

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

VOCATION SUNDAY – 7th MAY 2017

(Mass Bk A; Part 1, page 144) **Responsorial Psalm** “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Would you like to be a Minister of the Eucharist in the parish to serve in St. Coca's Church & Church of the Nativity, Newtown? There will be three nights formation for ourselves and neighbouring parishes in Kilcock on Tues, 16th, 23rd and 30th of May. Young people from the age of 16 are welcome. Booking essential, if interested please call to Fr. John, Fr. George or email the Parish Office at info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie.

IN MEMORIAM

We pray for Nancy Tallon (RIP), formerly of Connaught St., who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

FACING THE CHANGES & CHALLENGES TOGETHER

Dear People & Priests of Kildare & Leighlin,

Over the past four years, since I became Bishop, I have visited all your parishes and I am greatly encouraged by the numerous initiatives all over the diocese. I want to thank you for all your work, time and energy, which you have generously given.

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, traditionally known as Vocations Sunday. The central message of Good Shepherd Sunday is a call to follow Christ. We pray that more men and women will open their hearts to follow Christ through a vocation to priesthood and religious life. However, the broader aspect of vocation is the call to each one of us to follow Christ. How we live this call “is the work of today, the mandate of the present, the mission of now.” Today I am inviting all of you, people, priests, permanent deacons and religious to follow your baptismal call by working together to face the changes and challenges of the future of our diocese, changes and challenges that are very immediate.

One major challenge is the falling number of priests. At present, there is 90 priests ministering in our diocese; 27 of them are over 75. This stark figure reminds us that a radical appraisal of what a parish community should be, how it should be organised, co-ordinated, funded and ministered, is necessary.

In order to plan for the future, a series of meetings will take place in deaneries and in the diocese over the coming weeks and months. There will be a meeting of all the priests in the three deanery areas during May, leading to a meeting in Mount St. Anne's on June 20th for priests, involved lay people from each parish, religious and permanent deacons. There will be further meetings of priests and lay people in each deanery area into the autumn, to which all of you are invited. These meeting will include discussing topics such as:

- What people want from their Church, their parish, their diocese in 2017
- Appointment of priests
- Outreach to families
- Chaplaincy in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, etc.
- Outreach to minorities and those on the margins
- Permanent Diaconate
- Parish and diocesan resources

On this, Vocations Sunday, I encourage you to join your fellow parishoners to participate in these upcoming meetings, to offer your opinion and to make a contribution in shaping our parish and diocesan Church for the future. As we face these changes and challenges, I thank you for what you have already achieved and pray for the courage of the Holy Spirit to guide all of us as we embark on this journey together.

Blessings and good wishes,

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PARISH LOTTO - Tue, 2nd May 2017

Lotto Nos. 4 – 11 – 28 – 32

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €14,200

5 x €50 Winners: Evelyn Nolan, Patrick Dwyer, M. Buckley, Martina Lynam, Dympna Gorry.

Promoters (2 x €50): Chocolate Box, Jim Leonard.

In-hall (2 x €25): Makayle Gannon, Sean Montague.

Thank you for your continued support. Yearly or half-yearly lotto tickets make an ideal gift for any occasion.

CAPPAGH G.F.C. – Tue, 2nd May 2017

Lotto Nos. 12 – 21 – 31

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €3,400

€20 Winners x 5: Chris Murray, Noel Mitchell, Heather Molyneaux, John Grogan, Byrne Clan.

Thank you for your support.

Your life is what your thoughts make it!

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the teachers, parents and children from Scoil Choca Naofa & St. Joseph's who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday and best wishes to all from Newtown & Tiernagh who make their First Holy Communion on Sunday in Church of Nativity, Newtown. We wish the children from Scoil Ui Riada all the best for their First Holy Communion next Sat, 13th May.

The Irish Wheelchair Association are holding a Church Gate collection at all masses this weekend. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Kilcock Tidy Towns – volunteers urgently wanted for Wednesday nights – look out for the high-vis jackets or take an area and tend to it yourself!

Newtown Community Group are delighted to announce that the Annual Newtown Community Walk will take place on Sun, 14th May at 11.30am – starting at Newtown Hall and covering the 5k circuit. The walk is very sociable and enjoyable. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Newtown Hall. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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.

Shalom Nursing Home are looking for a Chef – forward CV to Tony Quinn 01 – 6287285.

Gentle Reminder – Choir members going on pilgrimage to Lourdes have a rehearsal on Sun, 7th May in Ballycane Church, Naas at 3pm. Please bring with you an In Caelo and a copy of the Mass of St. Patrick.

The **Alzheimer Café Leixlip** evening takes on Wednesday, 10th May in The Conservatory, Ryevale Nursing Home from 7-9pm. We will be joined on the evening by Mary Byrne, Speech & Language Therapist, who will provide information and advice on how to manage communication difficulties that can arise as a result of living with dementia. Admission is free, all welcome.

Are you feeling anxious, depressed or unable to cope with life? Do you need to speak to someone in confidence? Call Ursula Mooney, B.Sc. Counselling/Psychotherapy, Dip. Couples Counselling, Prof. Cert. CBT, Art Therapy, Family Therapy, Spirituality, MIACP. For appointment, call Ursula on 086 0670955 or email ummoooney@gmail.com.

Lawnmower repairs and service, free collection. Contact Ger on 087 2759125.

MASSES FOR WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 6 th May	6pm	Caoimhe Mullally (8 th Anniv) Billy Doyle, Courtown Road (33 rd Anniv) & remembering his wife May (99 th Birthday Remembrance) Joe Gardiner, Courtown Road (Anniv)
Sun, 7 th May	9am 12 noon	Alan Fay, Courtown Road (2 nd Anniv) & remembering his parents Maisie & Tom & his brother Sean Dick Cummins, Gragadder (8 th Anniv) John O'Sullivan, Courtown Road (Anniv) Thomas Walsh & Family, Gragadder (Anniv)
Mon, 8 th May	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 9 th May	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 10 th May	10am	
Thu, 11 th May	10am	
Fri, 12 th May	10am	Paul Barrett (Anniv) Special Intention
Sat, 13 th May	6pm	Emer Mallon (Anniv) & remembering John & Bina Browne (Anniv) Eileen (2 nd Anniv) & John (35 th Anniv) O'Neill, Highfield Park Mary O'Keeffe, Highfield Park (7 th Anniv)
Sun, 14 th May	9am 12 noon	John Sims & Lena Brady (Anniv) Peter Crowe, The Sycamores (27 th Anniv)

Eucharistic Adoration 12.30pm-1.30pm

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 7 th May	10.30am	
Wed, 10 th May	11-12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration
Sun, 14 th May	10.30am	John & Marie Ennis (Anniv) & Bernard & Carol Ennis (Anniv) Bartle Maxwell (Anniv) Joe & Sheila Mullally (Anniv)

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund: 30th Apr 2017: €1,255.00; Offertory Collection for 30th Apr 2017: €1,129.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. **Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund:** A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!