

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 5th MARCH 2017

(Mass Bk A; Part 1, page 78) **Responsorial Psalm** “Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.”

PARISH DIARY

We welcome the Gospel Choir to our 6pm mass.

Trocaire boxes available at the back of the Church; to be returned on Holy Thursday – thank you for your support.

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

Lenten Collection for Priests of the Parish at all masses on 11th & 12th March. Please use envelopes at back of church or put your contribution into offertory collection. Many thanks for your continued support. If you wish, please write your development box number on envelope.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Mon–Fri, 6th-10th March nightly at 7.30pm in St. Coca’s Church. All welcome.

Readers for next weekend masses: Sat. 6pm Helen Noonan, Sun. 9am Declan Duke and Sun. 12 noon John Cullen.

**INAUGURAL KILDARE & LEIGHLIN
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
2017**

led by

***The Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin
Most Reverend Denis Nulty***

This pilgrimage takes place on 16 July for 5 nights, dedicated assisted section for sick pilgrims. Cost of trip is €719 per person sharing. Pilgrimage director is Fr. Paddy Byrne.

Anyone interested in travelling on the pilgrimage please contact Nicola in the Parish Office on 01 6287448.

LENTEN SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS

Reflections takes place on Wednesday nights in the meeting room behind the Parish Office from 8pm-9pm and continues weekly until April 12th. Any enquiries to Patricia @ 087 2207840. All welcome to come along.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Enfield and Rathmolyon Parish Faith Mission, in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, concludes this Monday night, in St. Michael’s Church, Rathmolyon at 8pm.

Guest Speaker this week is Bishop Michael Smith, who will celebrate mass - the theme is Faith and the Sacraments in building a Parish Christian Community. All welcome.

**SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF
PERPETUAL HELP**

St. Coca’s Church, Kilcock

Mon, 6th March – Fri, 10th March 7.30pm nightly

A number of visiting speakers and Priests will enrich our celebrations during the five-day Novena.

Monday, 6th March

Guest Speaker: Johnny Murtagh
Gratitude is the greatest attitude

Tuesday, 7th March

Guest Speaker: Kathleen Chada
I don’t know why anymore...just how?

Wednesday, 8th March

Guest Speaker: Fr. Eamonn Monson SAC
Beauty of Reconciliation

Thursday, 9th March

Guest Speaker: Michael Ryan
Hope, Mental Health & Happiness

Friday, 10th March

Guest Speaker: Sr. Consilio
Discover Inner Giftedness

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS SOLEMN NOVENA

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE

Final entries and donations are being collected in the coming week. Anybody willing to do stewarding on the day please contact 087 3142292, 087 6818010 or 087 9444869 or any member of the Committee. Meeting for stewards on Tuesday, 14th March at 8.30pm in GAA Centre.

Kilcock Parish Choir are looking for new members. The choir sings at 12 noon mass every Sunday and they practice every Monday night for approx. an hour and a half, so if you can sing, we would love you to come along and join us, the ability to read music sheets is not necessary. We will shortly be returning from the choir balcony area to the front side of the Church.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late Jimmy & Fran Bright would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who sympathized with them and helped them through the recent loss of their parents. A special thank you to all their neighbours, friends and everyone who sent mass cards and attended their funerals. In lieu of flowers, the sum of €256 was donated to St. Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

PARISH LOTTO - Tue, 28th Feb 2017

Lotto Nos. 6 – 19 – 25 – 32

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €12,600**

5 x €50 Winners: Oliver Murray, T&M Taaffe, Jenny Staunton, Betty Dolan, Brigid Healy.

Promoters (2 x €50): Geraldine Donagher, The Barbers.

In-hall (2 x €25): Catherine Travers, Maura Mahon.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

St. Brigid's Hospice, Kilcock would like to thank all who have supported us throughout 2016. To all who helped with and contributed to our Christmas collection on the 17/18 December 2016 which raised €1,264.75, to all who donated prizes and all who bought tickets for our Christmas raffle which raised €231. We would like you to know that your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Alzheimer Café Leixlip – join us at the next Alzheimer Café on Wed, March 8th in “The Conservatory”, Ryevale Nursing Home Leixlip from 7-9pm. We will be joined on the evening by SAGE who provide information and advice on how to access independent support and advocacy services for older people. Attendance is free and plenty of parking available.

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 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.

The **Teresa Brayton Players** present Jimmy Murphy's play, **The Kings of the Kilburn High Road**, in Newtown Hall from **Thursday to Sunday, 9th-12th March** at 8pm nightly. Admission is €10. Recommended for over 15s. For bookings, contact Marion on 086 4089597 or leave your name and number with Lorna in Books & Gifts.

Glór na nGael – Annual Church Gate collection will take place on the weekend of 11th/12th March before all masses in the parish. Monies collected to fund scholarships to the Gaeltacht during the summer for Post Primary students. Bí fial, go raibh míle maith agaibh.

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.

MASSES FOR WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 4 th Mar	6pm	Maureen McHugh, Pinewood Lawns (Anniv) Matt Bracken (Anniv) Stephen Griffith (Anniv)	
Sun, 5 th Mar	9am	Martha Brady, Church St. (Anniv) & remembering her husband Nicholas William Gannon, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering his wife Kathleen	
	12 noon	Mylie Byrne (Anniv)	
Mon, 6 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<i>Eucharistic Adoration – 10.30-11.30am & 6pm-7pm</i>
	7.30pm	Novena Mass	
Tue, 7 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
	7.30pm	Novena Mass	
Wed, 8 th Mar	10am	Stephen Atkins (Anniv)	
	7.30pm	Novena Mass	
Thu, 9 th Mar	10am	Patrick Reilly (Birthday Remembrance) Patrick O'Connor, Gragadder (Anniv) Special Intention	
	7.30pm	Novena Mass	
Fri, 10 th Mar	10am		
	7.30pm	Novena Mass	
Sat, 11 th Mar	10.30am	Sr. Julie Miller (Anniv)	
	6pm	John Dougan (10 th Anniv)	
Sun, 12 th Mar	9am		
	12 noon	PJ Nolan, Belgard (M.M.) John Grogan (Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 5 th Mar	10.30am	
Wed, 8 th Mar	11-1pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Sun, 12 th Mar	10.30am	

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund: 26th Feb 2017: €1,356.00; Offertory Collection for 26th Feb 2017: €985.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. **Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund:** A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!