

*Myshall & Clonegal Parish Newsletter*

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ Year C*

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Myshall Webcam: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoO\\_Fc63svs](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>
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Drumpeha at 8:00 pm Brigid Hennessy, Shean (First Ann)	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Clonegal at 6:30 pm
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> Myshall at 10 am Danny O'Neill, Hollybrook (First Ann)	<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> Kildavin at 11:30 am
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – No Mass</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am</b>	
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am</b>	
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am</b>	
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am</b>	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am</b>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Drumpeha at 8:00 pm Ivell Attride, Drumpeha; Mary Tracey, Knocklongad; John & Margaret Lawlor, Bilboa; James & Mary O'Hara, Milltown; Pat Kelly, Knockdrumagh; Catherine & Eileen Doyle, Seskin; Ellen Doran, Seskin; Patrick & Katie Caulfield, Spahill; Carmel Byrne, Bagnelstown; Elizabeth, Tom & Breda Moore, Drumpeha; Sonny Moore, Drumpeha; The D'arcy Family, Drumpeha; Jean Kilgannon, (nee Byrne) Newbridge & formly of Ballinkillen; Bridie & Paddy Kenny, Milltown.	<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Clonegal at 6:30 pm</b> Patrick & Kathleen Butler, Kilmaglush; Seamus Lalor, Ballinrush; William & Mary Fenelon, Shangarry; Johnny and Sadie Doyle, Hill Road, Myshall; Marie Fox, Carlow Road, Myshall; Pat and Kathleen Kavanagh, Ratheenleigh, Myshall; Pascal Jordan, Myshall; Deceased members of the Murphy family Shean; Frank & May O'Dwyer, Shean; Elizabeth Farrell & her son John Joe Farrell, Church Rd; John Shaughnessy, Ballaghmore
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> Myshall at 10 am	<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> Kildavin at 11:30 am

We pray for Carmel Byrne, Bagnelstown who died recently (sister-in-law of Anna Moore, Drumpeha). *May all our Faithful Departed Rest in Peace.*

**Feast Days:** Tuesday 25th March – Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord

**Confessions for Lent & Easter:** There will be Confessions before and after all weekend masses in the lead up to Easter.

**Important Notice Regarding Myshall Church:** Due to ongoing works in Myshall Church, the date for its re-opening is post-phoned. Masses and Church celebrations will continue to take place in the Community Centre. Apologises to all for any inconvenience caused. **Donations towards the works will be very welcome, donations should be placed in an envelope clearly marked Church Renovation Fund.**

**Return of Tax Refund Forms:** In Myshall Parish a number of forms have been posted out to contributors to renew their permission to claim tax back on their contributions, to date not all of them have been returned. The tax we claim back has helped in the renovation works currently being carried out on Myshall Church. This initiative is also been rolled out in Clonegal Parish. Return of completed forms is very much to be encouraged, as its of financial benefit to the parishes.

**Saint Columbanus:** Lord, kindle our lamps, Saviour most dear to us, that we may always shine in your presence and always receive light from you, the Light Perpetual, so that our own personal darkness may be overcome, and the world's darkness driven from us. Amen. (Sermon 12)

***We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Day in our diocese on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.***



**Lenten Station:** The Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up at all our masses in both Myshall and Clonegal this weekend. There is an envelope in your box of envelopes for this purpose. However any envelope clearly marked Lenten Stations will suffice. Taking account that there are now two priests serving in the parishes, your generous support to this collection will be greatly appreciated.

**Trocaire Boxes:** Please take a Trocaire box home with you, and do your best during Lent to place a few euro in the box. Your contribution no matter how small, will greatly help the work of Trocaire in helping those most in need in our world. Contributions no matter how small, coming together will make a huge contribution, and thus will change lives for the better.

