

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

(Mass Bk A; Part 1, page 53) **Responsorial Psalm** “The Lord will bless his people with peace.”

**PARISH DIARY**

*Fr. John & Fr. George would like to thank you all for your support over the Christmas period and would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful new year*

Lotto will resume on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. Thank you for all your continued support.

Readers for next weekend masses: Sat. 6pm Helen Noonan, Sun. 9am Margaret Macken and Sun. 12 noon Bernadine Sheridan.

**IN MEMORY**

We remember in our prayers Mary Brilly (RIP), Courtown Road, who was buried during the week. We remember Fran Bright (RIP), Highfield Park who died recently. We also ask prayers for Pauric Murrery (RIP), Ballyconnell, brother of Helene McManus, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**A PATTERN FOR THE NEW YEAR**

“Love one another as I have loved you”

May seem impossible to do,  
but if you will try to trust and believe,  
Great are the joys that you will receive.

For love makes us patient, understanding and kind,  
And we judge with our heart and not with our mind.  
For as soon as love enters the heart’s opened door,  
The faults we once saw are not there anymore,  
And the things that seemed wrong begin to look right  
When viewed in the softness of love’s gentle light.  
For love works in ways that are wondrous and strange  
And there is nothing in life that love cannot change.  
And all that God promised will someday come true,  
When you love one another the way He loved you.

*To make the right choices in life, you have to get in touch with your soul. To do this you need to experience solitude, which most people are afraid of, because in the silence you hear the truth and know the solutions.*

**A NEW BEGINNING**

*It doesn’t take a new year  
to begin our lives anew –  
God grants us new beginnings  
each day the whole year through.  
So never be discouraged  
for there comes daily to all  
the chance to make another start  
and begin all over again!*

**AN OLD PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Spirits of Old,  
You who are the signposts on the ancient ways;  
Today I leave the old year behind.  
With it I leave my troubles.  
With it I leave my pain.  
With it I leave all things  
that hurt me and those I love.

Spirits of New,  
Young and full of energy and warmth;  
Today I greet you and honour you.  
Let the New Year bring opportunity.  
Let the New Year bring forgiveness.  
Let the New Year bring light and joy.  
Let my first footfall be upon the right path.

With gratitude I receive this New Year that is given to me so filled with potential. And may I do great things with this gift.  
So be it.

On behalf of the Eucharistic Adoration Committee, we regret to announce Eucharistic Adoration in St. Coca’s on Monday’s will no longer be available. We would like to thank everyone who committed their time and energy over the past six years.

*The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age!!!*

**PRIDE IN THE NAME OF LOVE**

The Baptism of the Lord marks the start of the public ministry of Jesus. He recognizes his calling from God and sets about responding to that call. He begins to preach the Gospel. It is a time for us not only to celebrate our vocation as baptised children of God, but to think about what this means. It is from baptism that we receive our dignity as Christians and are drawn into unity with Jesus.

We share in the priesthood of Jesus through the worship we offer God in prayer and in our participation in the sacraments. Through baptism we share in the dignity of Jesus as prophet. To be a prophet is to speak of God’s kingdom with courage and conviction. It is witness to the Gospel by what we do and say.

We share in the kingship of Jesus by being someone who serves others. Jesus washed people’s feet and had nowhere to lay his head. His rule was all about service.

When we try to worship, to speak out against injustice and to serve as Jesus did, we live out our baptismal calling.

## KILDARE & WICKLOW EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD (KWETB)

KWETB provides a wide range of classes for adults during the day and in the evenings in Manor Mills, Maynooth. Subjects at beginner level are free and include:

- Reading, writing, maths and spelling from beginner level to improver
- Computers, internet and email, using smartphones and tablets/iPads
- Conversation Irish and book-keeping.

Certified courses from Quality & Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Level 3 to Level 5 are available in areas of Computers, Horticulture, Business Administration, Healthcare and Childcare. These classes are free for people who:

- are in receipt of social welfare payments,
- have a current medical card or
- do not have a Leaving Certificate.

Enrolling on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan from 10am to 1pm and 7pm to 8pm. Course details on [www.kwetb.ie](http://www.kwetb.ie). Contact maynoothfetc@kwetb or 01 6292602 for more information.

*New bus route* from Ballivor to Kilcock & return, operating Monday to Fridays. More details to follow.

*Piloxing* resumes on Tuesdays @ 8pm in Scoil Choca Naofa.

*Alzheimer Café Leixlip* – join us at the next Alzheimer Café on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> Jan in “The Conservatory”, Ryevale Nursing Home from 7-9pm. Guest speaker on the night is Dr. Miriam Kennedy, a consultant psychiatrist. Attendance is free and plenty of car parking available.

*KMDS* present the panto “*Sleeping Beauty*” in St. Joseph’s Hall nightly at 8pm from Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January, with a matinee on Saturday & Sunday at 3pm. Tickets available by ringing the booking line on 087 2475376.

## CAPPAGH G.F.C. – Tue, 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017

Lotto Nos. 17 – 23 – 26

**NO Winner**

**Next Jackpot: €1,700**

**€20 Winners x 5:** Amy Carter, Monica Timmons, Fiona O’Sullivan, Ger Connolly, Bernadette Crean.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

*The best portion of your life will be the small, nameless moments you spend smiling with someone who matters to you!*

## MASSES FOR WEEK

### St. Coca’s, Kilcock

Sat, 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6pm	Paddy & Nan Cullen (Anniv) Michael Doherty (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) & remembering Maurice Kathleen Gannon, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering her great-grandson Adam & son-in-law Ken Billy Doyle, Highfield Park (Anniv) Anne Lynam, Highfield Park (Anniv)
Sun, 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9am 12 noon	Baby Ben Nolan (M.M) Dessie Brien, Highfield Park (Anniv)
Mon, 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am	
Thu, 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am	
Fri, 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am	Nicholas Tracey (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
Sat, 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6pm	Elizabeth McDonnell, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering her husband Patrick Brigid Keoghan (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) & remembering her parents John & Mary Simms Family, Courtown Road Murray Family, Rodanstown Green Family, Courtown Road
Sun, 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9am 12 noon	Sean McGhee, Chapel View (M.M.) Esther “Essie” Brady, Highfield Park (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) Matthew Collins (Anniv)

### Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	Tom Fennell (Anniv) Jim Mallon, Hortland (Anniv) & deceased members of the Mallon family Anna Behan, Fannagh (Anniv)
Wed, 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11-1pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Sun, 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	John Mannion, Hortland (Anniv) James & Maria Harris & deceased members of Harris & Morrin families

**Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017: €1,663.00; Offertory Collection for 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017: €1,038.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. **Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund:** A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!