

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

5th SUNDAY OF LENT – 22nd MAR 2026

Entrance Antiphon: “Give me justice, o God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.”

PARISH DIARY

On Thursday next, 26th March, we are holding a **Penitential Service** in St. Coca’s Church, Kilcock at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross every Friday morning for Lent after 10am mass. The season of Lent is a journey with Christ to Calvary – let us accompany Him. Amen.

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/both roles, please forward your details to Nicola in Parish Office 01 – 6287406 or info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Rian Hutchinson, Sun 9am – Lorena Alves de Carvalho & 12 noon – Sarah Aldrin Panakal.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

John's Gospel presents us with a grand array of '**I AM**' sentences, rooted in the name of God in Exodus 3:14, I am who I am, I am the bread of life (JN 6:35, 48,51); I am the light of the world (JN 8:12; 9:5); I am the gate for the sheep (JN 10:7, 9); I am the good shepherd (JN 10:11, 14); I am the resurrection and the life (JN 11:25); I am the way, the truth, and the life (JN 14:6); I am the true vine (JN 15:1, 5). Altogether, they constitute a resounding reminder that we believe first of all, and above all, in a person, not in a philosophy.

Lazarus' resurrection is a figure and type of Jesus' resurrection, and of our resurrection, first to divine life in baptism and to our definitive resurrection at the end of time. The gospel is a call to a deeper faith in the spirit living in us, giving life to our mortal bodies. The catechumens are presented with the creed in the third week of lent and the Lord's prayer in the coming week after the third scrutiny, growth in faith means a deeper love for these two expressions of our way of life.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Patsy O'Connor (RIP), Highfield Park, who died during the week and whose funeral took place to St. Joseph's Cemetery on Friday. May he rest in peace.

CHRISM MASS

You are invited to join Bishop Denis and the clergy from the diocese for the Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral on Mon, 30th March at 7.30pm. This is one of the most important diocesan Masses in the year when the Holy Oils will be blessed and consecrated for use in Parishes in the coming year and when the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises. Music will be led by Fr. Liam Lawton and the Diocesan Choir with refreshments being served in Carlow College, St. Patricks, afterwards. All welcome – come early to get a seat!

KILCOCK BASKETBALL CLUB EASTER CAMP

Dates: 30th Mar – 1st Apr
Times: 10am-1pm (7-12yrs); 1.30pm-4.30pm (13-17yrs)
Location: Kilcock Community Centre
Contact: kilcockbasketball@gmail.com

A little progress each days adds up to big results!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a special mass to celebrate the feast of the Annunciation/Incarnation of Our Lord & Saviour, Jesus Christ, in Newtown on Palm Sun, 29th Mar, starting at 2.45pm with the rosary. It will include Consecration to Jesus through His Blessed Mother. This is so appropriate as it was through Mary that Jesus first came to us and continues to come to us. All welcome – bring a friend.

PARISH SHOP

Easter Mass Bouquets and Easter cards now available in our Parish shop plus lots more. Come in and have a browse, open Mon-Fri, 10.30am-12.30pm.

***May you never forget that we are but pilgrims on the earth, and that our true house is in heaven.
May God, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, strengthen and support you with his grace.
May you walk before the Lord with blameless hearts.***

Sona Sásta Meals on Wheels CLG (Summerhill) are looking for volunteers for their Kilcock Meals on Wheels service. If you can spare one hour on a Monday and Wednesday to deliver meals to recipients in the Kilcock area, please contact us - we thank you in advance. We also wish to thank all our current volunteers for their continued support. For more information, please contact Pat on 086 8778566.

Graigucullen Bingo on Tue, 24th Mar in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers is €4,340, Double Number €1.020, Lotto €1,800 & Bonus Ball €1,100. All welcome.

*We come this way but once,
We can either tiptoe through life
and hope we get to death
without being badly bruised
or we can live a full, complete life
achieving our goals and also
realising our wildest dreams.*

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 17th MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 4 – 10 – 17

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,100

(5x€20 Winners): Mary Mullally, Eamon Nestor, Hazel Mulligan, Keith Byrne, Aine Mulligan.

Thank you for your continued support.

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 15th MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 2 – 6 – 10 – 18

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Bernie O’Keeffe, Dympna Grogan, Peadar Carberry, Denis Fagan, Ash Lynam.

Promoters: Dara Hoolan, Ellen Cahalin.

Thank you for your continued support.

We are born to die so that we may live more fully.

Every time that we pass from one stage of life to another, something in us dies and something new is born.

We taste death in moments of loneliness, rejection, sorrow, disappointment and failure.

We are dying before our time, when we live in bitterness, in hatred and in isolation.

Each day we are creating our own death by the way we live.

For those with faith, death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca’s, Kilcock

Sat, 21 st Mar	6pm	Annie & Davy Dalton, Courtown Road (Anniv) Mick & Kate Ward, Courtown Road (Anniv) John & Margaret O’Neill, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering their sons Timmy & Francis, their daughter Mary, & grandsons John Barrett & Gary Byrne & their great-granddaughter Emily Barrett	
Sun, 22 nd Mar	9am	Vincent Rodriguez & Jean Watson (Anniv)	
	12 noon	Brian Taylor (7 th Anniv) Patsy Quinn, Laragh (11 th Anniv) Roy Latimer (Anniv)	
Mon, 23 rd Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<u>NO Adoration</u>
Tue, 24 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 25 th Mar	10am		
Thu, 26 th Mar	10am	Pat & Ellen Hughes (Anniv)	<u>Adoration – 6.30pm – 7.30pm</u>
Fri, 27 th Mar	10am		
Sat, 28 th Mar	6pm	Kay Gavin, Laragh (M.M.)	
Sun, 29 th Mar	9am	Betty Lynch, Aylmer Lawns (11 th Anniv)	
	12 noon	Mark Fowler, Courtown Road (40 th Anniv) & remembering his Dad, Seamus and all deceased members of the Fowler family Patrick Scully, formerly Courtown Park (8 th Anniv) & remembering his wife Bernadette Paddy & Marie Cahalin, Clonfert (Anniv) & remembering their baby daughter Finola Ellen & Nuala Cummins, Courtown Road (Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 22 nd Mar	10.30am	Dorothy Doran (8 th Anniv)
Wed, 25 th Mar	11am	Adoration
Sun, 29 th Mar	10.30am	Delia Walsh (Anniv) & remembering her husband John

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Dev. Fund: 14th/15th Mar: €1,887.00; Offertory Collection: €1,125.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475; Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!