



Carbury Parish Newsletter

Sunday 1st February 2026

Our Churches: Derrinturn & Kilshanroe

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Eircode: Holy Trinity Church Derrinturn W91XN35

Eircode: Church of the Holy Family Kilshanroe A83XW11

Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 5.00pm.

For all bookings, newsletter items, and general queries please call 046 9553355.

Derrinturn & Kilshanroe Churches - Masses and other liturgical ceremonies will be streamed live on the Parish Website via webcam on www.carburyparish.ie.

Local Safeguarding Representatives: Fr. Bernard Reyhart P.P. Catherine McNamara, Patricia Brady, Sharon O'Brien, Kathleen McGowan, Lucia O'Brien. DLP for Kildare: Michele Hughes.

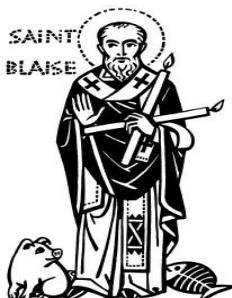
Next Week's Gospel: Mt 5:13-16

Dates for Ceremony of Light: The dates for the Ceremony of Light for the Confirmation Children are, Derrinturn School, Sunday 8th February at 11am. Kilshanroe School, Saturday 14th February at 7.30pm, Ticknevin & Killina Schools, Sunday 15th February at 11am.

Parish Donation Envelopes: have arrived in the Parish Office. We are looking for volunteers to help distribute the envelopes over the next few weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office on 046 9553355 or email carburyparish@gmail.com. Thank you.

St Blaise Feast Day: The feast day of St Blaise is Tuesday 3rd February, there will be Mass at 9.30am in Derrinturn Church for the Blessing of the throats, there will be blessed candles for purchase from Biddy after Mass, they are €2 each.

St. Brigid's Day Crosses: made by the children of St Brigid's National School, Ticknevin, will be available for sale at Masses on Saturday 31st January at 7.30pm at Kilshanroe Church and Sunday 1st of February at 11am at Derrinturn Church, they are also available at the Parish Office. All monies raised will go towards school funds. The St. Brigid's Cross was traditionally believed to protect the house from fire and disease. As people hung up the cross, they said this prayer: ***"May the Blessing of God and the Trinity be on this Cross, and on the home where it hangs and on everyone who looks at it".***



Blessing of Throats: St Blaise was a physician who eventually was ordained a Bishop in the 4th Century and he worked hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his followers. His protection of those with throat ailments comes from a story of a woman whose son had a fish bone lodged in his throat. The woman brought her son to St Blaise who instantly healed him just as the boy was on the point of death. Tuesday February 3rd on the Feast Day of St Blaise, the Blessing of Throats takes place in Derrinturn Church after 9.30am Mass. Traditionally two candles are blessed, crossed over and pressed against either side of one's throat as a blessing is said.

Cleaner required in Scoil San Treasa, Kilshanroe: 2 hours per day Monday to Friday during school term time. Interested applicants should contact the school office on 046 9541612 or by email principal@sstkilshanroe.ie on or before the 13th of February 2026.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland, Dates: 20 -22 March 2026, Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo. A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER. Online: www.marriageencounter.ie

Carbury GAA: are delighted to confirm Sports Commentator Marty Morrissey will launch their Centenary book 'Ceiliúradh Céad Bláin' on Sat 31 January at 8.30pm in the clubhouse. All welcome to attend. Limited copies of this first edition will be available on the night €35.

Please note that times can be changed at short notice because of Funerals!

2026	Derrinturn Church	Kilshanroe Church
Sat 31st January <i>St John Bosco</i>		7.30pm Anne Daly, 1 st Anniversary. Mary & Eamon Pender, Derrinturn, also Brendan Gorman, Derrinturn, Anniversaries. Mary Beaty, Anniversary, also remembering Her Husband Frank and Son Mick.
Sun 1st February <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland</i>	11am Vinny Connolly, Coonough, Months Mind, also remembering His Parents John & Anne Connolly and His Siblings Joan, Eileen & Brendan Connolly. Joe Walsh, Ballyhegan, 9 th Anniversary. Marian McMahon, 10 th Anniversary. Alice Kenny, Coonough, Birthday Remembrance, also remembering Her Husband Jimmy and Son James. Eileen Connolly, Kilpatrick, Birthday Remembrance. Anniversary Masses: Nora Murphy. Sean & Kitty Kelly, Ballyshannon. Michael & Elizabeth Duffy, Coonough, also Nellie Hickey, Coonough. Tommy Kearney, Allenwood.	
Mon 2nd February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	<i>Adoration until 10.30pm</i> 9.30am	
Tues 3rd February <i>St Blaise</i>	9.30am Blessing of the Throats.	
Wed 4th February <i>St John de Britto</i>		9.30am Followed by Adoration.
Thurs 5th February <i>St Agatha</i>	9.30am No Mass.	
Fri 6th February <i>Ss Paul Miki and Companions</i>	9.30am	
Sat 7th February <i>St Mel</i>		7.30pm Barry Murphy, 17 th Anniversary.
Sun 8th February <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11am Ceremony of Light for the Confirmation Children of Derrinturn School. John Martin, 2 nd Anniversary. Claire Smyth 14 th Anniversary, also remembering Her Granddaughter Robin Dunne. Michael Rossiter, Anniversary. Marcella Kearney, Killina, Birthday Remembrance. Ann Kelly, Ballinakill, Birthday Remembrance.	

