#### KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 7<sup>th</sup> DEC. 2025

### **PARISH DIARY**

**Adoration** every Thursday evening 6.30pm - 7.30pm in St. Coca's Church. All welcome.

We would welcome *additional collectors* for our Christmas masses. Any interested parties please send details to Nicola in Parish Office <u>info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie</u>.

**Readers for this weekend**: Sat 6pm – Aisling Bracken, Sun 9am – Ray Manning & 12 noon – Kulli Adamberg.

Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend - Sat 6pm Joe McFadden, Michael Minogue & Mick Ó'Murchú; Sun 9am - Margaret Macken & Dermot Sheehan & 12 noon - Claire Dunne & Mary Forde.

#### **CHRISTMAS DIARY 2025**

Wed, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7pm – St. Coca's Penitential Service & Reconciliation

Thu, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7pm – Church of the Nativity, Newtown Carol Service

Sun, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec @ 6pm – Parish Choir Christmas Carol Service, St. Coca's Church

Wed, 24<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 11am-12.30pm – Confessions in St. Coca's Church

5pm - Children's Mass in St. Coca's Church

7pm - Vigil Mass in Church of the Nativity, Newtown

9pm - Vigil Mass in St. Coca's Church, Kilcock

### PARISH SHOP

The Parish Shop will now open on Saturday in the lead up to Christmas from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We are now stocking Christmas mass bouquets, Christmas cards, Christmas candles, cribs and lots more. The Almas Christmas Mass bouquets now available. Come in and have a browse, open Mon-Sat, 10.30am-12.30pm.

It's not what's under the tree that matters; it is who is gathered around it!

May you have the gladness of Christmas – which is HOPE,

the spirit of Christmas – which is PEACE, and the heart of Christmas – which is LOVE.

Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who most need it!

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's liturgy, we hear again the lonely voice of John the Baptist: "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight".

It is not God's way that needs to be straightened out but our ways. God's way is straight. But our ways are not always straight – let us reflect for a moment on the fact that we haven't always walked in God's way.

Lord Jesus, you guid the humble in the right path.

Lord, have mercy.

You smooth the way for the upright.

Christ, have mercy.

You seek our ant save the lost.

Lord, have mercy.

The voice of John the Baptist was a lonely voice.

There are many lonely voices in our world,
coming not only from the prophets,
but also from the victims of injustice and neglect.
Lord, help us to listen to these voices,
whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts,
telling us that we are loved by you,
and that we are to love one another.

AMEN

### ADVENT HOPE

Advent is a time of hope and promise. If things and people were perfect, hope would not be needed. Hope is required precisely because we live in an imperfect world.

Hope is a vital part of life. We spend a great deal of our lives longing, waiting, hoping for one thing or another. It is impossible to live when on is completely without hope. Hope is the spirit what bread is to the body.

Hope doesn't mean sitting back waiting for things to happen. Hope spurs us into action — it is precisely because we have hope that we work so hard. We believe our efforts are worthwhile and that they do make a difference. Our strength, our commitment, depends to a great extent, on the degree and quality of our hope. If we had no hope we would give up.

May you know the happiness of those who walk in God's way.

May the Lord turn the darkness before you into light and rough places into level ground.

Any may you never doubt but that God will fulfil the promises he has made to us in Christ.

Parish Office: 01 6287 406; <u>info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie</u>. Parish Shop: 01 6287 499 Mon – Fri: 10.30am – 12.30pm

# PARISH LOTTO -TUE, 2<sup>nd</sup> DEC, 2025

Lotto Nos. 14-17-20-28

Winner: Cora Davey Next Jackpot: €10,000

(3x€50 Winners): G&M McGeeney, Mary Gaffney, Danny Leonard.

(2x€50 Promoters): Packie Lynch & Julie McCarthy.

Thank you for your continued support.

*St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band Christmas Concert* on Sat, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Maynooth. All welcome.

Carbury GAA – Christmas Bingo Special on Sun, 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 2pm in the clubhouse. Over €3,000 in prizes – with a guaranteed jackpot of €1,500. Raffle on the day with great prizes. We look forward to welcoming you to on 28<sup>th</sup> Dec.

# CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 2<sup>nd</sup> DEC, 2025

Lotto Nos. 17 – 19 – 30

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,100

**(5x€20) Winners:** Aaron Cullen, Bernadette Conlon, Tina Piper, KM Sheds, Maria Gilligan.

Thank you for your continued support.

# GAA LOTTO - SUN, 30th NOV, 2025

Lotto Nos. 8-17-28-31

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Johnny Rainbow, Michael McGinley, Teresa Bourke, Frances Fagan, Shane Geraghty.

Promoters: Michael McGinley, Brendan Macken.

Thank you for your continued support.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 6th Dec 6pm Do This In Memory - Scoil Choca Naofa

Phil Malone, Ballycahan (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)

Sun, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am

12 noon Seamus & Bridie Daly, Fernslough (Anniv)

Michael Mulhall, Duncreevan (Anniv) & remembering his wife Maura (Birthday Remembrance)

Michael & Eileen Devine (Anniv) & remembering their son Johnny & their daughter Ann

James & Margaret Hayden (Anniv)

Gretta Flynn (Anniv), remembering her husband Larry & deceased members of Flynn & Hayden families

Annie Brennan (Anniv) & remembering her husband Patrick, their sons Paddy, Andy & Kieran & daughter

Mary & all deceased members of the Brennan family

Mon, 8th Dec 10am Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Shared Mass for the Living ADORATION - 10.30am-11.30am

Tue, 9th Dec 10am Shared Mass for the Deceased

Wed, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am Kathleen Lynch (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv) & remembering her son James

Timothy & Joan Tallon (Anniv) & remembering their grand-daughter Thomasina

Niall Mulvihill (Christmas Remembrance) & Norma Shine

Thu, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am Acknowledgement Mass for Sean Gorman ADORATION – 6.30pm-7.30pm

Fri, 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am

Sat, 13th Dec 6pm Do This In Memory – St. Joseph's NS

Peter Gannon, Highfield Park (M.M.) Kevin "Dickie" Byrne, Kilglynn (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

Mena Curran (8th Anniv)

Patrick McDonnell, Courtown Road (11th Anniv) & remembering his wife Betty

Anthony O'Keeffe (50th Anniv) & remembering his wife Kathleen

John McCabe, Belgard (Anniv) & remembering his son Nick & all deceased family members

Ivan Acton, Pitchfordstown (Anniv) & remembering Dermot & Maeve Kelly

John & Pat Burke, Hollywood, Co. Wicklow (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members

Sun, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am

12 noon Bridget Byrne (30th Anniv) & remembering her husband Mylie & sons Patrick & Miles

Thomas "Bruce" Byrne, Kilglynn (Anniv)

### Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 7th Dec 10.30am Do This In Memory - Newtown NS

Kathleen Grogan (Anniv)

Christopher & Margaret Murray (Anniv)

Mary Mulcahy (Anniv)

James & Marie McLoughlin, Hortland (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members

Mick Crowe (Anniv) & remembering his sister Mary, brother Jim & all deceased members of the Crowe

family (formerly Newtown House)

Sun, 14th Dec 10.30am Paschal McKeogh (M.M.)

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund – 29th/30th Nov: €1,436.00; Offertory Collection: €830.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475; Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!