday 13th April – Mass at 10 am
Tuesday 14th April - Mass at 10 am	
Wednesday 15th April - Mass at 10 am	Wednesday 15th April - Mass at 10 am
Thursday 16th April – Mass at 10 am	
Friday 17th April – Mass at 10 am	
Saturday 18th April Drumphea at 8 pm	Saturday 18th April Clonegal at 6:30 pm John Kelly, Kilcarry (First Ann)
Sunday 19th April Myshall at 10 am	Sunday 19th April Kildavin at 11:30 am

We pray for Orlaith Doyle, Rosslare (daughter of Winnie Doyle nee Murphy, Craanmore) her funeral takes place in St Brigid's Church Rosslare Strand on Easter Monday at 1 pm followed by burial in Tagoat Cemetery.

May all our Faithful Departed Rest In Peace.

Drumphea Social Dancing: Dancing to all the latest in Country & Irish Music, takes place each Wednesday evening from approx. 9 pm – 11 pm. Come along for a dance, a cuppa and a chat. Adm €5.

Training Course for Church Readers: Training Course for Church Readers from Clonegal, Kildavin, Myshall, Drumphea and parishes of Ballon and Bagenalstown.

Dates: May 6th, 13th, 20th. Venue: Myshall Community Centre. Time : 7.00 - 9.00pm

New and existing readers very welcome. To register, please text or email Fr. Pat or Fr. Andy.

Easter Collection: The Easter Collection for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up at all our masses in both Myshall and Clonegal this weekend. **Many thanks to all who always have, and continue so generously to support clergy collections.** This is one of the 5 times during the year you can contribute to the direct support of the Priests of the Parish. An envelope is available in your box or at Church Porch or any envelope clearly marked Easter Collection for Clergy will suffice. **Just to point out that the combined income of Priest's Collections in both parishes is not sustaining payment of two priests at this time, therefore your generous support to these collections is much needed and will be very much appreciated.**

Confirmation: Bishop Nulty will visit our parishes in the coming weeks for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. We very much keep our your people who will celebrate this Sacrament in our prayers at this time. Please note the dates and times, for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a Practice in preparation for Confirmation.

Myshall National School	Wed. 15th April, 2026, 6:30 pm	Holy Cross Church, Myshall
Drumphea National School	Wed. 15th April, 2026, 8:00 pm	St.Lazarian's Church, Drumphea
Clonegal National School	Wed. 22nd April, 2026, 6:30 pm	St. Brigid's Church, Clonegal
Kildavin National School	Wed. 22nd April, 2026, 8 pm	St. Lazarian's Church, Kildavin

Confirmation Dates: Friday 17th April	Drumphea 11:00 am
	Myshall 02:00 pm
Friday 24th April	Kildavin 11:00 am
	Clonegal 02:00 pm

First Communion: Our final preparation Mass for First Holy Communion takes place on the weekend of 18th/19th April. We very much keep our your people who will celebrate this Sacrament in our prayers at this time. Please note the dates and times, for the final preparation masses.

Drumphea School	Sat. 18th April, 2026 8 pm	St. Lazarian's Church, Drumphea
Myshall School	Sun. 19th April, 2026 10 am	Holy Cross Church, Myshall
Clonegal School	Sat. 18th April, 2026 6:30 pm	St. Brigid's Church, Clonegal
Kildavin School	Sun. 19th April, 2026 11.30am	St. Lazarian's Church, Kildavin

Kilkenny Bereavement Support: invite you to a talk "Suicide Bereavement, From Heartbreak to Hope" Thursday 30th April, 7.00pm in Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny. Admission free, booking on www.eventbrite.ie recommended. Speakers Christy Kenneally is a novelist, poet & broadcaster and Dr. Linda Finnegan a clinical psychologist & psychotherapist will address how a death by Suicide can devastate the lives of those left behind. From 'Heartbreak to Hope' will address the Shock, Pain, Anger and Sadness that are part of the bereaved's new reality. From 'Heartbreak to Hope' is also for any person who wants to help someone bereaved by suicide but who doesn't know what to say or not to say, what to do or how to be.

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Manage and plant native hedgerows for biodiversity. The more blossom your hedgerow has in spring, the better it is for biodiversity. Allow hedges to grow into a natural A-shape profile rather than a neat box shape. Why: Native hedgerow plants such as Hawthorn (also called Whitethorn), and Blackthorn flower early in spring, providing vital food for wild bees when they emerge from hibernation. Birds and mammals eat their berries later in autumn.

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

Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: The 21st Annual Solemn Novena will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen commencing on Monday 13th April and will run for nine consecutive Monday nights until 8th June. Each night we begin by praying the Rosary at 7pm led by our beloved Poor Clare sisters followed by Mass at 7.30pm celebrated by our Parish Priest Fr. John Dunphy. All are welcome. Each night a guest speaker will share their own faith story. It all starts on 13th April with the first guest speaker Mary Hulgaine: Two time All-Ireland Football Champion & Woman of Deep Faith.

Trocaire Boxes: Now is the time to start returning your Trócaire boxes. Please do not leave the Trócaire boxes on the seats or around the Churches unattended. You can leave them into the Parochial House, Myshall, or give them directly to Fr. Pat or Fr Andy, or to one of the sacristans or our parish secretary. You can also donate to Trócaire via the following:-www.trocaire.org - Call-save to 1850 408 408 - Post to: Trócaire, Maynooth, Kildare.

Tuesday Club Clonegal: The following classes are organised by The Tuesday Club.

Furniture Upskilling – 2 separate stand alone classes

Saturday 11th April – 10.00- 2.00pm

Tuesday 7th April – 6.00-10.00pm

Coming up – Art Classes and Line Dancing classes.

All classes are supported and funded by Kilkenny & Carlow ETB

Keep Fit Classes continue each Wednesday night 7-8pm with Eliz

Music lessons for Adults If there is sufficient interest, music lessons for adults will be organised on Saturday mornings. €10 per hour – bring your own instrument. Further information – 087 4152899

Trip to Dáil: A trip to the Dáil is now going ahead on Tuesday June 16th. Dáil visit is booked for a 11am. There will be a small fee dependant on numbers (which is to cover transport only) So if you are interested contact 0879111055/0878380018 or any member of the committee as soon as possible. The number who can visit Dail during any one tour is limited Currently 75% of places have been filled. The Veteran Players would like to thank Minister Jennifer Murnane O Connor for facilitating this event.



Finally, just to express our thanks to all for your kindness and support, and to wish you every blessing this Easter Time!
Fr. Pat & Fr. Andy



There will be no Newsletter next weekend.