

# KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018

(Mass Bk B; Part 1, page 59) **Responsorial Psalm** “O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.”

### PARISH DIARY

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb is the Feast of St. Brigid.

Service of Light for Confirmation children of all Parish schools on Thu, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb at 7.30pm.

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb is Candlemas Day.

Sat, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb is the Feast of St. Blaise.

**Readers for next weekend – St. Coca's:** - 6pm Sat Elaine Mahon– 9am Sun Margaret Macken – 12 noon Sun Christine Eloji & Muiris De Bhulbh in Newtown.

**Eucharistic Ministers for next weekend – St. Coca's:** Michael & Eithne Minogue & Joe McFadden - 6pm Sat; John Wynne & Philomena Obasi - 9am Sun and Marie Forde, Jean Rickard & John Cullen - 12 noon Sun in Kilcock and Eilis Walsh & Pauline Grogan in Newtown.

### A YOUNG PERSON'S PRAYER

God of love and mercy,  
I give you thanks for all the good things I enjoy.  
When I feel anxious about the future, calm my fears.  
When I doubt myself, give me courage and confidence.  
When I feel sad or lonely,  
remind me that I can always  
turn to you as a true friend.

Help me to find the path in life  
that will call forth the best in me.  
May your Spirit lead and guide me  
all the days of my life.

AMEN

### IN MEMORIAM

We ask prayers for Paul Healy (RIP), Brayton Park/Belmullet, Co Mayo and Little AnnMarie Pettit (Sleeping with the Angels) - daughter of Ed & Ella, whose funeral mass takes place today in Newtown. May they rest in peace.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2018

This year we organised a competition for all the schools in Kilcock Parish to pick the theme for this year's Parade. We had joint winners in Scoil Choca Naofa with their entry of “Inspiration from our Imagination” and with Tiernohan NS and their entry of “Plastic Planet”. The Parade committee has decided to combine the two to form our theme for Parade 2018.

In the next week or two, entry forms and information forms will be distributed to all businesses and clubs in the Parish. Looking forward to a generous response.

### SAINT BRIGID

The saint of Kildare enjoys remarkable popularity all over western Europe as the early Irish missionaries carried her name and devotion to her to the countries where they settled. Indeed, the spirit of Brigid has spread across the globe down through the centuries. Increasing numbers of pilgrims are coming to Kildare today in search of Brigid – people of all faiths and none. They come from all over the world.

Brigid, who fearlessly spoke  
from the hill of the goddess;  
keeper of well-water, fire and new turned earth.  
Brid of the woven cloak, the healing hands,  
woman of generous heart and star-bright mind.  
Brid the contemplative;  
prayer turning, wheeling,  
rising like flocks of plover, over beloved plains.  
Brid the ambassador,  
a wind-swept girl in a speeding chariot;  
singing a song of freedom, love and heavenly praise.  
Brid of the churn and the crozier,  
of nurturing soul and listening ear;  
counselor, mentor of bishops and kings,  
lover of animals, spinner of dreams.  
Daughter of Dubhtach, child of Brucasa,  
spouse of the living god;  
powerful voice to cherish and challenge,  
Brigid, a light in our lives.

Bernadette McMahon

### CANDLEMAS DAY – FEAST OF LIGHTS

Known in pre-Christian times as the “Feast of Lights” Candlemas Day falls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Feb every year and is an important date in the Christian calendar. It celebrates the Presentation of Jesus in the temple and the purification of the Virgin Mary. It is also the day on which the Roman Catholic Church blesses all the candles for use in religious services throughout the year.

The candle has come a long way from its humble beginnings/ It evolved from tallow to wax to paraffin and today candles are made from a variety of substances including soya bean wax, palm oil wax and traditional beeswax.

### WITH GRATEFUL THANKS

The family of the late Maura McSweeney, formerly of Abbeyfield, wish to extend their sincere thanks to her neighbours and the wider Kilcock community for their support both during her last year in Parke House Nursing Home and at the time of her passing. A special word of thanks to Fr. George & Fr. John who conducted the obsequies.

