

KILCOCK AND NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 13th DEC. 2020

PARISH DIARY

Parish Lotto – ideal gift for Christmas – 6mths €50 or yearly tickets €100. For the next two 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 – Patsaí Uí Chatháin; Sun 9am – Margaret Macken; 10.30am – Ray Manning; 12 noon – John Cullen.

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

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Eileen Speight (RIP), Village Green; Danny Gleeson (RIP), Highfield Park & Patrick Sheridan (RIP), Ballyvoneen, all of whom died during the week. May they rest in peace.

SAFETY AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

We are **NOT** issuing tickets for our Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. We are, however, limited to the numbers we can have in the Church. Your safety is our main concern at all Masses so please respect and be guided by our Church Stewards.

*Is treise an dúchas ná an oiliúint.
Nature is stronger than nurture.*

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's First Reading the prophet Isaiah says to us, "Courage! Do not be afraid. God is coming to save you."

And in the Gospel we see Jesus, our Saviour, at work enabling the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and the lame to walk.

In this Eucharist, we encounter the same compassionate Jesus. Let us not be afraid to let him see our wounds and handicaps.

Lord Jesus, you take the blindness from our eyes.

Lord have mercy.

You take the darkness from our minds.

Christ, have mercy.

You take the hardness from our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

John the Baptist was no reed swaying in the wind.

A reed swaying in the wind is a symbol of the person who is easily influenced, and who has no convictions of his/her own. Still, we can learn something from the humble reed.

The fact that it is able to bend means that the greatest storm cannot uproot it.

Lord teach us that there is strength in weakness and suppleness, and give us the wisdom to know when to bend and when to stand firm.

Find your own philosophy and live life on your own terms.

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.

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PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 8th Dec. 2020

Lotto Nos. 13 – 18 – 26 – 30

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €12,000

(3x€50) Winners: Orla Fortune, Sheila & Beatrice, Mary & Ger Cullen.

Promoters (2x€50): Betty Walsh & Rose Murphy.

Vouchers (2x€25): James & Grace; Joanie Crowe.

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

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.

The aim of life is to live, and to live means to be aware, joyously, drunkenly, serenely, divinely aware.

Donations for flowers for the altar at Christmas will be greatly received. Contact Tess Barrett or leave into the Parish Shop. Thank you & a very happy Christmas to you all.

CAPPAGH GFC – RECENT RESULTS

Winners: 24th Nov. €4,000 Sean & Rene Gorman
(7 – 13 – 21)

Winner: 1st Dec. €600 Rosie Duff
(3 – 7 – 10)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 12 th Dec	6pm	Vinnie O'Connor, Highfield Park (M.M.) David Jolley, Royal Meadows (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	Tony & Kitty O'Keeffe, Courtown Road (Anniv) Thomas & Annie Yallop (Anniv) & remembering Ellen Yallop nee Corcoran (Anniv) Thomas "Toddy" Yallop (Anniv) & remembering Laurence Yallop, Maura Pike, Joan O'Brien nee Yallop & Lewis Yallop
	10.30am	
	12 noon	John Doyle & his wife Ann (Anniv) Maura & Michael Mulhall, Duncreevan (Anniv) Wentworth & Mary Weld, Clonshambo (Anniv)
Mon, 14 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 15 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 16 th Dec	10am	Thomas Buckley (Remembrance) Patrick & Terence Reilly (Anniv) & deceased family members
Thu, 17 th Dec	10am	Donna & Baby John Reilly (Anniv) & remembering deceased members of Brady family Peter, Catherine & Michael Ryan (Anniv) Anna Flynn (80 th Birthday Remembrance)
Fri, 18 th Dec	10am	Peter, Bridget & Eileen Prior (Anniv) & all deceased family members
Sat, 19 th Dec	6pm	Eileen O'Connor, Courtown Road (1 st Anniv) Patrick & Elizabeth McDonnell, Courtown Road (60 th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance) Nancy Murphy, Bagnelstown (Anniv) & remembering her husband John & son Noel Josie McDonnell, formerly Main St. & all deceased family members (Christmas Remembrance) George & Margaret Bright, Courtown Road (Christmas Remembrance) Danny Gleeson, Highfield Park (Christmas Remembrance)
Sun, 20 th Dec	9am	
	10.30am	
	12 noon	Johnny McCabe, Belgard (1 st Anniv) Nicholas & Martha Brady, Church St. (Anniv) Michael & Margaret Lavin (Anniv) & all deceased family members Pat & Mary Gildea (Anniv) & all deceased family members Sean & Rita Kilduff (Anniv) & all deceased family members George Gabriel Houghton (10 th Anniv); & remembering his deceased parents & family members

Adoration – after mass till 11.30am

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 13 th Dec	10.30am	
Wed, 16 th Dec	11-12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration
Sun, 20 th Dec	10.30am	John & Mary Walsh, Ovidstown (Anniv) & all deceased family members