

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 16th DECEMBER 2018

(Responsorial Psalm “Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”)

PARISH DIARY

Our Diary for December is now available at the back of the Church. Christmas Rota for the Ministers of the Eucharist are now available to collect from the Sacristy or Parish Office.

LOTTO – if our lotto jackpot is not won on the 18th Dec, we will be giving out 5x€100 Punter and 5x€100 Promoter prizes.

There will be NO Healing Mass in December.

Readers for next weekend – Sat 6pm – Helen Noonan, 9am Sun – Dermot Sheehan & 12 noon – Derek McSweeney.

Eucharistic Ministers for next weekend – Aisling Bracken, Pamela Cribbin & Pat Richardson - 6pm Sat; Cora Walsh, Philomena Obasi & John Wynne - 9am Sun and Mary Forde & Jean Rickard - 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM

We ask prayers for Kevin “Dickie” Byrne (RIP), Kilglyn who died during the week and whose funeral took place in Gallow on Saturday after 12 noon mass. We also ask prayers for Angela Hoey (RUP), sister of Patricia Dooley, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

There is joy in self-forgetfulness. So I try to make the light in others' eyes my sun, the music in others' ears my symphony, and the smile on others' lips my happiness.

Helen Keller

NEW YEAR CHALLENGE

Looking for an exciting challenge in the New Year?? Carlow College, St. Patrick's, will run short 8-week evening courses starting on 24th Jan, 2019 where our lecturers will help you broaden your perspectives, gain knowledge and help you develop exciting new skills. The courses include: Actually reading Ulysses; The Medieval World; Irish Identity: Past, Present, Future and Song of Love and Hate: the World as seen through the work of songwriters and poets Leonard Cohen and Paul Simon. The cost per course is €125. For further information, visit www.CarlowCollege.ie or email admissionscc@carlowcollege.ie.

SVP - STAY WARM SAVING SCHEME

Stay warm and take the chill off your bill! Save up for your central heating oil/solid fuel! Saving fuel stamp cards and stamps available from John Ryan Butchers (01 6287189), Vincent's Shop (01 6284269), Kilcock Post Office (01 6287201) & The Chocolate Box (01 6287503) and cost €5 each.

DR. GEORGE!

During the week, Fr. George was awarded a Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy) from the Oriental International College, Rome. This academic distinction is the fruit of extensive research, study, writing and prayer. Yet, during the years working on his thesis, Fr. George selflessly served the faith Communities in both Portlaoise and Kilcock & Newtown in his full time pastoral ministry. It is an extraordinary balance of his academic and the pastoral. Ever humble and gracious, we joyfully congratulate you Dr. George.

Christmas is a season for gifts of every kind,
All the glittering, pretty things
that Christmas shoppers find,
Baubles, beads and bangles of silver and of gold.
Anything and everything that can be bought or sold
is given at the season to place beneath the tree
for Christmas is a special time for giving lavishly.
But there's one rare and priceless gift,
that can't be sold or bought,
It's something poor or rich can give,
for it's a loving thought –
and loving thoughts are something
for which no one can pay,
and only loving hearts can give this priceless gift away.

CHANGE A LIFE – BECOME A FOSTER CARER

Our fostering teams in Kildare and Wicklow are currently undertaking a campaign to recruit foster carers for children of all ages. If you are interested, you can contact your local team on 045 882400 or go to www.fostering.ie for more information.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The family of the late Bartholomew “BJ” Hickey would like to thank Fr. John and Fr. George for their hospital and home visits during his illness, removal and funeral and also thanks to Fr. Jackie O'Connell. Thanks also to Liz Byrne, Sacristan. To the staff of Blanchardstown Hospital, Beaumont Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospice, Blanchardstown, thank you for your care and kindness.

To all our friends and neighbours, a big thank you. To Eimear & Claire Crehan and the SUSO Gospel Choir, thank you for the beautiful music. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 11th Dec. 2018

Lotto Nos. 3 – 14 – 25 – 31

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €18,000

3 x €50 Winners: Mick Gately, Damien Brannick, Stuart Brennan.

Promoters (2 x €50): Gary White, Helen Noonan.

In Hall: (2 x €25): Jessica Gannon, Shirley Farrell.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yearly or half-yearly lotto tickets make an ideal gift for any occasion.

Lotto now available on-line!

