

Myshall & Clonegal Parish Newsletter

Sunday 09th February 2025 ~ 05th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

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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

Mass Times & Anniversaries

<u>Masses in Myshall</u>	<u>Masses in Clonegal</u>
Saturday 08th February Drumpeha at 8:00 pm Mass for the people of the parish	Saturday 08th February Clonegal at 6:30 pm Mass for the Holy Souls
Sunday 09th February Myshall at 10 am Mass for the Holy Souls	Sunday 09th January Kildavin at 11:30 am Mass for the people of the parish
Monday 10th February - No Mass	Monday 10th February at 10 am
Tuesday 11th February – at 10 am	
Wednesday 12th February at 10 am	Wednesday 12th February at 10 am
Thursday 13th February at 10 am	
Friday 14th February at 10 am	Friday 14th February at 10 am
Saturday 15th February Drumpeha at 8:00 pm Mass for the people of the parish	Saturday 15th February Clonegal at 6:30 pm Mass for the Holy Souls
Sunday 16th February Myshall at 10 am Mass for the Holy Souls	Sunday 16th January Kildavin at 11:30 am Angela Hickey, Crowsgrove (MM)

We pray for Michael Byrne, St Oliver's Pk. *May all our Faithful Departed Rest in Peace.*

Feast Days: Mon 10th February St Scholastica, virgin
Tues 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes
Fri 14th February SS Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop, patron of Europe

Divine Mercy Conference 21/23 February 2025: The conference will take place in the RDS this year on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd February. Friday (FREE) 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Saturday 10am - 8pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm. The conference will be broadcast live online through our website www.divinemercyconference.com free of charge and on churchservices.tv. It will also be available (audio only) on www.RadioMaria.ie and on Saorview 210 or dial up listening service 01 4373277. It also is broadcast on www.ShalomWorld.org. Tickets: €40 weekend (Best Value), Saturday €35 and Sunday €25, available online on our website www.divinemercyconference.com; or at the RDS door on the day.

Darkness into Light: This walk will take place in Bunclody for the first time on Saturday 10th May 2025. Save the date!, more details to follow.

St Brigid and Europe: Kildare man and Naas parishioner, Liam Kenny, has researched a presentation “St Brigid and Europe – the diocesan Patron at the heart of the Europe Dream”. Liam developed his presentation having made the surprise discovery on a business visit to Strasbourg in eastern France that there was a devotion in the region to St Brigid. Fascinated by this devotion to St Brigid, long distant from her traditional site in Kildare, he researched the Brigidine presence on the banks of the Rhine. The result is an illustrated presentation and informative commentary which is scheduled for the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow R93 XV10 on Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited and welcome to come to this interesting evening which links the Diocesan patron saint with the heart of Europe.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Restore, Renew, Rekindle. We welcome you to our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend Friday 28th - 30th March 2025. Venue: Knock, Co. Mayo. More details available on www.marriageencounter.ie

Saint Columbanus - Mission & Travels in Western Europe: Around c. 590 CE, St. Columbanus travelled from Ireland through Britain to Merovingian France with 12 companions. Arguably, the most famous of his 12 companions was Saint Gall, who subsequently founded the city and monastery of Saint Gallen in what is present-day Switzerland, but St. Columbanus the Younger, St. Attala (d. 622 CE), and St. Deicolus (c. 530-624 CE) also accompanied St. Columbanus on his mission to the Continent. After arriving at St. Malo in Brittany, St. Columbanus and his companions proceeded to Reims, which was the Merovingian capital. St. Columbanus and his companions later left Reims, stopping for extended periods of time in Luxeuil, Nantes, and Annegray near the Vosges Mountains. At Luxeuil, St. Columbanus founded Luxeuil Abbey, and elsewhere in Burgundy, he founded Annegray Abbey and Fontaines Abbey. St. Columbanus initially cultivated warm relations with the Merovingian royal family, and St. Guntram of Burgundy (c. 532-593 CE) was a steadfast friend. Under royal patronage, Columbanus and his companions attained and exerted great influence in ecclesiastical matters across Merovingian France. This tremendous influence coupled with St. Columbanus' exhortations about the moral laxity of the Merovingian court and Frankish bishops, caused the ire and resentment of many nobles and bishops alike. Tensions arose in 603 CE when St. Columbanus and his followers argued with Frankish bishops over the exact date of Easter. (St. Columbanus celebrated Easter according to Celtic rites and the Celtic Christian calendar.) St. Columbanus was banished from Merovingian France following a disagreement with Queen Brunhilda of Austrasia (c. 543-613 CE) around c. 610 CE on the topic of the degenerate morals of her children. A powerful and efficient ruler while regent for her son, grandson, and great-grandson, Brunhilda was quite interested in Church affairs too, which brought her into direct conflict with Columbanus, her in-laws, members of the Merovingian nobility, and several Catholic bishops. She feared Columbanus' influence in Austrasia would circumscribe her own influence in ecclesial matters, hence why Columbanus was exiled from Merovingian France.

We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Day next year in our diocese on Sunday 13th July 2025. Myshall being the recognised birthplace of Columbanus will be very much part and parcel of the weekend celebrations when pilgrims from all over the world will gather here in Carlow to honour this great Saint.

Drumpea 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.

First Communion Preparation Program: Our children preparing for First Penance & First Communion will commence their Preparation Program on the weekend of the 15th/16th of February at all our masses. On that weekend our young people and their parents will formally enrol and commence their time of preparation for the receiving of these Sacraments. As a parish community we support them by keeping them in our prayers as they commence this special time of preparation.

Myshall ICA: The ICA holds its monthly meeting on Tuesday 11th February at 8pm in the Community Centre. We'd be delighted to welcome new members, as we are open to all ladies who would like to expand their social circle and learn something new. It's a chance to learn some new skills and make some new friends.

"Comhra as Gaeilge": Our meetings resumes on Thursday 13th February at 8.30pm in Drumphae Community Centre. A great evening for a chat as gaeilge agus an cupán tae. For speakers of all levels to share their gaeilge and to learn new focal agus seanfhocal. Tóg amach an foclóir leabhar agus tá fáilte romhat a bheith páirteach."

Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service: Kilkenny Bereavement Support invites you to an evening with Fr. Jim Cogley, Thursday 20th February, from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, in the Newpark Hotel. Admission is free. Fr. Jim will present his renowned approach to grief and healing through his use of wooden symbols. Fr. Jim is Parish Priest and Director of Pilgrimage at Our Lady's Island (Wexford) and author of 12 books in the 'Wood You Believe' series and facilitates retreats and seminars on Spirituality, Human Development and Healing in his own unique way. (Website www.jimcogley.com). The Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service provides free one to one listening support to people who are bereaved and can be contacted on 086 0670566 / website: www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com .

Kildavin N.S. Fundraising: Cabaret Show Craic agus Ceol with "Should be Band" and Guests on Friday, 14th March, in Conways Lounge, Kildavin. Tickets cost €5 each and are available from the school office, 053 93 76456.

Baptisms: Baptisms take place in both parishes after the masses on Sundays. To book the baptism of your child, contact Fr. Pat.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Clonegal: will take place in St. Brigid's Church, Clonegal every Wednesday from 10:30 am – 1pm.

Items for Parish Newsletter: Local organisations and groups are welcome to place items of interest for the community in our newsletter. All items for the newsletter should be emailed to pmjhughes@yahoo.ie or myshallparishnewsletter@hotmail.com on or before Wednesday afternoon.

Weddings: If you are planning on getting married next year, and you wish to get married in one of the Catholic Churches within the parishes of Clonegal and Myshall, please contact Fr. Pat as soon as possible.