Communion Calls: Fr. Bernard is available to do house calls for the sick or housebound on the First Friday of each month in Derrinturn and the First Wednesday in Kilshanroe. If you would like the Priest to call, you can phone the Parish Office 046-95-53355 to leave your name, address and Eircode.

Spiritual Exercises: 5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men: Led Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey, in France. Starts Thursday 30th April (3pm). Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone (1.5 hrs from Dublin). €450 (all meals & single room included). Daily Mass - Ordinary Form (Latin & ad orientem). Discover the strength that only comes when you stop running and let God speak. Book at: <https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory>

Clocha Rince National School: seeks to employ a substitute cleaner commencing on 9th February 2026 to cover a maternity leave contract until the end of the school year, 3 hours per day, Monday to Friday. Interested applicants should contact the principal at 0469553428 or by email principal@clocharince.ie on or before Friday 30th January.

Kilshanroe Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Saturday 7th of February

Mass Time	Readers	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 7.30pm	Francis Cline	Martin Mooney & Owen Smith

Derrinturn Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Sunday the 8th of February

Mass Time	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sunday 11am	Stephen Lott	Fidelma Mallen & Erica Morgan

Mass Bouquets: are now available in the usual outlets and from the Parish Office. The Parish Office opening hours are 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday.

Collections Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th January

Collections	Amount	Collections	Amount
Derrinturn Basket	€585.00	Development	€655.00
Kilshanroe Basket	€240.00	Donations	€500.00
Christmas Stations	€335.00	Christmas Day	€85.00

Carbury GAA Lotto: took place on Monday the 26th of January, Lotto numbers drawn were, 2, 15, 18, 28, and the bonus ball was 17. There were 0 winners of the match 3, the Lucky Dip was shared between 4 people, who each won €50. The next draw will take place on Tuesday the 3rd of February. Jackpot is €12,900.

M. Nerney Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2026: Pilgrimage Date: October 14 - 21 2026. Depart Dublin to Dubrovnik, Cost €875 for 7 Days. Discount of €50 if Deposit of €200 paid by Jan 30th. Single Room Supplement €170. Insurance Optional. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland. Contact M Nerney 086-8157305 for Details.

Eucharistic Adoration – All Are Welcome: Spend time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration takes place as follows:

- Every Monday following the 9:30 a.m. Mass until 10:30 p.m. in The Holy Trinity Church, Derrinturn
- Every Wednesday following the 9:30 a.m. Mass for one hour in The Holy Family Church, Kilshanroe

Please note: In the event that Mass is not celebrated, Eucharistic Adoration will proceed as scheduled in both Churches. Would you consider committing to one specific hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament each Monday in The Holy Trinity Church, Derrinturn? Please refer to the sign-up sheet available inside the Church each Monday for further details.

“Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.” — St. Alphonsus Liguori

Liturgical Ministry Training: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Fr Tom O’Byrne and Julie Kavanagh will hold a training day for new ministers and existing ministers who want a refresher, on Saturday, 14 February in Newbridge Parish Centre and on Saturday, 7 March in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. Both days run from 10 am to 4 pm. Bookings will open at the end of January.

Liturgical Ministry Training: Parish Reader Training: The Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation intends piloting a series of pastoral area training for Readers between March and the end of June. This will consist of 2 joint training sessions (either combined on an extended Saturday morning or on two nights) and 1 practical session in the local church. Planning and scheduling for this training will take place in February. Parishes are asked to consult with other parishes in the pastoral area to decide if they wish to participate in this pilot series. If yes, please make contact with Julie (Julie.kavanagh@Kandle.ie) to begin the scheduling process.

