

Parish Newsletter

16th August 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Message from Fr. Liam

Last Wednesday morning Bishop Denis announced the K&L Diocesan Appointments for 2026. Some very familiar names feature among the changes, including our colleague Fr Joe in Kill Parish, and our own Fr Yohan.

As you will read in the appointments below:

Fr Joe is taking Sabbatical Leave, we wish Joe every blessing.

Fr Yohan has been appointed Administrator of Kill Parish, while continuing as a member of the Parish Team for Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House. I am especially pleased that Yohan will remain as our colleague.

As the four priests with diocesan appointments (Michael, Robert, Yohan and myself), we will continue to work as a Team, with our deacons Jody and Michal, and lay Team Members: Sarah and Trish. While being assured of the kind support of our retired priests Fr. Jackie and Fr. Willie. I acknowledge too the generosity and commitment of Parish Staff: in the offices, shops and sacristies and the very many parishioners who participate in all aspects of parish life.

These latest changes for our pastoral area see us deepening our sense of co-operation as we work together as a Parish Team serving a grouping of four parishes.

You will read from Bishop Denis' opening remarks just how challenging it has been for him to make this year's appointments owing to the withdrawal or return home of some of our youngest clergy. They will be deeply missed.

How we work together as a Pastoral Area going forward will need prayerful reflection and discernment.

Diocesan Appointments 2026, a message from Bishop Denis.

I am pleased to announce today the Kildare & Leighlin diocesan clergy changes for 2026. These changes are challenging on all fronts, and I cannot express enough how grateful I am for the cooperation, generosity and understanding from all our clergy.

With a big reduction in the number of priests available this year, I am reminded of just how much each priest gives of himself when appointed to a parish. This is never taken for granted and we should always be thankful for their work and ministry.

Clergy who are moving and those who are taking on more, have my deepest respect and support. Going forward parishes will undoubtedly be without a resident priest and so with fewer clergy it is more important than ever to pray for our priests and to encourage vocations.

I am in contact with a number of international priests who hopefully will be in a position to take up appointments in the diocese over the coming months.

I ask you to keep all our priests and deacons in your prayers, to help them and to support them at this important time in our diocese. The changes come into effect on Friday 18th September next... (see overleaf for details).

Diocesan Appointments

Fr. Tom Dooley, PP Portarlinton & Emo to retire.

Fr. Yanbo Chen, SVD CC, The Cathedral Parish, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Theodore Tomasik, SVD CC, The Cathedral Parish, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Erik Ebot, SVD CC, Portlaoise, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Eugen Dragas Tamas, CC, Portarlinton & Emo returning to Iasi Diocese in Romania.

Fr. Ciprian Matei, CC, Portlaoise returning to Bucharest Archdiocese in Romania.

Fr. Joe O'Neill, PP, Kill to take sabbatical leave.

Fr. David Vard PP Stradbally taking personal leave of absence with my full support.

Fr. Pat Hughes, PP, Myshall & Clonegal, to become PP, Portarlinton & Emo.

Fr. Andy Leahy, CC, Myshall & Clonegal, to become PP Myshall & Clonegal while continuing to reside in St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan.

Fr. Yohan Fernando, CC, Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House, to become Adm., Kill while remaining part of the Parish Team in the Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House Pastoral Area.

Fr. Piotr Jakubiak, Polish Chaplain, to become CC in the Portarlinton Mountmellick Pastoral Area, while continuing to support the Polish community.

Fr. Petru Medves, CC, Abbeylax, Ballinakill & Raheen, to become also CC, Portlaoise. The three curates in Portlaoise (Fr. Adriano de Oliveira, Fr. Simon Jin and Fr. Petru Medves) will assist in ministry in the wider Pastoral Area.

As previously announced (which came into effect on 1st August):

Fr. Sean Maher, PP Balyna, appointed to the staff of the Seminary, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Fr. Brian Kavanagh, CC, Allen & AP Newbridge, to become PP, Balyna.

Once again many thanks and blessings to all,

+Denis Nulty

12 August 2026

BBYT Summer School Performance at the Moat Theatre

Monday 17th August at 7pm &

Tuesday 18th August at 7pm

Tickets €15

All are welcome



On Sat. 22nd August the Queenship
of our Lady, join us at 8pm for
Rosary at the Grotto in OLSD.



"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"



DECLAN BARRY, LAKELANDS

VERONICA PATCHELL, CORBALLY COURT

STEPHEN BROGAN, ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Naas: Development Fund: €3,725 Offertory: €2,725

Online donations (6th - 12th Aug): €250

Tap&Go (6th - 12th Aug): €853

Sallins: Envelopes: €360 Baskets: €505

TMH: €562

Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw

There was no winner of the
€4,400 Jackpot on 12th August 2026.

Numbers Drawn: 3-22-1-15

Lucky Dip winners were: **F. Burke,**
C. Quinn, C. Warren, J. Sheehan.

You could win the Jackpot of
€4,650 on Weds 19th August.

Thank you for your support.

Parish Pilgrimage to Glendalough Saturday 22nd August

Cost: including bus transport and food : €55
Last few spaces - contact the Parish Office.

K&L Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Day

Led by Bishop Denis Nulty.

Mount St. Anne's on **Sat. 29th August 9.30am - 4.00pm.**

Refreshments on arrival - Lunch 12.30-1.15. Cost €25.

Booking Essential. Call or Text Barbara on 086 1637311
with name and number of companions. **All welcome.**