

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 12th MARCH 2017

(Mass Bk A; Part 1, page 81) **Responsorial Psalm** “May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.”

PARISH DIARY

Lenten Collection for Priests of the Parish at all masses this weekend. Please use envelopes at back of church or put your contribution into offertory collection.

First Communion Parents meeting on Monday, 13th March at 7.30pm in St. Coca’s.

Service of Light for Confirmation children for all schools in St. Coca’s Church on Tuesday, 14th March at 7.15pm.

Vigil Mass for St. Patrick’s Day at 6.30pm in Little Chapel on Thursday, 16th March. Mass as Sunday on St. Patrick’s Day.

Healing Mass on Saturday, 18th March at 2pm-4pm in Newtown. All welcome.

Prayers at Killeighter on St. Patrick’s Day at 5pm. All welcome.

Readers for next weekend masses: Sat. 6pm Donna Linton, Sun. 9am Dermot Sheehan and Sun 12 noon Derek McSweeney.

GRATEFUL THANKS

Well done to all involved in our Parish Novena last week. To our choirs, the Men’s Shed, the Folk Group, to our servers, readers & ministers, collectors; to Fr. Stan, Fr. Bruce & Fr. Eamon, to the schools for prayers of the faithful and to all our speakers, each very different and inspiring to us all, as they shared their own journey through life; and finally to all of you who attended the Novena over the 5 nights, many thanks.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE

Plans for the Annual Parade are nearly complete. Entries to assemble at Spin Bridge/Summerhill junction at 12.45pm and be ready to move off at 1.30pm and due to pass the reviewing stand in the Square at 1.40pm onwards. Please obey the steward at all times – it helps everyone to enjoy the day. Bain taitneamh as an lá agus Lá Féile Padraig sona daoibh go léir.

IN MEMORIAM

We pray for Toni Cleary (RIP), The Square who died on Friday morning. We ask prayers for Pat Twomey (RIP), late of Church St., who died during the week in Sligo. We also remember Damian Lynch (RIP), father of Glynnis Reidy, Abbeyfield, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ beneath and Christ above,
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left,
Christ with me waking, walking and sleeping,
Christ in every heart thinking of me,
Christ in every tongue speaking to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

GLÓR na nGAEL

Our Annual Church Gate collection takes place this weekend. Bí fial agus cuidigh linn.

In conjunction with the St. Patrick’s Day Parade our Window Display Competition for the Glór nan Gael trophy takes place this week. Judging will be on Wednesday & Thursday. Tá súil agam go nglacfaidh gach gnó agus siopa páirt ann agus bain úsáid as cúpla focal Gaeilge, más féidir.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

We are exploring a possible pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights on 10th August 2017. Cost of trip would be €619 per person sharing and includes pick up in Kilcock. Any interested parties please contact Nicola in Parish Office at 01 6287406, Fr. John 01 6287448 or Fr. George 01 6103512.

Lenten Scripture Reflections resume on Wednesday 15th in the meeting room behind the Parish Office from 8pm-9pm and will continue weekly until April 12th. Any enquiries to Patricia @ 087 2207840. All welcome.

IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late Maureen Mulligan (nee Barton) wish to thank everyone that sympathized with them in their recent sad bereavement. To all of those that called to the house, sent Mass cards, provided food, and to Cappagh GAA and Camogie Club and Kilcock GAA for the guards of honour, thank you. Many thanks to Fr. John & Fr. George for all their help and for the lovely funeral mass. To Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Lyons, Dr. Redmond, Bernie and Helen, thank you for all the comfort and kindness you provided Maureen with throughout her illness. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

DAFFODIL DAY – HELP WANTED

Daffodil Day is Friday, 24th March – we plan to start selling daffodils at 8.30am-5.30pm and hope to have 4 collection points around the town so if you are able to help out at any stage, please contact Anne at 086 3425126 or Geraldine at 086 3436798.

PARISH LOTTO - Tue, 7th Mar 2017

Lotto Nos. 1 – 3 – 25 – 32

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €12,800**

5 x €50 Winners: Sarah Walsh, Orla & Edel Travers, Karene & Dylan Yallop, Tom Hynes, Babs Fitzpatrick.

Promoters (2 x €50): Jim Leonard, Eva Sheridan.

