

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### Saturday 16 October

Vigil Mass **6.30pm**  
Michael Nolan (Months Mind)  
Johnny Leeson (1st Anniversary)  
Eileen Allen (Née Delmer)(Months Mind)

### Sunday 17 October

Morning Mass **10.00am**

### Monday 18 October

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Tuesday 19 October

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Wednesday 20 October

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Thursday 21 October

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Friday 22 October

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Saturday 23 October

Vigil Mass **6.30pm**

Stephen Campbell

### Sunday 24 October

Morning Mass **10.00am**

**(Mission Sunday)**

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

### Saturday 16 October

Giles Durcan

### Sunday 17 October

Anna McMahon

### Saturday 23 October

Josh Hannigan

### Sunday 24 October

Máire Heneghan

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

### Saturday 16 October

Mary Dunne

### Sunday 17 October

Máire Heneghan

### Saturday 23 October

Martin Fox

### Sunday 24 October

Philomena Delmer

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## Setting out on a Synodal Pathway

### – A Message and Invitation from Bishop Denis to Take a First Step Together

In these days, the Catholic Church throughout the world and in Ireland is beginning a series of conversations about what God wants of his people at this time. These conversations, grounded in prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit, are often referred to as a Synodal Process. The term, “synodal”, comes from a Greek word which means “walking together”.

For the Irish Church, this universal synod with the title: *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*, coincides with its own synodal pathway towards a national synodal assembly in the next five years. The key question at the heart of our synodal pathway is: What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time? This is a question being asked of all people, both within the Church and in society at large, to share their insights into the Catholic Church in Ireland – past, present and future – so that we can prepare for a National Synodal Assembly in the coming years.

In Kildare and Leighlin, as we begin this process of walking together as a diocese, we are going to give ourselves the time to do it as best we can, respectful of our local context and seeking to be inclusive of all voices. In the days, months and years ahead, as we walk together and seek out other companions on the road, may we learn from one another; may this journey plant God’s dream for our Church into our hearts so that together, as the People of God, we will be the Church we are called to be in these times and for all people.

We are at the beginning of a journey and the first step I am inviting you to take with me is a step of prayer. I invite you to pray the Synod prayer with your faith community and to take time to pray it at home. *As you pray I ask that you unite with the prayer of people from your parish and from your diocese who stand with you as companions on the journey.* May our prayers set us on the right course for authentic listening and discernment that is inclusive and respectful of all so that together we may discover the Church God wants us to be.

Our first step is a very small one but it is an important reminder that all we do and all we can accomplish together is through the grace and abundance of God who is with us always to guide us and lead us.

Yours in Christ,

+ Denis Nulty

Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin

## Thank You

The Pastoral Council would like to thank everyone involved in the Defibrillator for the village. It could never have been achieved without the help of the Tidy Towns Committee, Caragh Community Centre Committee, Caragh School, Centra, Kildare County Council, Garrett Norton and co-ordinated by Aoife Carey. In case of an emergency there are also defibrillators located in the Church, Eire Óg Corra Choill and Raheens.



We are delighted this year to be able to take part in the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. Children are invited to take part in this wonderful project. The Shoe Boxes is an annual campaign sending gift filled shoeboxes from Ireland to children affected by poverty across Africa and Eastern Europe. The leaflet explains how to prepare the shoebox and the items which may be included. Please include the €4 in an envelope in the box. Boxes will be collected from school on Wed. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Leaflets have been given to children this week. More leaflets available in the school office.

*Signed Mass Cards are available in the Sacristy and the Parish Office*

*All our Masses can be viewed on our webcam.*

[www.caraghparish.net](http://www.caraghparish.net) or on our app

### Parish Envelopes – Mission Sunday 24/10/2021

#### Envelopes are provided in collection boxes and in the Church

We encourage people to consider setting up a Bankers Order. Forms are available in the Parish Office or in the Church. We would like to thank people who are contributing in these time

### The Prayer of the Synod

*The following prayer has been offered by Rome for the Church's Synodal Journey. It is based on a prayer attributed to St Isidore of Seville (560-636) that has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods of the Church for hundreds of years.*

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;**

**Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.**

**Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### *FEAST DAYS*

#### *St. Luke, Evangelist: Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>*

St. Luke was a physician from a Gentile Christian milieu. He was with St. Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. After Paul's death he is reputed to have worked in Greece. In art, he is represented by an ox. Patron of butchers, bookbinders, doctors, surgeons, artists and glassworkers.

#### *St. John Paul II, Pope: Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>*

St. John Paul II was pope for over twenty-six years from 22 October 1978, the inauguration of his ministry as universal Pastor of the Church, until his death on 2 April 2005. Ordained Bishop of Krakow in 1958 and took a significant part in the Second Vatican Council. As Bishop of Rome he visited almost all of the Roman parishes and made apostolic journeys to 104 countries, including Ireland 29 September – 2 October 1979.