

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 3rd December 2017

(Mass Bk B; Part 1, page 26) **Responsorial Psalm** “God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.”

PARISH DIARY

Tickets for the Baldonnell Singers concert, which takes place on Sat, 9th Dec at 8pm, will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

This weekend our **Giving Tree** which will be located at the back of the Church. Please take a tag, buy a gift for child (details of age and sex will be on tag) and leave back to St. Coca's Church/Church of Nativity, Newtown before Sun, 17th Dec. This year again we will also work with SVP to help out locally. Thank you, as always, for your support for this worthy cause.

Readers for next weekend: - Michael Murphy - 6pm Sat; David Gildea - 9am Sun & Bernadine Sheridan - 12 noon Sun.

Parish Shop will now open on Saturday mornings from 10.30am-12.30pm and also for a short time after all weekend masses. Christmas stock now in, come in and browse!

As we prepare for the World Meeting of Families 2018, let us gather together for Advent to **PONDER, REFLECT, PRAY AND RESPOND** to the **WORD OF GOD** as we, in Kilcock & Newtown Parish, await the great family feast of Christmas.

Dates: Tuesdays, 5th, 12th & 19th Dec in the meeting room behind the Parish Office from 8pm-9pm each night. All welcome. For further details, contact Patricia @ 087 2207840.

Be thankful for difficult people, they show you how not to be!!

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH

Presents

CHRISTMAS GALA CONCERT

featuring
BALDONNELL SINGERS

with *Special Guests*
Paul Linehan, Tenor
Ruby Boland, Soprano
Scoil Choca Naofa Children's Choir

on

Saturday, 9th December at 8pm in St. Coca's Church, Kilcock

Proceeds in aid of Parish Funds. Tickets are €15, available from Nicola in Parish Office 01 6287406, Liz 087 6275890, Imelda 0868798734 (Newtown), Parish Shop, L'Horizon, Books & Gifts, Angie's & Chocolate Box.

Main Sponsor is Moyglare Sand & Gravel

If you would like to donate gifts for us to use as raffle prizes for our Gala concert, we would very much appreciate if you could drop them into the Parish Office before Fri, 8th Dec.

Fr. John
01 6287448

Fr. George
01 6103512

CHRISTMAS DIARY

Wishing all our Parishoners a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

- Dec. 7th Vigil Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 7.30pm
- Dec. 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception 10am St. Coca's Church & 11am Church of the Nativity, Newtown
- Dec. 12th Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony in St. Coca's Church at 7.30pm
- Dec. 14th Kilcock & Newtown Senior Choirs & Tirmoghan & Newtown Schools Carol Service in Church of the Nativity, Newtown at 7.30pm
- Dec. 19th Scoil Ui Riada Carol Service in St. Coca's Church at 11.15am
Scoil Dara Carol Service in St. Coca's Church at 5pm
- Dec. 20th Scoil Choca Naofa Pageant in St. Coca's Church at 11am
- Dec. 21st St. Joseph's Carol Service in St. Coca's Church at 7pm

Advent has a twofold character: (1) as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and (2) as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is, therefore, a period for devout and joyful expectation.

YOUTH 2000

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between the ages of 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 8-10th Dec at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country. What to expect? Good fun, excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, fantastic live music, group activities, Youth masses, adoration, a Healing Service, games, lots of time to chill out and meet new people.

Booking is essential. For more info. or to book a place, see www.youth2000.ie or call 01 6753690.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A new list of Ministers of the Eucharist for December to end of March is currently being circulated. If you have been overlooked or if you wish to be a Minister, please contact Nicola in the Parish Office on 01 6287406 or Michael Minogue at 087 3142292 or call to Parish Office during opening hours or call into the Sacristy after Mass.

Parish Office:
Office Hours:
Parish Shop:

01 6287406; info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie
Mon: 10-12 noon; Tue: 9am-2pm; Wed-Fri: 10-1pm
Mon-Fri: 10.30am-12.30pm - 01 6287499

PARISH LOTTO - Tue, 28th Nov. 2017

Lotto Nos. 1 – 5 – 21 – 23

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €13,100

3 x €50 Winners: Ber & Ger White, Breda Kiely, Christina Foran.

Promoters (2 x €50): Julie McCarthy, Martina Larkin.

In Hall: (2 x €25): Sean Montague, Patti Harrison.