In-hall (2 x €25): Nicola Ward, Owen Shannon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yearly/half-yearly lotto tickets make an ideal gift for any occasion.

UPCOMING FASHION SHOW

Fashion Fits Everybody is the theme for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland's (SBHI) fundraising fashion show in the Lucan Spa Hotel on Friday, 7th April. Hosted by Rebecca Rose Stylist, the show features the Spring/Summer '17 new collections from Divine Boutique, Maynooth.

Doors open at 7pm for show at 8pm. Complimentary glass of wine, tea/coffee and canapés. Spot prizes and great raffle prizes. Tickets cost €25 and will be available on the door on the night, from Divine Boutique, Maynooth or from Aideen on 087 6018429.

SVP - STAY WARM SAVING SCHEME

Stay warm this weather and take the chill off your bill! Save up for your central heating oil! Saving fuel stamp cards and stamps for the solid fuel scheme available from Angie's (01 6287233), John Ryan Butchers (01 6287189), Vincent's Shop (01 6284269), Kilcock Post Office (01 6287201) & The Chocolate Box (01 6287503) and cost €5 each.

Kilcock Tidy Towns will hold their AGM on Wed, 15th March at 8pm in St. Coca's Scout Hall. Your support will be appreciated as help needed urgently in our endeavor to further improve the appearance of the town. "Its easy to make a difference!"

Kilcock ICA – Committee meeting will be held on Tues, 14th March at 7.30pm followed by guild meeting at 8pm in St. Coca's Scout Hall. New members very welcome. Tin Whistle at 9pm on Tuesday also. **T Dance** will be held in St. Coca's Scout Hall on Sun, 12th March 3-6pm. Admission is €5 which includes light refreshments. Come along for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Kilcock Library would like to host a **Book Club** one Friday morning a month – any interested parties should contact Mary at 01 6284403 or email kilcocklib@kildarecoco.ie.

To celebrate **Seachtain na Gaeilge**, the Library will host a "Traditional Irish Evening" on Thursday, 23rd March from 7.30pm-9.30pm. Light refreshments served. All welcome.

Kilcock Community Men's Shed are open for new members. If you're male, over 21 and have some time on your hands, come on in and have a look. We have some new courses starting over the next few months or if you just want to meet new friends, chat and have a cup of tea, we would love to see you! We are open Tue, Thur & Fri 9am-2pm. For more information, contact Brian on 086 2494865.

Piloxing (a combo of pilates, boxing and dance) now at the new time of 7.30pm on Tuesday nights in Scoil Choca Naofa, for info. ring Lorna on 087 9054421.

Home Instead Senior Care is excited to host a Recruitment Fair and Care Workshops in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Wednesday, 22nd March from 9.30am-4pm. The aim of the fair is to promote current opportunities we have in Kildare and to educate Caregivers on Palliative Care and Understanding Dementia. If you have a special way of taking care of others and want to make a difference in the life of a senior, this is the opportunity for you. Contact brenda.mooney@homeinstead.ie.

MASSES FOR WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 11 th Mar	6pm	John Dougan (10 th Anniv) Annie, Christina & Tom Fitzsimons (Anniv)
Sun, 12 th Mar	9am	
	12 noon	PJ Nolan, Belgard (M.M.) Tom Grogan (Anniv) Michael McMenamin (Anniv)
Mon, 13 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 14 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 15 th Mar	10am	Ellen Lawrence (Anniv)
Thu, 16 th Mar	10am	
	6.30pm	Vigil Mass in Little Chapel for St. Patrick's Day
Fri, 17 th Mar	9am	
	12 noon	
Sat, 18 th Mar	6pm	John, Kathleen & Pat Bourke, Courtown Road (Anniv)
Sun, 19 th Mar	9am	
	12 noon	Ellen Cummins, Courtown Road (8 th Anniv)

Eucharistic Adoration – 10.30-11.30am & 6pm-7pm

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 12 th Mar	10.30am	
Wed, 15 th Mar	11-1pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Fri, 17 th Mar	10.30am	Feast of St. Patrick – Deceased members of Callaghan family
Sun, 19 th Mar	10.30am	Eileen Mulligan (M.M.)

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund: 5th Mar 2017: €1,250.00; Offertory Collection for 5th Mar 2017: €1,047.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. **Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund:** A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!