**Jubilee 24 Hours for the Lord:** A Jubilee 24 Hours for the Lord takes place in Cathedral Assumption Carlow starting on Friday 28th with opening Mass at 7pm. This will be followed by Stations of the Cross 9pm. Saturday morning mass will be celebrated at 10am, followed by the praying of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary at 12 noon. The Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3 pm, the 24 hours will draw to a close with Mass at 6:15pm. Throughout the 24 hours, the Sacrament of Confession will be available with the exception of Mass and Prayer times. 24 Hours for the Lord is a worldwide initiative begun in 2014 by Pope Francis on the to encourage opportunities for extended periods of Eucharistic Adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, as well as the Sacrament of Confession. It coincides with the weekend of the 4th Sunday of Lent to encourage repentance in preparation for Easter. 24 Hours for the Lord will be marked in the following venues in Kildare and Leighlin.

**Pilgrims of Hope in Lent:** follow and like the Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Facebook and X accounts for daily posts on hope in Lent.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend 28-30 March 2025:** We welcome you to our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend on Friday 28th until Sunday 30th March 2025 at Knock, Co. Mayo. [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**Darkness Into Light:** PIEATA• Darkness into light Official walk in Bunclody on Saturday May 10th 2025 at 4.15am. Registration NOW OPEN. Register online at :- [Darknessintolight.ie](http://Darknessintolight.ie) (pick Wexford then Bunclody) or Register in person at Redmonds Loft on Friday 2nd May between 7pm-9pm. Or contact Linda on 087 2982684 for more information..

**Renewed Request:** A new Heritage sub-committee of Naomh Eoin is gathering information on the history of GAA in the area. It is currently concentrating on the period 1887 – 1954 and among the material gathered are teams from 1887, 1917, 1928 etc. If anyone has any family photos, stories, memorabilia or other information relating to this period please email [naomheoinheritage@gmail.com](mailto:naomheoinheritage@gmail.com) or phone 0876256028.

**Solemn Novena:** Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in Saints Peter and Paul Church, Monasterevin over 5 nights, commencing on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30 p.m. There will be a number of guest speakers over the 5 nights including Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin and Bishop Paul Dempsey, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin.

**Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration:** - Knock Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday April 6th 2025. Coach departing Athy ( St Michael Carpark) 7.45 am sharp. Pick-ups in Ballylinan-Stradbally-Portlaoise can be arranged, please see <https://eucharisticadoration.ie/kildare-leighlin-bus-times/> Cost €25.00 Adults (children free) For further information please also visit <https://eucharisticadoration.ie/>

**Kildare Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Kildare Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place Sep 24th to Sept. 29th 2025. People wishing to travel can avail of our savings club. Monies can be paid in after Sunday masses, 10 & 12 am in the Carmelite church, committee members will be on duty. Contact: Esther 087 6732848/Martin 087 2553582

**Evangelium Ireland Conference 2025:** Evangelium Ireland invites young Catholics to its annual Apologetics Conference at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Saturday, 26 April 2025. The event features talks and workshops on topics such as discipleship in the Gospel of St. John, doctrinal development, and the making of modern culture. Holy Mass will be celebrated. Cost: €45, including lunch, refreshments, and an evening social. For the full programme and registration, visit [www.evangelium.ie](http://www.evangelium.ie) or search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite.

**'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry:** Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.? We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am. In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm (open to the public). This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>. For further information please contact [info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk) +447759496677.

**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.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Luxembourg honouring Carlow Trained St Willibrord:** Join Fr Thomas O’Byrne and our ecumenical friends from the Diocese of Leighlin as the Diocese and the Cathedral Parish travel to Luxembourg to partake in the Annual Hopping Procession in honour of Carlow trained St Willibrord, Patron Saint of the Netherlands and the First Apostle of the Netherlands, from Sunday June 8th to Wednesday June 11th, 2025. St Willibrord spent twelve years in Co Carlow at Rath Melsigi, in the Parish of Tinryland, before leaving for the continent in 690AD. He is highly regarded in Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Every year the town of Echternach, where he is buried, holds a centuries old UNESCO World Heritage Status Hopping Procession in his honour. The procession is known as the People Who Pray With Their Feet. In 2017 the people of Echternach presented Carlow Cathedral with his Relic. Bookings for this unique pilgrimage through Tully’s Travel, Tullow Street, Carlow Town, Tel: 059 9136100, €685.00 per person sharing.

**Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Don’t mow, let it grow!:** Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. By reducing mowing – even to once a month – you will help them to slowly return, one pocket at a time. Where? Everywhere! Even tiny biodiversity margins are valuable.  
[pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)