

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE – 24th December 2017

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and Peace and Goodwill for 2018

A WORD OF GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

In many ways 2017 has been a blessed year although there were times of pain, sorrow and loss. It is with great joy we acknowledge the goodness and the hard work of so many in different ways bringing life to our Parish. We sincerely thank our Sacristans, secretaries, readers, Eucharistic ministers, collectors and counters, altar servers, organists and choirs, catechists and those who are involved in sacramental preparation, all those who help out with the day to day maintenance of the churches, grounds and halls, Lotto committee, helpers and promoters and our Parish shop team, our new Parish financial committee, Principals, teachers and boards of management, Golf classic fundraisers and the many who helped towards the decoration of St. Coca's Church. We also thank you, our Parishioners, for your great generosity and constant support. We look forward to ministering with you in the coming year. May this Holy Season bring abundant blessings your way. We wish and pray that this coming New Year 2018 may bring every blessing, peace, happiness and prosperity to you all.

Fr. John

Fr. George

GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who donated to our Giving Tree, as always it was a tremendous response. All our gifts went local to help those who needed support this year.

GOAL Mile Cappagh GAA on Christmas Day at 11.45am. Bring all the family. For further details contact Breeda 087 2534256.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Christopher Trotman (RIP), Highfield Park, father of Paula, Olivia & Maria, who was buried on Friday. We also remember Hazel McNally (RIP), wife of Paul, Ballycahan & daughter-in-law of Peter & Mary, who died in Limerick and Tommy Grehan (RIP), uncle of Seamus Staunton, who was buried in St. Joseph's during the week. May they rest in peace.

Kilcock Mens Shed would like to wish everyone in our Community a very Happy & Peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your very much appreciated support during 2017 and every blessing for 2018.

Fr. John
01 6287448

Fr. George
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2017 CHRISTMAS DIARY PARISH OF KILCOCK AND NEWTOWN

Dec. 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve

9am Mass in St. Coca's
10.30am Mass in Church of Nativity, Newtown
12 noon Mass in St. Coca's

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

Dec. 25th Christmas Day

9am Mass in St. Coca's
10.30am Mass in Church of Nativity, Newtown
12 noon Mass in St. Coca's

Dec. 26th – Jan 1st 2018

Weekday masses at 12 noon

5th Jan – Eve of Feast of the Epiphany

Vigil Mass 7.30pm St. Coca's

6th Jan – Feast of the Epiphany

10am Mass in St. Coca's
11am Mass in Church of Nativity, Newtown

Wishing all our Parishioners a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

St. Coca's AC are running a 2km family Santa dash on St. Stephen's morning at 11am at the running track in the Bawnogue, all proceeds to St. Francis Hospice. Happy Christmas to all and a healthy new year.

PARISH DIARY

Christmas collection for Priests of the Parish at all Masses on Christmas Day. Please use envelope provided in your Development box or those provided at the back of the Church.

Well done to all the students & teachers of Scoil Dara and all the pupils & teachers of our parish primary schools on their uplifting carol services this week.

All weekday masses from 26th Dec – 1st Jan 2018 inclusive will be at 12 noon and **NOT** at 11.30am as advertised in the separate Parish Diary sheet for December.

There will be **NO** Adoration on Mon, 25th Dec or Mon, 1st January 2018 in St. Coca's. Adoration will resume on Mon, 8th Jan 2018. Also, there will be **NO** Adoration on Wed, 27th Dec or Wed, 3rd Jan 2018 in Church of the Nativity, Newtown. Adoration will resume on Wed, 10th Jan 2018.

There will be **NO** Parish Lotto on 26th Dec. 2017 and 2nd Jan 2018. Lotto will resume on Tues, 9th Jan 2018 in our new venue in Scoil Dara.

Theresa Brayton Heritage Group would like to wish everyone in the Community a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. Thank you for your support in 2017.

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MASS INTENTIONS FROM 23rd DECEMBER 2017 – 7th JANUARY 2018

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 23 rd Dec	6pm	Thomas Finnegan (7 th Anniv)
Sun, 24th Dec	9am	Pauline O'Sullivan (2 nd Anniv) Susan Grehan (Anniv) & remembering her husband Oliver Christy Fitzpatrick (Anniv) & remembering his wife Angie & son John & all deceased members of Fitzpatrick & Ryan families
	12 noon	Michael & Margaret Lavin (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members
	5pm	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS
	10pm	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS
Mon, 25th Dec	9am	CHRISTMAS DAY
	12 noon	CHRISTMAS DAY
Tue, 26 th Dec	12 noon	Patrick "Pat" Brilly, Highfield Park (9 th Anniv) Bernard O'Shea (Anniv) & all deceased members of the O'Shea family
Wed, 27 th Dec	12 noon	Patrick Richardson (10 th Anniv) Pat McLoughlin & deceased family members; John Birmingham & deceased family members Ciara O'Brien (Remembrance)
Thu, 28 th Dec	12 noon	
Fri, 29 th Dec	12 noon	Albert Lannery, Courtown Road (M.M.) William & Catherine Travers (Anniv)
Sat, 30 th Dec	6pm	Fran Bright, Highfield Park (1 st Anniv) & remembering her husband Jimmy Rose Cummins, Gragadder (5 th Anniv) Ray Murray, Courtown Park (6 th Anniv)
Sun, 31 st Dec	9am	Christy Noonan, Highfield Park (17 th Anniv) Ned & Rosaleen Mulligan, Fair Green (Anniv) & remembering their son Bernard & daughter Patricia & all deceased family members
	12 noon	
Mon, 1 st Jan	12 noon	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 2 nd Jan	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 3 rd Jan	10am	Mary Brilly, Courtown Road (1 st Anniv) & remembering her husband Seamus & sons Pat & James and all deceased family members and friends
Thu, 4 th Jan	10am	
Fri, 5 th Jan	10am	Bridget McHale & remembering her brothers Michael & Pat 100 th Birthday Remembrance for the late Tommy Larkin, Kilcloon
	7.30pm	Vigil Mass for Feast of the Epiphany
Sat, 6 th Jan	10am	Feast of the Epiphany
	6pm	Billy Doyle, Highfield Park (Anniv) Kathleen Gannon, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering her husband William, her son-in-law Ken & her great-grandson Adam Anne Lynam, Highfield Park (16 th Anniv) Paddy & Ann Cullen (Anniv)
Sun, 7 th Jan	9am	
	12 noon	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 24 th Dec	10.30am	James & Marie McLoughlin, Hortland (Anniv) & remembering their nephew Seamus O'Brien
	8pm	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS
Mon, 25th Dec	10.30am	CHRISTMAS DAY
Sun, 31 st Dec	10.30am	Kathleen Norton, formerly Hortland (Anniv)
Thu, 4 th Jan 2018	11am	First Thursday
Sat, 6th Jan	11am	Feast of the Epiphany Deceased members of the Kelly & Gorman families, Kilbrook
Sun, 7 th Jan	10.30am	Tom Fennell, Newtown (Anniv) Jim Walsh, Hortland (Anniv) Anna Behan, Fanagh (Anniv)

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

God give us eyes this Christmas to see the Christmas Star,
And give us ears to hear the song of angels from afar.
And, with our eyes and ears attuned for a message from above,
Let 'Christmas Angels' speak to us of hope and faith and love.
Hope to light our pathway when the way ahead is dark,

Hope to sing through stormy days with the sweetness of the lark,
Faith to trust in things unseen and know beyond all seeing
That it is in our Father's love we live and have our being,
And **love** to break down barriers of color, race and creed,
Love to see and understand and help all those in need.