

KILCOCK AND NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 6th DEC. 2020

A BLESSING

*May you know the happiness of those who walk in God's way.
May the Lord turn the darkness before you into light, and rough places into level ground.*

PARISH DIARY

Adoration resumes on Mon, 7th Dec. after 10am mass – from 10.30am – 11.30am.

Next Tues, 8th December is The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass in St. Coca's at 10am and in the Church of the Nativity, Newtown at 11am.

The Parish Shop will open next week, Mon – Sat. from 10.30am to 12.30pm daily.

Parish Lotto – ideal gift for Christmas – 6mths €50 or yearly tickets €100. For the next three Tuesday draws, we will be giving out vouchers for local shops as extra prizes. There will be Lotto up to 22nd Dec. NO Lotto on 29th Dec. but it will resume on 5th Jan 2021. Thank you all for your continued support.

Tax Refund Forms – Perhaps you forgot to return these – if so, would you please sign your form and return to Parish Office as soon as possible please. Many thanks for your support.

Readers for this weekend – Sat 6pm – Aisling Bracken; Sun 9am – Dermot Sheehan; 10.30am – Ray Manning; 12 noon – Fiona Loxley.

Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend – Sat 6pm – Breda Hopkins & Tom O'Doherty; Sun 9am – Margaret Macken & Dymrna Deegan, 10.30am – Patricia Mitchell & Cora Walsh; 12 noon – Claire Dunne & Jean Rickard.

Each morning when I open my eyes I say to myself: I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy!

Groucho Marx

GIVING TREE

Due to COVID, this year we are unable to do our usual presents. Instead, if you wish to give a voucher (for local shops) or a donation, please put in envelope, mark it "Giving Tree" and put in letter-box at Parish Office. **ALL** gifts received will be given to local families needing help at this time of the year. Thanking you in anticipation for your support.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's liturgy we hear again the lonely voice of John the Baptist: "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." It is not God's way that needs to be straightened out but our ways. God's way is straight. But our ways are not always straight. Let us reflect for a moment on the fact that we haven't always walked in God's way.

Lord Jesus, you guide the humble in the right path.

Lord, have mercy.

You smooth the way for the upright. Christ, have mercy.

You seek out and save the lost. Lord, have mercy.

The voice of John the Baptist was a lonely voice.

There are many lonely voices in our world,
coming not only from the prophets,
but also from the victims of injustice and neglect.

Lord, help us to listen to these voices.

Above all, help us to listen to your voice,
whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts,
telling us that we are loved by you,
and that we are to love one another.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Due to COVID and number restrictions in our Churches, we are going to add an additional number of Christmas Masses to facilitate you, our Parishoners.

Masses in St. Coca's:

Christmas Eve

12 noon, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 7.30pm & 9pm

Christmas Day

8am, 9.30am, 11am & 12.30pm

Masses in Church of the Nativity, Newtown:

Christmas Eve

5pm & 7pm

Christmas Day

9am & 10.30am

To ensure everyone's safety, please be advised by our Church Stewards.

PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 1st Dec. 2020

Lotto Nos. 7 – 10 – 22 – 24

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €11,900

(3x€50) Winners: Ber White, Jimmy Reid, Laura & Vincent Hannahan.

Promoters (2x€50): Helen Noonan & New Lane Barbers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yearly/half-yearly lotto tickets make ideal gifts for any occasion.

If you want peace, stop doing what annoys you!

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries, give advice/reassurance, where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am-8pm. Call 0818 222 024.

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.

Advent/Christmas is the great season of God's love for us. Far beyond the gifts of time and talent, far beyond the gifts of freedom and friends, is the gift of God's own self to us. This self-giving in Jesus through the Holy Spirit is at the heart of Christianity. It is because of this that Jesus can be in the crib, on the cross, and present within us simultaneously. How enduring is God's love for us!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 5 th Dec	6pm	Baby Ben Nolan (4 th Anniv) George O'Reilly (10 th Anniv) Tom Bonney (Anniv)	
Sun, 6 th Dec	9am		
	10.30am		
	12 noon	Joan Fitzsimons, Kilbrook (M.M.) Pauric Lavelle (M.M.) Teresa Monaghan (1 st Anniv) Gretta Flynn (10 th Anniv) & remembering her husband Larry & deceased family members Seamus O'Rourke, Courtown Road (30 th Anniv) Seamus & Bridie Daly (Anniv)	
Mon, 7 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<i>Adoration – after mass till 11.30am</i>
Tue, 8 th Dec	10am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 9 th Dec	10am		
Thu, 10 th Dec	10am	Dessie & Alice O'Brien, Branganstown (Anniv) Christopher & Margaret Murray, Laragh (Anniv)	
Fri, 11 th Dec	10am	Eileen Rodgers, Knocknatulla (Anniv) & remembering her husband Michael	
Sat, 12 th Dec	6pm	Vinnie O'Connor, Highfield Park (M.M.) Mena Curran, Courtown Little (3 rd Anniv) Thomas "Bruce" Byrne, Kilglyn (3 rd Anniv) Pat McDonnell, Courtown Road (6 th Anniv)	
Sun, 13 th Dec	9am		
	10.30am		
	12 noon	John Doyle & his wife Ann (Anniv) Maura & Michael Mulhall, Duncreevan (Anniv) Wentworth & Mary Weld, Clonshambo (Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 6 th Dec	10.30am	Beattie Nealon (2 nd Anniv) & remembering her husband Peter & daughter Joan Kathleen Grogan (Anniv)
Tue, 8 th Dec	11am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Wed, 9 th Dec	11-12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration
Sun, 13 th Dec	10.30am	

Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!