

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 17th December 2017

(Mass Bk B; Part 1, page 31) **Responsorial Psalm** “My soul rejoices in my God.”

PARISH DIARY

Christmas Collection for Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all masses next weekend (Christmas Eve & Christmas Day).

Scoil Ui Riada Carol Service in St. Coca's on Tue, 19th at 11.15am.

Scoil Dara Carol Service in St. Coca's on Tue, 19th at 2pm.

Scoil Choca Naofa Pageant in St. Coca's on Wed, 20th Dec at 11am.

St. Joseph's Carol Service on Thur, 21st Dec at 6.30pm in St. Coca's.

Readers for next weekend: - Pat Brady – 9am Sun & Willie Hughes – 12 noon Sun.

Eucharistic Ministers for next weekend: Ashling Bracken, Pamela Cribben & Pat Richardson – 6pm Sat; Pat Brady & Assumpta O'Brien 9am Sun and Clare Dunne, Christine Eloji & Sheila Kelly 12 noon Sun.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Sr. Gerard Keane (RIP), Shalom and Maura MacSweeney (RIP), Abbeyfield who died recently. We also pray for Thomas “Bruce” Byrne (RIP), Kilglynn & Mena Curran (RIP), Courtown Little, both of whom were buried during the week. May they rest in peace.

TRÓCAIRE

In our church today you will find colorful bookmarks with information about the Trócaire Romero Family Award. This award is for families that would like to begin their spiritual preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August 2018. It aims to provide you and your family with an avenue to learn about the lives of other families around the world where Trócaire works. You will learn about their daily lives, the issues that they face and share in their hopes and dreams for the future.

Pope Francis encourages us to welcome the stranger into our home and to view them as our “brothers and sisters”, members of our own family. By undertaking the Romero award, you are doing just that!

Please log on to www.trocaire.org/romeroaward and register your family for the Trócaire Romero Family Award. You will receive your “Family Journal” via post from Trócaire and will share breakfast in Ethiopia with the Abamos family, dinner in Kenya with the Ondair family and supper in Syria with Jules and Camilla. The award is centred around meal times in our family homes and affords parents, grandparents, children and all family members the opportunity to engage in a meaningful dialogue around social justice and the meaning of family spoken about in Amoris Laetitia.

CHRISTMAS DIARY

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

Dec. 19th St. Coca's Church Reconciliation Service at 8pm

Dec. 23rd Confessions 10am-12 noon
Vigil Mass 6pm

Dec. 24th **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
9am Mass in St. Coca's
10.30am Mass in Church of the Nativity, Newtown
12 noon Mass in St. Coca's

Christmas Eve Vigils

5pm Children's Mass in St. Coca's
8pm Mass in Church of the Nativity, Newtown
10pm Vigil Mass in St. Coca's

Dec 25th **Christmas Day**
Masses as Sunday's in both Churches

Dec 26th / 1st Jan All weekday masses at 12 noon

Jan 5th Vigil Mass in St. Coca's at 7.30pm

Jan 6th **Feast of the Epiphany**
10am St. Coca's
11am Church of the Nativity, Newtown

TAX RETURN

Just wondering if you ever considered using a box of envelopes as a way of making your financial contribution. If not, perhaps you might consider it? Another option is by standing order through the bank. If your combined contributions to the various collections over the year reaches €250 we can, with your permission, claim and receive a tax return with no liability to you, the giver. As we, the Parish, are a registered charity, the process is simple and a very welcome stream of income which Revenue provides. If you are already using envelopes or would like to try out this system, please put your name on envelope for 2 weeks. Confidentiality is a given. Boxes are available at the back of the Church. If you have any query or would like to discuss and explore the various options, we would love to hear from you. Thank you for your continued support.

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

During this Christmas season, may you be blessed with the spirit of the season which is peace;
the gladness of the season which is hope;
and the heart of the season which is love.

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Fr. George
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Mon: 10-12 noon; Tue: 9am-2pm; Wed-Fri: 10-1pm
Mon-Fri: 10.30am-12.30pm - 01 6287499

PARISH LOTTO - Tue, 12th Dec. 2017

Lotto Nos. 14 – 15 – 19 – 27

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €13,300

3 x €50 Winners: Jo Tuíte, Angela Byrne, Elaine Mahon.

Promoters (2 x €50): Kevin Kilduff, Black Forest.