Invitation to Kildare and Leighlin Parishioners: Baptised and Sent in Lent - Exploring the Lenten Sunday Gospels: Our diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation and Diocesan Synod Committee are inviting parishes, groups and individuals to make this new, short series a centre piece of their Lenten journey this year. Can you give one hour a week, for five weeks, to join with others to reflect on the Sunday Gospel and its links to what it means to be baptised, as well as its links to some of the pastoral priorities that have emerged in synod conversations in our diocese and beyond? Would you like to find out more about being part of, or even running this series locally? An INFORMATION SESSION will take place in Newbridge Parish Centre on Tuesday, 3rd February. Tea/coffee available from 7 pm. Information session starts promptly at 7:30 pm- 9:00 pm. Registration essential through fds@kandle.ie If you would prefer to attend via zoom, please email fds@kandle.ie to request a zoom registration link.

KILDARE CALLS FOR A GLOBAL PAUSE FOR PEACE, 2026

The people of Kildare, Ireland, call on people worldwide to Pause for Peace for 1 minute's silence/reflection at 12 noon, local time, on St. Brigid's day, February 1st each year. By pausing for Peace, we send out a message that we actively oppose warfare and the proliferation of arms in our world. A global Pause for Peace Movement was jointly launched by Kildare Tourism and Solas Bhríde in Kildare in 2023 to mark the new national holiday in honour of St. Brigid who was renowned as a Peacemaker in early Ireland. One of the most popular legends associated with Brigid is that of giving away her father's precious sword to a poor person so that it could be bartered for food to feed his family. It is a rolling pause for peace commencing in New Zealand and moving seamlessly through continents and islands on St. Brigid's Day. Since its inception in 2023, the Pause for Peace is gaining widespread support nationally and internationally. The Pause for Peace is promoted by trained peace ambassadors from schools throughout County Kildare and further afield – an initiative of Kildare Town Community School. Join us! Answer the call! Let us continue to sow seeds of peace across the globe.

www.solasbhride.ie www.intokildare.ie

Supporters for the Pause for Peace Movement include:

- Michael D. Higgins, Former President of Ireland
- Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann
- Kildare Local Authority
- Irish Embassies and Consulates

A quotation from President Higgins with reference to the Pause for Peace:

"Your efforts to bring together communities from across the globe in the name of Naomh Bríd (St. Brigid) is truly admirable. Mar Uachtarán na hÉireann (As President of Ireland) may I thank you for this initiative which constitutes a form of active global citizenship at its best. This new Pause for Peace Movement is a unique event which breaks new ground in recognising the cultural and historical importance of St. Brigid beyond borders and aims to form a spirit of solidarity and peace in societies all over the globe."

Edenderry Library

Tuesday 3rd Feb: 11:00 - 12:00 Tuesday Morning Adult Bookclub. 14:00 – 17:00 – DIY Craft Table – Children must be supervised by an adult.

Wednesday 4th Feb: 15:00-18:00 – After School Lego Club.

Thursday 5th Feb: 11:00 – Baby & Me Sensory Music Session facilitated by Music Generation. Booking Required. Sensory Room available for Bookings every Thursday.

Friday 6th Feb: 10:30 – Baby & Toddler Group. 15:30 – Crafty Fridays for over 6s. Booking Required.

Saturday 7th Feb: 10:00 – STEM Saturday including Magic Table. 11:00 – Storytime for under 6s.

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Tuesday 3rd Feb: 10:00 - Baby and Toddler Group. 14:00 - 16:30 - Board Games afternoon. 15:30 - Children's Bookclub - new member's welcome.

Thursday 5th Feb: 14:00 - 16:30 - After School Lego Club. 14:00 - 16:30 - DIY Craft Table - Children must be supervised by an adult.

Saturday 7th Feb: 10:00 - 12:30 - Lego Freeplay and board games. 10:30 – Storytots.

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 14th February	EMHC training	Newbridge Parish Centre, 10am – 4pm
Saturday 7th March	EMHC training	Cathedral Parish Centre, 10am – 4pm

"Clocha Rince NS: seeks to employ a bus escort for 2 hours per day, Monday to Friday. Interested applicants can forward a letter of application via email to clocharince16@clocharince.ie or by post directly to the school on or before Tuesday 10th February 2026"

Johnstown Bridge Community Survey 2026: Help make Johnstown Bridge a better place to live, work and visit. Take a moment to share your thoughts and ideas in the community survey. Everyone's voice is important in shaping the future of Johnstown Bridge. Visit www.linktr.ee/johnstownbridge or pick up a print version at BREDA CE Scheme office in the village. Survey closes Monday 9th February 2026.

Cleaner Required for St. Brigid's National School, Ticknevin: Part-Time position (15 hours per week) during the academic school year. Please email office@ticknevinns.ie or phone 046-95-53521 for more information.