KILCOCK GAA – Sun, 9th Dec. 2018

Lotto Nos. 4 – 5 – 15 – 22

NO Winner Next Jackpot: €10,000

€50 Winners x 5: John Buggy, Michael Montague, Pam Sullivan, K. McLoughlin & James Foran.

Promoters: Eugene Finn Snr. & Donal Cummins.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH G.F.C. – Tue, 11th Dec. 2018

Lotto Nos. 19 – 21 – 25

No Winner Next Jackpot: €800

€20 Winners x 5: Frank Walsh, Derek Grogan, Gerry Connolly, Gary Timmons, Marie Houlihan.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lotto now available on-line!

Kilcock ICA wish everyone in the Community a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful new year.

Cappagh's Christmas Chase Against Cancer 5km walk/run on St. Stephen's Day at 11am in Cappagh Club Grounds, Newtown followed by refreshments. All proceeds go to The Irish Cancer Society. Hope to see you all there!

SJM School of Motoring – local driving instructor. Gift vouchers available – ideal Christmas gift. For details www.sjm.ie or phone 085 7270319.

Kilcock Tidy Towns want to wish everyone in the Community a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful new year.

Donations for flowers for the altar at Christmas would be very much appreciated and may be left into the Parish Shop. Thanking you in advance.

Lady required to mind 2 children in their own home, Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm. Phone 087 9743507.

Parish Shop – Christmas stock now available – mass bouquets, Christmas cards, cribs, candles etc. Open Mon-Fri, 10.30am-12.30pm. **Now open on Sat. mornings from 10.30am-12.30pm and after all weekend masses.**

KMDS – this year's pantomime, **Robin Hood & the Sword of Destiny**, will mark KMDS's 18th annual panto production and their first at Kilcock GAA. Robin Hood runs from 9th to 13th Jan 2019 at Kilcock GAA (Wed. to Sat. evening performances at 8pm and Sat. & Sun. matinee performance at 3pm). Tickets from Box Office (087 2475376) and from the Chocolate Box. All seats cost €15, family and group rates available. **Don't delay, book today!**

Live Music in Kilcock GAA on Wed, 26th Dec. at 6pm featuring "Solitary Man".

Success is not the key to happiness, happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you are already successful!!

MASSES FOR WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 15 th Dec	6pm	Mena Curran (1st Anniv) Patrick McDonnell, Courtown Road (4 th Anniv) & remembering his wife, Elizabeth John, Noreen & Andrew Curtin (Anniv) John & Mary Ryan (Anniv)
Sun, 16 th Dec	9am	Thomas & Margaret Smith (Christmas Remembrance) Ned & Rosaleen Mulligan, Fair Green (Anniv), remembering their son Bernard and daughter Patricia O'Brien and all deceased family members
	12 noon	Tommy "Bruce" Byrne, Kilglyn (1 st Anniv) Baby Noah TJ Stone (Anniv) John Doyle (Anniv) & remembering his wife Ann (Recently deceased) Gabriel Haughton (Anniv) & remembering his parents Mary & George, & deceased family and friends
Mon, 17 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 18 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 19 th Dec	10am	Mary & Jim McBrien & Family
Thu, 20 th Dec	10am	Bridget & Peter Prior & Family
Fri, 21 st Dec	10am	Jimmy Lynch (Remembrance) Patrick & Terence Reilly & Family
Sat, 22 nd Dec	6pm	Fran Bright, Highfield Park (Anniv) & remembering her husband Jimmy John Collins (Anniv) & remembering Teresa Doyle, Anne Murphy & Patricia & William Meade Anna & Vincent Skally (Anniv)
Sun, 23 rd Dec	9am	Joan & Ted Farrelly (Christmas Remembrance)
	12 noon	Margaret Farrell, Harris Hill (1 st Anniv) Pauline O'Sullivan, late of Connaught St. (Anniv) Pat & Mary Gildea (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members Thomas Finnegan (Anniv)

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 16 th Dec	10.30am	
Wed, 19 th Dec	11-12noon	Eucharistic Adoration
Sun, 23 rd Dec	10.30am	John & Mary Walsh, Ovidstown (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members Paul & Rita Walsh (Anniv)

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund: 9th Dec. 2018: €1,582.00; Offertory Collection: €1,065.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. **Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund:** A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!