

Laragh & Glendalough News

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St. Kevin's Parish

Current proposed times of Easter Ceremonies are given below. Any changes will be advertised in the 'Yellow Sheet' and in the church porch.

<u>Holy Week Ceremonies</u>	
Holy Thursday 2nd April	
10 am	Morning Prayer
7 pm	Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday 3rd April	
10 am	Morning Prayer and Confessions
11 am	Stations of the Cross in the Valley led by Fr. Michael Rodgers – meet at the Visitors' Centre
3 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Adoration of the Cross
7 pm	The Way of the Cross
Holy Saturday 4th April	
10 am	Morning Prayer and Confessions
9 pm	Solemn Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 5th April	
9.30 am	Mass
11.30 am	Mass
<u>Reconciliation Service</u>	
A penitential service will take place at 8 pm on <i>Thursday 26th March</i> . Similar services will take place in Roundwood (11 am on 28 th March), Rathdrum (8 pm on 30 th March), Wicklow (8pm on 31 st March) and Arklow (8 pm on 1 st April).	

GDDA AGM

The AGM of the Glendalough and District Development Association will be held in the Brockagh Resource Centre at 8 pm on Tuesday 14th April. All are welcome.

Wedding

Congratulations to Liam McEvoy and Katrina Walsh who were married in St. Kevin's Church on 28th February. We wish them every happiness in their future together.

St. Kevin's Way

All are welcome to join the 'Friends of St. Kevin's Road' on Easter Saturday, April 4th as they follow a medieval path to Glendalough and weave through the beauty of Wicklow's sacred landscape.

Meet at the visitor centre in Glendalough at 10 am and take a bus to the start of the walk (bus costs €5). Walk the trail for 11 km to the Round Tower, Glendalough. For a shorter walk, take St. Kevin's Way from Glendalough to meet them. Bring hiking boots, wet-gear, a packed lunch, water and an intention for the walk. Contact Bébhinn on 087-9185143 or nnidhonaill@gmail.com for more information or to participate.

Czech Twinning Project

Since 2005 Laragh/Glendalough has been twinned with the village of Otrocineves in the Czech Republic (it is situated about 40 kms west of Prague). There was a Celtic settlement in the area at one time and iron ore was mined locally.

Since the start of the project we have exchanged visits on alternate years. During our trips we have visited many places of interest and have been accommodated, wined and dined like royalty. The only real expense involved is the return air fare.

This year we may visit Otrocineves in late August or September travelling out on a Thursday and returning the following Monday. If you are interested, please come along to our next meeting in the Brockagh Centre. The date will be advertised in the Wicklow People, this newsletter and St. Kevin's parish 'yellow sheet'.

St. John's Church

The usual time for Sunday service in St. John's church is 9.15 am. However, please note that on Sunday 29th March a United Parish Service will be held in St. John's at the later time of 10.30 am.

Holy Week and Easter Services in St. John's

Wednesday	1 st April	7.30 pm
Good Friday	3 rd April	2 pm
Easter Day	5 th April	9.15 am

Parish Sale

The Parish Sale will take place on Saturday 9th May in the RDA Hall, Rathdrum.

Mobile Library

The mobile library visits Laragh every second Thursday from 12 noon to 12.50 pm. The first ten minutes are spent outside the Brockagh Centre and the rest of the time is spent outside Lynhams. The next visits will take place on Thursdays 2nd, 16th and 30th April and 14th May.

5Rhythms Movement Meditation

'I want to get you excited about who you are, what you have, and what can still be for you. I want to inspire you to see that you can go far beyond where you are right now.' (Virginia Satir)

Fortnightly 5Rhythms movement meditation classes are held in the Annamoe Centre on Thursdays (7.30 to 9 pm). The next classes take place on Thursdays 26th March and 9th April. The 'drop-in' cost is €15 or €12 for elders, unwaged and students while a card for six classes costs €60. This card is valid for any class, expires when you do, is totally transferable and can be used to bring a buddy. The third class for beginners is free! All are welcome and no experience is necessary. Come to keep fit, have fun, improve flexibility, increase self-esteem and make friends.

Use the below details to find dates for classes or join the mailing list to receive a newsletter (which includes health matters): www.sherronstclair.ie; Facebook Sherron St Clair; Twitter Sherrondipity Dance@sherronstclair; phone 086-8788311.

AA Meetings

Closed AA meetings are held in the Brockagh Resource Centre at 8.30 pm every Monday night. If you think that you may have a problem with alcohol please come along.

Scoil Chaoimhín Naofa

We have had a busy few weeks in the school. Keep up to date with events by visiting our new website www.stkevinsnsglendalough.ie

Book Week/Seachtain na Leabhar

We had a very successful Book Week from 2nd to 6th March. We held a second-hand book sale, a book quiz and even dressed up as book characters – all to highlight the importance of reading. Families were very generous in donating books and then, in turn, buying and bagging some great bargains. We raised just over €1,000 which we plan to use in upgrading the laptops in the school. Thanks to all who supported and participated.

Rang 2

Pupils from Rang 2 celebrated their First Confession on Tuesday 10th March. Please remember them in your thoughts as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion in May.

