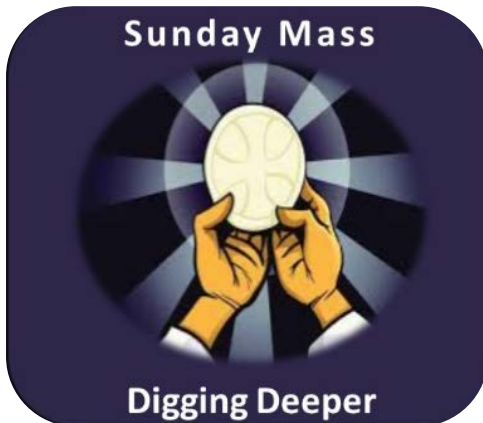


Ministry Update

A Newsletter for Clergy, Parish Sisters and Staff, and all those involved in ministry in the parish, from Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development Services.

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Lenten Catechesis to be made available to all parishes: *Sunday Mass – Digging Deeper*

The Sunday Mass is at the heart of who we are as Christians. This Lent Bishop Denis is inviting parishioners across the diocese to engage in reflecting on the Sunday Mass so that we can deepen our appreciation of its sacredness and, also, deepen our own understanding of and participation in the Mass.

Working with Bishop Denis, the [Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation](#) is preparing a menu of resources exploring the Sunday Mass that will be available to parishes for use this Lent. These resources will be rolled out from Sunday, March 10 to Sunday April 6 and beyond.

Following a letter and video of invitation from Bishop Denis on Sunday March 10, the set of resources will explore a different part of the Mass each week: [The Introductory Rites](#) (March 17); [The Liturgy of the Word](#) (March 24); [The Liturgy of the Eucharist](#) (March 31); [The Concluding Rites](#) (April 6).

What will be on offer for each week...

- Homily Notes for preachers
- A short *iCatholic* video for each part of the Mass for use in the home or among parish groups
- An A4 double sided handout for distribution with the parish newsletter and for parish websites, social media accounts and notice boards
- *Signposts on the Road to Emmaus – an Exploration of the Mass* This four week programme is being offered as a Lenten course for parishioners

Signposts on the Road to Emmaus – An Exploration of the Mass

This series, written by Julie Kavanagh and published by Veritas, explores the Mass over four 1.5 hour sessions. Each session explores to a part of the Mass through the lens of: – our human experience – the story of Jesus and the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus – the Sunday Experience of Mass - and its actual celebration.

Parishes who wish to host this course for themselves and surrounding parishes are asked to contact Julie ASAP
(julie.kavanagh@kandle.ie)





The Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation would like to thank all those parishes that completed and returned the recent survey on local Baptism and Initiation practices.

The Commission is considering the findings. It hopes to engage with parishes and clergy further to explore together pastoral responses for when families present infants and older children for baptism. Among other things, it is hoped that such shared reflection will result in greater resources and supports being available to parishes. The Commission is also looking to what happens when adults seek full initiation or reception into the Catholic Church, again with the aim of offering helpful supports and resources for parishes.

Does your Baptism Team need training?

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT

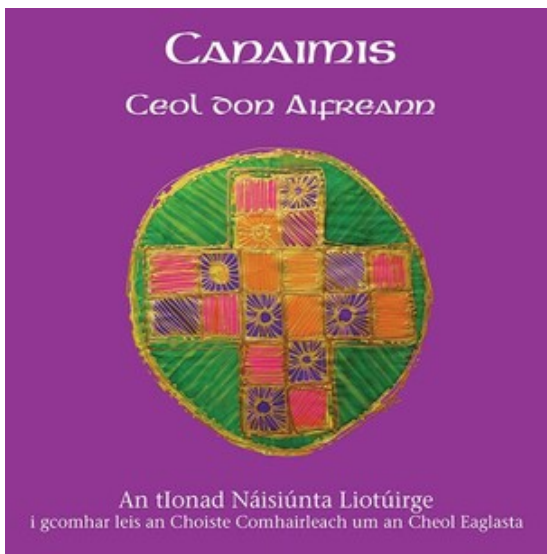
Would your parish like to establish a Baptism Team?

Training for new and existing baptism teams will be offered during the Easter Season. It is anticipated that training will involve 3 two-hour sessions.



We are now asking interested parishes to let us know so that we can locate training in as convenient a location as possible.

Parish clergy are welcome to join their team for this training. Email fds@kandle.ie or ring 059 9164084



CANAIMIS - CEOL DON AIFREANN

has been prepared by the National Centre for Liturgy, in association with the Advisory Committee on Church Music of the Bishop's Conference of Ireland. This anthology of music for the Irish Church is a resource for all involved in music ministry and for all who gather to celebrate the Eucharist.



Along with the publication of *An Leabhar Aifrinn Rómhánach*, this anthology brings together a number of well-known Mass settings, suitably adapted, as well as music composed since the new translation was approved.

Available from Veritas



“The mission of the Church in the world proceeds through the contribution of those who are a part of it...some think that there are only bishops, the bosses, and then there are the workers.

No, the Church is all of us, everyone, each person has their role in the Church, but we are all the Church. We must think of the Church as a living organism, composed of people who we know and with whom we walk, and not as an abstract and distant reality.”

“The Church is us who walk, us who are here in the square. It's everyone,” (Pope Francis, Vatican City, 6 June 2018)



PRAY AS YOU GO is a daily prayer session, designed for use on portable devices, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc. A new prayer session is produced every day of the working week and one session for the weekend. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a sermon or a bible

study, but rather a framework for your own prayer.

It is founded in Ignatian Spirituality and uses the imagination to enter more deeply into prayer. Lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection.

The aim of the app is to help you to:

- *become more aware of God's presence in your life
- *listen to and reflect on God's word
- *grow in your relationship with God

It is produced by Jesuit Media Initiatives, with material written by a number of Jesuits, both in Britain and further afield, and other experts in the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. Although the content is different every day, it keeps to the same basic format.

A Prayer App for Adults and Teens...available for free download from iTunes and Google Playstore



Brigid

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those
who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness
in mind, body and spirit. Amen.



See <http://solasbhride.ie/> for a full listing of events and opportunities for this year's Féile

Blessings of St Brigid! May we continue to walk in the footsteps of Brigid, following her example of Christian charity and faith.



“Dear young people, you are not the future but the now of God and he invites you and calls you in your communities and cities to go out and find your grandparents and elders; to stand up and with them, to speak out and realise the dream that the Lord has dreamed for you.”

(Closing homily, World Youth Day, 2019)

TRAINING



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Sharing from the Table of the Lord

Who: New and existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Where: Askea Parish Centre, Carlow

When: Thursday, February 14, 21 and 28 2019
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Booking: Through your local parish office

NB: A completed ‘Joint Child and Guardian Consent Form’ is required for U18’s



These are the words spoken by Jesus when sending forth his apostles to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom might grow through acts of gratuitous love. They are also the theme of this year’s *World Day of the Sick* (11 Feb).

See Kandle.ie for a link to this year’s message from Pope Francis, as well as A Prayer of Blessing for the Sick and other resources.

‘The joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian.’ (Pope Francis)

Fr John Cummins

Ní bheidh a leithéad ann arís.



This newsletter was being finalised last Wednesday afternoon when the terrible news reached us of the sudden death of Fr John.

Fr John was our team leader in Faith Development Services for over 13 years and we are heartbroken by his loss. His wisdom, friendship, loyalty and guidance are irreplaceable.

As a team we will do our utmost to honour his leadership in the months ahead in our continued service to the diocese in which he served his God and which he loved so deeply.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

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