

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – 29th DECEMBER 2019

(Mass Bk A, Part 1, page 44) **Responsorial Psalm** “O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.”

PARISH DIARY

Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way over the Christmas period – sacristans, servers, collectors, counters, readers, all who decorated our Churches, Eucharistic ministers and choirs. We really appreciate all the support. Happy New Year to you all and thanks again for your ongoing support.

Thank you for your support of our priests and for your contributions to the Christmas collection for the Priests of our Parish.

There will be **NO** Adoration on Mon 30th Dec. Adoration will resume on Mon, 6th Jan 2020.

There will be **NO** Parish Lotto on Tues, 31st Dec. (New Year’s Eve). Lotto resumes on Tues, 7th Jan 2020. Happy New Year to all who promote and purchase our Lotto tickets.

Readers for next weekend – Sat 6pm – John O’Malley, 9am Sun – David Gildea & 12 noon – Christine Eloji.

Eucharistic Ministers for next weekend – Breda Hopkins, Tom O’Doherty & Patrick Richardson - 6pm Sat; Helen Noonan, Cora Walsh & John Wynne 9am Sun; Mary Forde & Jean Rickard - 12 noon Sun.

IN MEMORIAM

We ask prayers for Eileen O’Connor (RIP), Courtown Road; Tony Preston (RIP), brother of Gerry, Kilbrook; John McCabe (RIP), Belgard and Nancy Higgins (RIP), nee Keoghan, Ballycahan, all of whom died during the past week. May they rest in peace.

*Thank you, God, for little things
that often come our way,
the things we take for granted
and don’t mention when we pray.
The unexpected courtesy,
the thoughtful, kindly deed,
a hand reached out to help us
in our time of special need.
Oh, make us more aware, dear God,
of little daily graces
that come to us with sweet surprise
from never-dreamed-of places.*

We will open **the book**.
Its pages are blank.
We are going to put words on them ourselves.
The book is called **Opportunity**
and its first chapter is **New Year’s Day**.

REFLECTION – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

In these days between Christmas Day and New Year’s Day we as the People of God spend time reflecting on just what the Christmas mystery tells us about God. We reflect that his Son has come among us; born as an infant at a particular moment in time, in a particular place, in a particular culture – this is Jesus our brother. Like each of us he had a unique set of relationships; with Mary, with Joseph, with the other people who lived around him. But with us, his followers, he established another unique relationship by making each of us a child of God. Let us call to mind how we have behaved as daughters and sons of the Father and how we may have injured our brothers and sisters.

A TOAST TO 2020

*At the sound of the tolling midnight bell
a brand new year will begin.
Let’s raise our hopes in a confident toast,
to the promise it ushers in.
May your battles be few, your pleasure many,
your wishes and dreams fulfilled.
May your confidence stand in the face of loss
and give you the strength to rebuild.
May peace of heart fill all your days
may serenity grace your soul,
may tranquil moments bless your life
and keep your spirit whole.*

*For last year’s words belong to last year’s language. And
next year’s words await another voice. And to make an end
is to make a beginning.*

*Consult not your fears,
but your hopes and dreams.
Think not about your frustrations,
but about your unfilled potential.
Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in,
but what is still possible for you to do.*

Pope John XXIII

Kilcock GAA & Cappagh GAA – Memberships NOW DUE.
Due to changes in the GAA insurance calendar, all Kilcock & Cappagh GAA Club members must be registered online by Fri, 3rd Jan. 2020. Failure to register by Jan. 3rd will mean you are not insured to play matches or participate in training. Also, the Clubs could be fined for playing unregistered players. For more info, contact the Clubs.

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Perhaps the art of harvesting the secret riches of our lives is best achieved when we place profound trust in the act of beginning. Risk might be our greatest ally. To live a truly creative life, we always need to cast a critical look at where we presently are, attempting always to discern where we have become stagnant and where new beginning might be ripening. There can be no growth if we do not remain open and vulnerable to what is new and different. I have never seen anyone take a risk for growth that was not rewarded a thousand times over.

John O'Donoghue

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul.

THE PARADOX OF OUR AGE

We have bigger houses but smaller families; more conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees but less sense; more knowledge but less judgment; more experts, but more problems; more medicines but less healthiness.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble in crossing the street to meet our new neighbour.

We built more computers to hold more copies than ever, but have less real communication; we have become long on quantity, but short on quality.

These are times of fast foods but slow digestion; tall men but short characters; steep profits but shallow relationships.

It's a time when there is much in the window, but nothing in the room.

Dalai Lama

A NEW YEAR BLESSING BEANNACHT

For Josie

On the day when the weight deadens
on your shoulders and you stumble,
May the clay dance to balance you.

And when your eyes freeze behind
the grey window and the ghost of loss gets into you,
may a flock of colours,
indigo, red, green and azure blue,
come to awaken in you a meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays in the currach of thought
and a stain of ocean blackens beneath you,
may there come across the waters
a path of yellow moonlight to bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth to be yours,
may the clarity of light be yours,
may the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow wind work these words
of love around you,
An invisible cloak to mind your life.

John O'Donoghue

When you are inspired by some great purpose, some extraordinary project, all your thoughts break their bonds, your mind transcends limits, your consciousness expands in every direction, and you find yourself in a new, great and wonderful world. Dormant forces, faculties and talents become alive and you discover yourself to be a greater person by far than you ever dreamed yourself to be.

MASSES FOR WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 28 th Dec	6pm	Jim Rochfort, Connaught St. (M.M.) Ray Murray, Courtown Park (8 th Anniv) Patrick Richardson (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of Richardson family Rosie Cummins, Gragadder (Anniv)
Sun, 29 th Dec	9am	Sean Kelly, Laragh (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of Kelly family Patrick Jennings, Grange (Anniv)
	12 noon	Ned & Rosaleen Mulligan (Anniv) & remembering their son Bernard & daughter Patricia Thomas Finnegan (Anniv) John, Mary & Brid Keoghan (Anniv)
Mon, 30 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 31 st Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 1 st Jan 2020	10am	Christy Noonan, Highfield Park (19 th Anniv)
Thu, 2 nd Jan	10am	
Fri, 3 rd Jan	10am	
Sat, 4 th Jan	6pm	Fr. Jack McWey (Anniv) William Doyle, Highfield Park (Anniv)
Sun, 5 th Jan	9am	
	12 noon	Kathleen Gannon, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering her husband William, and daughters Eileen & Maura (Recently Deceased) & her great grandson Adam Maureen & Bernard Kyne (Anniv)

NO Adoration

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 29 th Dec	10.30am	
Sun, 5 th Jan 2020	10.30am	Jim Mallon, Hortland (Anniv) & remembering his sister-in-law Anna Behan & deceased members of Mallon, Hopkins & Behan families