Vote for Hannah McGraynor

Hannah McGraynor in Junior Infants has reached the final of the Doodle 4 Google art competition. If you haven't done so already, we need you to *Vote for Hannah* by using this link <http://www.google.ie/doodle4google/vote.html> on or before March 20th. Check out Group 1 doodles

for Hannah's entry and spread the word to family, friends and work colleagues. If Hannah wins, our school will receive a €10,000 technology grant!

Laragh Trail Run

On Saturday March 14th a multitude of runners, walkers, volunteers and bakers helped make this year's Laragh Trail Run a great success. Many, many thanks to all who participated and volunteered in different ways. A special thanks goes to all the members of our hard working Parents' Association Committee.

Concert in the Mermaid Theatre

On Sunday March 22nd, Rang 3 will be playing their ukuleles in a concert (*The Wicklow Ways* by Vincent Kennedy) in the Mermaid Theatre in Bray. Please visit www.mermaidartscentre.ie for details and to book tickets. This opportunity is afforded to us by our involvement in the Music Generation Programme and with tutor Dr. Eamon Sweeney.

Sponsored Walk

On Friday 27th March the pupils will participate in a marathon sponsored walk around the trails of Glendalough. Collectively they will walk a total of 42 km – each class doing a little bit! Pupils have been issued with sponsorship cards and much of the money raised will go towards further upgrading of laptops and ICT within the school.

Laragh GFC

Senior Team

We played our first league game at home against Hollywood. We started off well but didn't take our chances when they came and Hollywood punished us with every chance they got. We actually had a lot of possession throughout the game and if we had taken a few more scores in the first half it could have been a different story. The final score was 6-12 to 2-05. However, it was great to see 20 players togged out and everyone getting a run. It was also good to see so many supporters and hopefully this will continue for the year ahead. Training continues on Fridays at 7.30 pm.

Club Membership

Membership fees are now due and should be paid as soon as possible (payment can be made to any committee member or at Friday night training). If you are interested in playing or in helping the club in any way, contact a member of the committee.

County Development Draw

There will be extra prizes in this year's County Development Draw. Tickets will be on sale over the coming weeks. A ticket costs €50 and entitles you to entry to three draws.

Sponsor an issue - please contact Nuala at 45167
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Adult Guidance Service

An Adult Career Guidance Service is available at the Brockagh Centre. This careers/education service is free, friendly, confidential, supportive and available to all adults over 18 years of age. For more details contact Irene on 086-8061569.

Indian Head Massage Workshop

Discover how a combination of relaxation techniques, massage and traditional pressure points can contribute to your overall wellbeing and help to manage pain, stress and anxiety. An experiential Indian Head Massage workshop will be run in the Brockagh Resource Centre from 10am to 5 pm (with a break from 1 to 2 pm) on Saturday April 18th. The cost is €50. For further information or to book your place for the workshop, please contact Carol on 087-6172950.

Rosaleen Durkin Kinesiology Clinic

Rosaleen Durkin will hold kinesiology clinics in Annamoe Centre on Thursday 26th March, Thursdays 16th and 30th April, Saturday 25th April, Thursdays 14th and 28th May and Saturday 23rd May. Please visit www.rosaleendurkin.com, contact clinic@rosaleendurkin.com or phone Rosaleen at 087-2195931.

The Wicklow Proms

On Friday May 8th, The Wicklow Proms will present 'The Paris Songbook' in Djouce Golf Club with Derby Browne on vocals, David Wray on keyboard and Marta Siermantowska on accordion.

The concert commences at 8 pm and features the iconic music of the boulevards and cabarets of belle époque Paris. Tickets for the prom are €25 and can be reserved by phoning 01-2818228. A pre-concert menu is available from 6 pm in the Grange Kitchen restaurant at the club. Reservation is essential – please phone 01-2012125 for price options and to book a table.

Part-time Work and PRSI

Part-time employees who work one week on followed by one week off need to be aware of the consequences this may have for their social welfare and pension rights. To make sure you have 52 PRSI contributions you must work at least one day in each contribution week of the year.

Further information can be obtained from the Citizens Information Centre at the Brockagh Resource Centre which is open for information relating to your rights and entitlements from 10 am until noon on the *first Tuesday of each month*

(please note change of dates). The next clinic will take place on Tuesday 7th April. No appointment is necessary for this free and confidential service.

Annamoe Centre

Bowls Games continue on Tuesdays. The league is almost over – we did very well for our first time.

Tractor/Car Run This year's run will commence at 12 noon on 12th April.

History Evenings Our historical evenings take place at 8 pm on the third Monday of each month.

Tennis Court If you would like to learn tennis you can come to the Centre on Saturday 25th April from 11 am to 1 pm to get an idea of the rules of the game. Michael has kindly agreed to give his time to those of us who would like to learn. You can also visit Jamie Stafford's website. The court is open for private use too – it costs €5 for two or €8 for four per hour (please contact 086-8188499 or 087-6191500 to book).