In Hall: (2 x €25): Gary White, Jimmy Reid.

2 x €25 Voucher: Jimmy Reid, John & Jim.

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

CAPPAGH G.F.C. – Tue, 12th Dec. 2017

Lotto Nos. 7 – 19 – 35

NO Winner Next Jackpot: €3,300

€20 Winners x 5: Sean Gorman, Devine Family, Daly Family, Rosie Duff, Graham Geraghty.

Vouchers x 2: Larry Doran, Michael Muldoon.

Thank you for your continued support.

It's not what's under the tree that matters; it's who is gathered around it!

A FORETASTE OF HEAVEN

Last weekend's Gala Concert by the Baldonnell Singers, with Ruby Boland & Paul Linehan and Scoil Choca Naofa Choir surely was just that, a foretaste of heaven!!

Thanks to our M.C. for the evening, Lorna Murray, and to all who helped direct and accompany the acts involved. Thanks also to our main sponsor, *Moyglare Sand & Gravel*, to all who sold tickets and to all who donated the many Spot prizes.

Thank you to one and all for your continued support.

Kilcock ICA would like to wish everyone in the community a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. Thanks to one and all for your support in 2017.

Kilcock Tidy Towns committee would like to wish everyone in the community a very happy Christmas and New Year. Many thanks to all for the continued support we received during 2017. **"Its easy to make a difference"**.

Donations for flowers for the altar for Christmas will be gratefully received – please contact Tess 087 2709333 or Imelda 085 7370131.

Polish Carol Concert – An afternoon of Polish carols will take place on Sun, 17th Dec at 3pm in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth. All welcome.

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.

SJM School of Motoring, Newtown – reliable, experienced local driving instructor. Gift Vouchers available – ideal for Christmas gift. Contact www.sjm.ie or phone 085 7270319.

Carlow College, St. Patrick's is running an **Irish Local History Evening Course** from 18 Jan 2018 – 8 March 2018, every Thursday from 7-9pm. For more info. contact Alison Brennan, AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie or ring 059 9153200.

The Parish Shop will close after 12 noon mass on Christmas Eve for holidays and stocktaking and will re-open at 10.30am on Thu, 4th Jan 2018. Wishing all our customers a very Happy Christmas and New Year and thanking you for your support in 2017.

Kilcock Musical & Dramatic Society are proud to present their annual pantomime in 2018 as we return to a family favourite – **Cinderella**. The panto will hit the stage from Wed, 10th to Sun, 14th Jan. nightly at 8pm in St. Joseph's Hall, Kilcock with matinees on Sat. & Sun. at 3pm. Tickets are €12 for adults, and €10 for children. Family and group rates available. Tickets are now on sale in the usual outlets or by ringing our Box Office on 087 2475376. Why not add tickets to your Christmas wishlist and take the family on a magical adventure????

MASSES FOR WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 16th Dec 6pm Pat McDonnell, Courtown Road (3rd Anniv)
Michaela Logan (10th Anniv)

Sun, 17th Dec 9am
12 noon Audrey O'Connor (M.M.) & remembering John Collins (Anniv)
John Doyle (Anniv)

Mon, 18th Dec 10am Shared Mass for the Living

Tue, 19th Dec 10am Shared Mass for the Deceased

Wed, 20th Dec 10am

Thu, 21st Dec 10am Gabriel Haughton (Anniv)

James Lynch (Anniv)

Fri, 22nd Dec 10am Thomasina Tallon (Anniv) & remembering her grandparents

Sat, 23rd Dec 6pm Thomas Finnegan (7th Anniv)

Sun, 24th Dec 9am **Christmas Eve**

Pauline O'Sullivan (2nd Anniv)

Susan Grehan (Anniv) & remembering her husband Oliver

12 noon

Eucharistic Adoration 10.30am-11.30am, 6pm-8pm

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 17th Dec 10.30am John & Mary Walsh, Ovidstown (Anniv) & all deceased members of the Walsh & Keating families
Paul & Rita Walsh, Mayo (Anniv)

The Crowe Family, Newtown (Remembrance)

Wed, 20th Dec 11am Eucharistic Adoration

Sun, 24th Dec 10.30am **Christmas Eve**

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund: 10th Dec. 2017: €1,260.00; Offertory Collection for 10th Dec. 2017: €1,307.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. **Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund:** A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!