

## *Clonegal & Myshall Parish Newsletter*

*Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025 ~ Thirteenth Sunday ~ Year C*

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**Myshall Webcam:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0O\\_Fc63svs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0O_Fc63svs)  
See also the “livecamIreland” website and also from the “Myshall” Facebook Page



**TURAS COLUMBANUS  
THE COLUMBAN WAY**  
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**XXVI Columbanus Day**  
**11-13 July 2025**

## WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

### FRIDAY 11TH JULY

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| 1.45PM | Opening Address & Words of Welcome by Bishop Denis Nulty, Carlow County Museum   |
| 2:00PM | Launch of Exhibition "Ireland and the Birth of Europe" with Prof. Dáibhí Ó Cróinín, Carlow County Museum   |
| 3:00PM | Symposium - "If You Want to Know the Creator, Understand Creation", facilitated by Cynthia Ní Mhurchú MEP, Carlow College, St Patrick's  |
| 5:00PM | Ceremony of welcome and reception, Carlow College, St Patrick's  |
| 8:00PM | Ecumenical Evening Prayer with Columbanus Relics, Adelaide Memorial Church, Myshall followed by procession with the Columbanus relics to the Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Myshall |

### SATURDAY 12TH JULY

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| 10:00AM | Assemble for Walk from Nine Stones to Myshall on the Columban Way (2.5 hours)   |
| 1:00PM  | Buffet Lunch in Myshall Hall following walk   |
| 2:30PM  | Talk: "Columbanus, the Man from Myshall" – Former President Mary McAleese – Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Myshall |
| 5:00PM  | Reception for Pilgrims and Guests hosted by Carlow County Council in Carlow College, St Patrick's                               |
| 8:00PM  | Concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow followed by an Irish Music Night in Carlow Town                              |

### SUNDAY 13TH JULY

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| 10:30AM | XXVI Columbanus Day Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow |
| 12:30PM | Pilgrims' Lunch in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow                |

### **Mass Times & Anniversaries**

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Drumphea at 8:00 pm</b> Margaret Spruhan, Knocknageera; Maire Ryder, Knocklongad; John Jack Ryan, Drumphea; Joseph Byrne, Ballinakill; Sr Margaret Nolan, Knockindraine & Newry	<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Clonegal at 6:30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Myshall at 10 am</b> Kathleen & Bernard McDonald, Killeshin; Pat & Mary Keogh, Aclare; Richard Whelan, St Oliver's Pk; Patrick & James Cosgrave, Straduff; Tom & Patsy Byrne, Bealalaw & deceased members of the Byrne family, Knockbrack; Peter Abbey, Lisgarvan; Andy O'Brien, Lismaconly; Thomas & Ellen Eustace, Myshall; Annie Smithers, Ullardmore, Myshall; Mary Doyle, Ballinrush & her parents Daniel & Margaret.	<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Kildavin at 11:30 am</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – No Mass</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Mass at 10 am</b>
<b>Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup> July – Mass at 10 am</b>	
<b>Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> July – Mass at 10 am</b>	<b>Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> July – Mass at 10 am</b>
<b>Thursday 03<sup>rd</sup> July – Mass at 10 am</b>	
<b>Friday 04<sup>th</sup> July - Mass at 10 am</b>	<b>Friday 04<sup>th</sup> July - Mass at 10 am</b>
<b>Saturday 05<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Drumphea at 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday 05<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Clonegal at 6:30 pm</b> Joe and Bridie Roche, Monaghan; Tess Balfe, Abbeydown; James & Kathleen Hendrick, Johnstown; Timothy Farrell Moylisha; Richard and Catherine Byrne, Coolruss; Susan Hillard, Ballisland; Josephine Ryan, Ballyredmond
<b>Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Myshall at 10 am</b>	<b>Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Kildavin at 11:30 am</b> Margaret Murphy, Crannmore; Nicolas Murphy, Crowsgrove ; Thomas & Teresa Doyle, Crowsgrove & their son Pat Doyle; Pat Townsend, Ballypierce; Eilish Townsend, Ballypierce; Una Townsend, Ballypierce; Michael Kehoe, Knockdoorish; Eamonn Roberts, Crowsgrove; Catherine Townsend, Ballypierce

We pray for Teddy Breen, formally of Carrhill who died in Bath on Thursday whose funeral will take place in England. (Brother of Kevin & Pauline) ***May all our Faithful Departed Rest In Peace.***

**Rally for Life 2025:** The Rally for Life 2025 (Ireland's Largest Pro-Life March) takes place on Saturday, 5th July 2025, commencing at Parnell Square in Dublin at 1:30 pm. All are welcome to take part.