Get Yourself On-Line

Get Yourself On-Line is a very popular step-by-step course which helps those with little experience of the internet. It introduces email attachments, search engines, on-line transactions such as motor tax, podcasts, playbacks, on-line safety and security, Skype, on-line banking and buying on-line. The 4-week course (2 hours per class) is free to those over 65 and costs €10 to all others. A contribution towards tea/coffee is also required. Classes for beginners take place on Monday mornings while classes for those at a slightly more advanced level are on Monday evenings. Register your interest by calling Laragh IT on 0404-45600.

Classic Cinema

An introduction to 'Classic Cinema' comprising four interactive and anecdotal sessions led by life-long film buff George Fleeton will take place in the Brockagh Centre on Thursdays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th April from 7 to 9 pm. The cost is €15 per session or €50 for all four sessions. Check out www.georgefleeton.com or contact George on 01-2818228 for further information or to enrol.

Laragh Cardiac First Responders

Laragh Cardiac First Responders will hold their next training course in the Glendalough Hotel over the weekend of 18th and 19th April. In order to provide 24/7 cover they need more volunteers – if you are interested, or would just like some more information, please contact Sheila Kavanagh on 087-2121522 or any of the existing members.

The Brockagh Resource Centre

Car Boot Sale

The next Car Boot Sale will take place on Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday). This is a great opportunity to find a bargain (either new or used). Vans must be booked in. Remember we have limited car park spaces for the next few months so please pre-book indoor spaces early. Contact the Brockagh Centre on 0404-45600.

Tuesday Night - Dance Night

Tuesday night is dance night from 9.30 pm till late with the Wicklow Man.

Footfalls Step Out Weekly Walks

'Footfalls Step Out' walking and weight loss program continues at 6.30 pm every Monday and at 7 pm on Thursdays. This is a great way to get fit, lose weight and to enjoy our beautiful surroundings. The cost is €5 per week. Please phone Sarah on 087-6235510 or email ffstepout@outlook.ie for more information.

Kirikee Drama Group

Kirikee Drama Group will perform *The Curious Savage* by John Patrick at the Brockagh Centre on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th April at 8 pm. This is the story of wealthy widow, Ethel Savage, who has been forcefully committed to a high-priced insane asylum by her three greedy stepchildren who wish to get their hands on her inheritance. The "guests" at the asylum are a funny group and work with Mrs. Savage to foil her children's plans. Don't miss this heart-warming and funny play.

Tranquillity Sunday

Tranquillity Sundays offer an opportunity to celebrate the Sabbath in silence, prayer and rest. All are welcome to the Glendalough Hermitage Centre between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm on the first Sunday of each month. Our next Tranquillity Sunday will be on 5th April (Easter Sunday).

'Come Felting' Workshop

You may have seen the lovely felt hats, scarves and purses made by Ann and Orla Callaghan at the Christmas craft fair in the Brockagh Centre. The pair are now coming to the Centre to lead some workshops. On Tuesday 21st April (7.30 to 9 pm) you can learn to make a table mat or wall hanging (cost €15). On Sunday April 26th (10.30 am to 4.30 pm) there will be two workshops; in the morning you can learn to make a scarf and in the afternoon you can learn to make a purse. The cost of the full day is €65 and for a half-day the cost is

€35. All materials are supplied. For further information call Ann on 086-8162485, email acall@indigo.ie, call Orla on 086-2616274 or email orcal@eircom.net. Please also see <https://www.facebook.com/thefourcallaghans>

Start Your Own Business

Wicklow Local Enterprise will run a *Start Your Own Business* course in the Brockagh Centre over 10 consecutive weeks starting on Wednesday 13th May (7 to 10 pm). This course aims to assist participants to assess the viability of business ideas and to understand the essential elements required to start up and run their own business. For more details, check out Wicklow Local Enterprise Office on www.localenterprise.ie or phone 0404-30800.

Tidy Towns

An Taisce National Spring Clean takes place from 1st to 30th April. If you have one hour to spare, please come along to help Tidy Towns spring-clean Laragh/Glendalough at 11 am on Saturday 4th April. Meet opposite Lynhams.

Spring Garden Course

RTE came to the Brockagh Centre one recent Friday morning to film Suzie Cahn who has been chosen to design a permaculture garden for this year's 'Super Garden'. Suzie is the tutor for the Friday morning gardening course which started recently. For more information contact the Brockagh Centre on 0404-45600.

The Purpose of Life

You are invited to listen to messages from the Bible in the Brockagh Centre from 8 to 9 pm every Thursday until April 16th. All are welcome to these free and non-denominational meetings.

Baptism

We would like to welcome Brendan Patrick Reilly (son of Eoin and Colette) who was baptised in St. Kevin's Church on 7th March.

Comhaltas Irish Music & Dance Classes

Learn traditional Irish music and dance with the award-winning Roundwood Comhaltas branch (guitar, fiddle, flute, tin whistle and grúpa ceoil. For more information phone 087-2841604 or email roundwoodcce@gmail.com

Please leave articles for the next issue into W. McCoy's by **20th April**; alternatively email them to laragh_glendalough_news@hotmail.com.