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

CAPPAGH G.F.C. – Tue, 28th Nov. 2017

Lotto Nos. 1 – 21 – 29

NO Winner Next Jackpot: €3,100

€20 Winners x 5: Nora Long, Eva Sheridan, Babe O'Shea, Liam Gaffney, Rosaleen Brady.

Vouchers x 2: Eimear Finn & Michael Grogan.

Thank you for your continued support.

Little Way Cancer Support Centre, Clane wish to invite you to a **Christmas Bazaar** on Sat. 9th Dec at 2, Village Centre, Clane from 10.30am-5pm. There will be cake stalls, along with plenty of items for sale, with a very special visitor arriving at 12 noon. All proceeds raised on the day will go towards the Little Way Cancer Support Centre, supporting people, family & friends who have been affected by cancer. All welcome.

Alzheimer Café Leixlip – Christmas Party is on Wed, 13th Dec from 7-9pm. Put on your glad rags or favourite Christmas jumper and join us in Ryevale Nursing Home. Attendance is free and plenty of parking available.

KARE – Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Annual church gate collection had to be cancelled last weekend. We hope to hold the collection at a later stage.

Date for Diary – Kilcock Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held in St. Coca's Scout Hall on Wed, 13th Dec commencing with the celebration of mass at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Kilcock ICA – Committee meeting at 7.30pm followed by a guild meeting at 8pm on Tues, 5th Dec. Competition: Christmas centerpiece for table. A charity **T-Dance** will be held in St. Coca's Scout Hall on Sun, 3rd Dec at 3pm. Music by Harmony, admission is €5, incl. refreshments. All profits to Merchants Quay homeless fund. Please support and have an enjoyable afternoon of dancing.

Art Exhibition in Staplestown Church Hall on Sat, 9th Dec from 7.30pm. Local art group meet every Mon & Thur in the hall and their first event promises to be an evening of amazing art, light refreshments & relaxing chat. No admission. Please come along & lend your encouragement & support!!!

Piloxing (combo of pilates, boxing and dance) at 7.30pm on Tue nights in Scoil Choca Naofa. Cost is €7 per session, for info. ring Lorna on 087 9054421.

Newtown National School are holding their annual Christmas Fair & Christmas plays in Newtown Hall on Wed, 6th Dec at 6pm. We'll have crafts and Christmas decorations. Come along for fun and games and a hot cuppa and a treat!! All welcome.

Polish Carol Concert – An afternoon of Polish carols will take place on Sun, 17th Dec at 3pm in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth and should last an hour. It will be the third staging of this popular annual event and will feature a selection of the most beautiful traditional Polish & Irish carols. All welcome.

Staplestown Senior & Junior Choir will hold their annual Christmas concert on Sat. 16th Dec at 7.30pm in Staplestown Church. Admission is free with donations to the church restoration fund. All welcome.

MASSES FOR WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 2 nd Dec	6pm	Kathy Carr (1 st Anniv) Sean McGhee (1 st Anniv) Seamus O'Rourke, Courtown Road (Anniv)
Sun, 3 rd Dec	9am	Brendan Sims (Anniv) & John & Lena Simms (Anniv) Rita Farrelly, formerly Mill Lane (19 th Anniv)
	12 noon	Baby Ben Nolan (1 st Anniv) Michael Mulhall (Anniv) & remembering Maura Mulhall (Birthday Remembrance) Margaret Bohan (Anniv) & all deceased members of the Bohan family
Mon, 4 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 5 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 6 th Dec	10am	Patrick & Terence Reilly (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members Mrs Bridget Nolan (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Nolan family Mary & Jim McBrien (Anniv) & deceased family members
Thu, 7 th Dec	10am	
Fri, 8 th Dec	10am	
Sat, 9 th Dec	6pm	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS Michael Cotter (Anniv)
Sun, 10 th Dec	9am	Kathleen Farrell (13 th Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Farrell & Flynn families
	12 noon	Gretta Flynn (Anniv) & remembering her husband Larry Tom Bonney, Courtown Road (3 rd Anniv)

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 3 rd Dec	10.30am	William "Billy" Maguire, Grange (M.M.) Kathleen Grogan, Hortland (1 st Anniv) Christopher & Margaret Murray (Anniv)
Wed, 6 th Dec	11am	Eucharistic Adoration
Sun, 10 th Dec	10.30am	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund: 26th Nov. 2017: €1,593.00; Offertory Collection for 26th Nov. 2017: €1,145.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. **Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund:** A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!