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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, 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018

Lotto Nos. 10 – 12 – 22 – 24

**NO Winner**

**Next Jackpot: €13,700**

**3 x €50 Winners:** Marie Fowler, Bernie Higgins, C.A.N.D

**Promoters (2 x €50):** John Ryan & Sheelagh Kelly.

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

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

## CAPPAGH G.F.C. – Tue, 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018

Lotto Nos. 2 – 5 – 35

**NO Winner Next Jackpot: €3,800**

**€20 Winners x 5:** Helen Shine, Helen Kennedy, Danny Gleeson, Christy Ryan, Karen Devine.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**Art Classes** will recommence in Staplestown Church Hall (Old Schoolhouse) on Mon mornings, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan and Thur evenings, 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. The 5-wk course of 2 hours per week will cover drawing & painting techniques, and explore the mediums of acrylic, oils & watercolour with a maximum of 8 per class. For details, contact 085 8466020 or 045 869883.

**Carlow College, St. Patrick's** is running an introduction to **Psychology Evening Course** from 1 Feb – 8 March every Thursday from 7pm-9pm/ For more info, please contact Alison Brennan, email [AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie](mailto:AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie), 059 9153200 or see [www.CarlowCollege.ie](http://www.CarlowCollege.ie).

**Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland, Kildare Branch** wish to thank all Parishoners for your contribution of €620 at their annual Church Gate Collection last weekend.

**Progressive 25s** continue every Monday night in Kilcock GAA Club at 9pm sharp. Easter league starts Mon, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. Newcomers welcome. Thanks to all who donated prizes for our Christmas raffle and everyone who supports us each week.

**School Enrolment for St. Joseph's/Scoil Choca Naofa** is now taking place. As we have shared enrolment, please enrol your child in either school before **15 Feb 2018**. Use the standard **Shared Enrolment Forms** (available in both School Offices & on both School Websites). Places will be offered by end February 2018.

**Grinds** in English & French for Junior & Leaving Cert., all levels, phone 086 8212216.

**Piloxing** (combo of pilates, boxing and dance) will continue at 7.30pm on Tue nights in Scoil Choca Naofa. For info. ring Lorna on 087 9054421.

**Application forms** for in **Tiermohan National School** are now available from School Office or download from our website [www.tiermohanns.scoilnet.ie](http://www.tiermohanns.scoilnet.ie). Completed forms, together with original Birth Cert & Baptismal Cert (if not baptised in Kilcock & Newtown Parish) should be returned to the School by Thur, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. All enquiries to 045 869442.

**Féile Brid 2018** – Brigid, Flame of Justice & Peace, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Féile, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, Kildare Town – see Notice Board for details.

**Free workshops** on Health Promotion (3hrs), Mental Health Awareness (3hrs), Healthy Food Made Easy (18hrs) CFR & Defibrillator (6hrs), Disability Inclusion (6hrs) & Older Peoples Fitness Classes (6hrs) launching on Thu, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb in The Mill, Celbridge at 7.30pm. All welcome.

## MASSES FOR WEEK

### St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6pm	Liam Byrne (Anniv) David Nolan (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv) Pat Kenny (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Joseph Langtry, Courtown Road (Anniv) George & Margaret Bright, Courtown Road (Anniv) Bridie Phelan, Highfield Park (Anniv) Mena Curran (Recently Deceased)
Sun, 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9am	Denis Mulhall (Anniv) & remembering his wife Kathleen & his brother Paddy John Ryan, Duncreevan (Anniv)
	12 noon	Thomas Walsh, Cloncurry (Anniv) Susan Gilligan, Connaught St. (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Marian Byrne, formerly The Courtyard (Anniv)
Mon, 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10am	
Thu, 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10am	
Fri, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10am	Jimmy McGuinness (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) & Bridget McGuinness (12 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
Sat, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	6pm	
Sun, 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9am	
	12 noon	PJ Nolan, Belgard (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)

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

**Eucharistic Adoration, Little Chapel 5pm-8pm**

### Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	John Grogan, Hortland (Anniv) Mark O'Brien (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Peter Halligan (Birthday Remembrance); remembering his brother Tom & Cis & Bob Needham
Wed, 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	11am	Eucharistic Adoration
Sun, 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.30am	James Lynam (Anniv)

**Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund:** 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2018: €1,356.00; Offertory Collection for 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2018: €1,012.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. **Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund:** A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!