

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 15th FEB 2026

Entrance Antiphon: “Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold. Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.”

PARISH DIARY

Wednesday next, 18th Feb. is **Ash Wednesday** and so we begin our journey through Lent. Mass in St. Coca's at 10am and in Newtown at 11am.

Lenten collection for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at the 2nd collection next weekend, 21st/22nd Feb. Please use the envelopes provided in your development boxes or use the special white envelopes which are available at the back of the Church.

Trocaire boxes are now available at the back of the Church.

The **annual commemorative mass for Bl. John Sullivan SJ** will take place in Church of St. Francis Xavier, Gardiner St. on Sat, 21st Feb at 11am. For more details, contact Cáit Cullen on 087 3126241. All welcome.

We are still looking for **new Ministers of the Eucharist** and **new collectors** for our weekend masses (full training will be provided). If you are interested in either or both roles, please forward your details to Nicola in our Parish Office 01 – 6287406 or info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Patricia Mitchell, Sun 9am – Kathleen Quirke & 12 noon – Kulli Adamberg & Nicola Corbett.

Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend - Sat 6pm Breda Hopkins, Tom Doherty & Mick Ó'Murchú; Sun 9am – Cora Walsh & Dympna Deegan; 12 noon – Jean Rickard & Claire Dunne.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Helen Dalton, nee Cowzer (RIP), Courtown Park, who has died and whose funeral will take place on Monday at 12 noon in St. Coca's followed by burial to St. Joseph's Cemetery. We ask prayers for Aileen Daly, nee Yallop (RIP), Cloncurry whose funeral took place to Cloncurry last Monday & Mrs. Phil O'Neill, nee Kennedy (RIP), Johnstownsbridge, mother of John, Decky & Trish, who was buried during the week. May they rest in peace.

*If I knew you and you knew me,
if both of us could clearly see,
with an inner sight divine,
the meaning of your heart & mine.*

*I'm sure we'd differ less, and clasp our hands in friendliness,
our thoughts would pleasantly agree,
if I knew you and you knew me!*

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE FLESH OF THE WORD

It is clear already in the Old Testament that it is not our misdeeds which accuse us before God, but our hearts, fractured and divided as they are. Consistent with Israelite teaching, Jesus insists that we go deeper than our external deeds. The important question is what is going on in our hearts, the source of inner thoughts and motivations? The heart and LOVE are inextricably linked. We are familiar of phrases like “*from the heart*”, “*love with all my heart*” and “*heart of gold*”. The teaching here is presented using examples, sometimes with great simplicity and at other times with irony and wit! Human beings have been given the freedom to obey God's laws or not. Christ calls us to choose love as the fulfilling of the law. His followers do not measure out the minimum legal requirements but choose the fullness of life. “*You have heard that it was saidbut I say to you*”.

Lord Jesus, challenge us to open our hearts and our minds to the goodness of your world and will.

PARISH SHOP

We now stock Confirmation & First Communion cards as well as a wide range of Mass cards for almost every occasion. Please note that all mass requests are remembered in Shared Masses on Mon at 10am (Living) and Tue at 10am (Deceased). Shop opens from 10.30am-12.30pm Mon-Fri. For all enquiries, please call 01 6287499.

*Everything in your life is a reflection of a choice you made.
If you want a different result, make a different choice!*

There is a public toilet in the side porch of St. Coca's Church. We ask everyone to ensure that they keep the toilet clean and tidy.

We also want to remind all Church visitors not to leave any valuables unattended. Lost and found property can be retrieved from the Sacristy after mass.

PARKING – Please refrain from parking your cars right outside the front door as this causes obstruction to people entering and exiting the Church.

PARISH LOTTO – TUE, 10th FEB. 2026

Lotto Nos. 10 – 17 – 22 – 28

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €10,800

(3x€50 Winners): James O’Carroll, Kevin Kilduff, Mary Murray.

(2x€50 Promoters): Bridget McNally, Mary Murray.

Thank you for your continued support.

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tue, 17th Feb in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers is €3,820, Double Number €740, Lotto €1,600 & Bonus Ball €900. All welcome.

Copies of **“Unity in Division: A History of Kilcock & Newtown Parish”** – a study charting the development of the Catholic faith and burial sites – is now on sale in Parish shop & costs €20.

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 10th FEB. 2026

Lotto Nos. 10 – 12 – 25

Winner : Matthew Hyland

Next Jackpot: €600

(5x€20 Winners): Orla & JJ Collins, Trish Downey, Tommy Grogan, Karen Devine, Marion Curtin.

Thank you for your continued support.

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 8th FEB. 2026

Lotto Nos. 8 – 9 – 26 – 32

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25 Winners): Liam Duff Snr., Dermot Devoy, Paul Kenny, B&J, PJ Rowley.

Promoters: Bar Staff, Gus Bourke.

Thank you for your continued support.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca’s, Kilcock

Sat, 14 th Feb	6pm	Aidan Byrne, Mill Lane (13 th Anniv), remembering his wife Liz & daughters MaryEllen & Kerrie, his sister-in-law Barbara Doyle; his Dad Terry & all deceased family members Hannah Walsh, Gragadder (16 th Anniv) Kathleen Cahill (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Cahill family Kate Healy (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Healy family	
Sun, 15 th Feb	9am	Sean Gill, Highfield Park (10 th Anniv) Conor Preston (Anniv) Carmel Halligan (Anniv) & remembering her husband Christy & grandchildren, James Cross, his wife Margaret & grandson Ciaran & his brother	
	12 noon	Brigid Acton, Courtown Road (1 st Anniv) Danny & Carmel Gleeson, Highfield Park (Anniv) Betty Lynam (38 th Anniv) & remembering her grandchildren Aishling & Sean and their great-grandmother Moll O’Toole; also remembering her brother Jim & sister Peggy; Seamus O’Toole, John Curran, Bertie Malone (England), the McGuire family, James & Julia Lynam, Graham Williams (3 rd Anniv) & Johnny Pearce (Anniv)	
Mon, 16 th Feb	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<u>NO ADORATION</u>
Tue, 17 th Feb	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 18 th Feb	10am	Kathleen Mulhall (Anniv) & remembering her husband Denis & all deceased family members	
Thu, 19 th Feb	10am		<u>Adoration – 6.30pm – 7.30pm</u>
Fri, 20 th Feb	10am	Kit, Kathy & Michael Greville (Anniv)	
Sat, 21 st Feb	6pm	Rosie O’Connor, Highfield Park (10 th Anniv) Michael, Tom, Susan & Tim Hanrahan, formerly The Harbour/Courtown Park (Anniv)	
		Henry Conlon (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members	
		Seamus Fowler, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering his son Mark & all deceased family members	
		Patrick & Una Melia (Anniv), Brid Melia & deceased members of Melia, Nestor & O’Toole families	
Sun, 22 nd Feb	9am	Jim & May Montgomery (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members	
	12 noon	Elaine Buckley (M.M.) Raymond Lynch, Courtown Bridge (1 st Anniv)	
		Aidan Byrne, formerly The Square Bar & Lucan (4 th Anniv)	
		Patrick O’Brien, Mill Lane (Anniv) & remembering his parents & deceased family members	
		Joseph, Helen, John & Anthony Sheridan (Anniv), Brid Laffan, Deirdre Clarke & deceased members of Sheridan & Westman families	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 15 th Feb	10.30am	Jack Sloane (1 st Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Sloane & Duignam families
Wed, 18 th Feb	11am	Mass for Ash Wednesday
Sun, 22 nd Feb	10.30am	