**Clonegal Cuppa:** The **Clonegal Tuesday Club** will host an opportunity to meet up for a chat over a nice cuppa & refreshments in St. Brigid's Hall, Clonegal, immediately after the Patron Mass on Saturday evening 5th July. Everyone is very welcome.  
Community Get Together is an initiative - supported by Carlow Co. Council.



**Cemetery Masses 2025:**

Friday 04<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30 pm in Lismaconly.

Saturday 05<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30 pm in Clonegal.

Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> July at 11:30 am in Kildavin.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 8:00 pm in Drumphrea.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2:00 pm Rosary and Blessing of Graves in Ballinree.

*Now it the opportune time to get out and give those family graves a good spring clean in advance of our Cemetery Masses!*

**Volunteers Welcome For Myshall Village Clean-Up:** Wednesday evenings from now until July, meeting at the Community Centre at 7p.m. Lots of work to be done in preparation for the Columban Day celebrations with hundreds of visitors coming from all over Europe. This is our chance to really show off our village so all help would be greatly appreciated.

**Lent Synod Listening Report:** From the themes that emerged in the Irish Synod Synthesis, in our diocese three themes emerged as priorities in the recent Lent synod listening sessions. These were baptism, belonging and faith formation. To read more about what was said at the gatherings about these and other themes you can view a report and a short video on [www.kandle.ie/synod](http://www.kandle.ie/synod)

**Drumphrea 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.

**Columban Day Celebrations:** All paths lead to Carlow this July when the town hosts the XXVI Columbanus Day celebration from 11th July to 13th July 2025. This significant occasion honours St Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries, recognised for his contributions to the spiritual and cultural foundation of Europe. St Columbanus, patron saint of the Missionary Society of St Columban, was born in Myshall. The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experiences. Highlights include the launch of the exhibition 'Ireland and the Birth of Europe,' a symposium exploring the relationship between creation and spirituality given by Columban missionary Fr Sean McDonagh, and a walk along the picturesque Columban Way. Visitors can also look forward to engaging talks, such as 'Columbanus, the Man from Myshall,' by former President Dr Mary McAleese, taking place here in the Holy Cross Church in Myshall. The celebrations culminate with the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Sunday 13th July. We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Weekend. 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 and Myshall to honour this great Saint.



**Feast Days:** Tuesday 01st July St Oliver Plunkett, bishop & martyr  
Thursday 03rd July St Thomas, Apostle

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary:** Every Sunday Evening from 6:30pm - 8 pm in Bunclody Church, starting 6th July. All are most welcome to come join in adoration and prayer.

**St Brigid's 3-day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025:** Friday 4th July – Sunday 6th July and Wed 13th Aug – Fri 15th Aug. Bus pick ups at Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth and Dunboyne M3 park and ride. For information and bookings: Tel Joe 0872467594 or email [deirdregleeson@medwise.ie](mailto:deirdregleeson@medwise.ie)

**Come and See Day:** A day to explore priesthood: talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, discerning a vocation, Knock House Hotel F12 R6Y5, Sunday 13th July 11.00am to 4.30pm. Bookings only through [Vocations.ie](http://Vocations.ie). For more information contact: [carol.king@vocations.ie](mailto:carol.king@vocations.ie)

**Would you like to help us mark the Season of Creation locally?:** The Season of Creation is a worldwide ecumenical event that takes place every year from 1 September to 4 October. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The late Pope Francis chose the theme 'Seeds of Peace and Hope' for the world day of prayer while the theme of the whole season is 'Peace with Creation'. Both themes offer powerful reminders to us of the strong link between war and the degradation of our planet. The seed indicates the need for a long-term commitment to peace while expressing hope that the seeds of peace may emerge across all continents. Maybe you would like to join with a few others to take a lead in how we will mark this season locally in the parish and/or pastoral area. Resources can be found on [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org) Please contact the parish office if you are interested in being part of this initiative.

**Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick:** Join with Bishop Denis and others from across the Diocese as together we climb Croagh Patrick and celebrate Mass at the summit. August 23rd. Buses from Carlow, Naas and Portlaoise. Please contact Christine in FDS to book a place on one of the buses. 059 9164084 or [fds@kandle.ie](mailto:fds@kandle.ie)

**24 Hour Silent Vigil for Gaza:** From 12 noon Saturday 19th July to 12 noon Sunday 20th July at Clane Church Plaza space. Prayer, silence and reflection in solidarity with the people of Gaza. More details from our Suaimhneas Centre, Clane.

**Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators:** Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and herbicides. These potent chemical cocktails are designed to kill various organisms. One of the best things you can do for pollinators is avoid using them. Why? Insecticides have been found to kill, harm, and disorientate pollinators. Herbicides kill the 'weeds' that provide them with important food. [pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)