

KILCOCK AND NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

PENTECOST SUNDAY – 23rd MAY 2021

A BLESSING

*May the Holy Spirit bind you together in a community of faith and love.
May the Holy Spirit enable you to be effective witnesses for Christ in the world.
May the Holy Spirit confirm your hearts in holiness so that you may be blameless in the sight of the Lord.*

PARISH DIARY

Trocaire boxes can be left back at any of our masses in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support.

The **Retired Priests Collection** will be taken up at all masses this weekend - please use envelopes provided in your development box or you can also donate to our 2nd Offertory Collection. Surplus will be given to the Retired Priests of Diocese Fund – many thanks for your continued support.

Parish Lotto – ideal gift for any occasion. Thank you for your continued support.

Readers for this weekend – Sat 6pm – Aishling Bracken; Sun 9am – Dermot Sheehan; 10.30am – Patsaí Uí Cathain; 12 noon – Derek McSweeney.

Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend – Sat 6pm - Breda Hopkins & Tom O’Doherty; Sun 9am – Dympna Deegan, Margaret Macken & Assumpta O’Brien; 10.30am – Philomena Obasi; 12 noon – Helen Noonan & John Cullen.

*Always remember to forget,
the things that made you sad,
but never forget to remember
the things that made you glad.
Always remember to forget
the troubles that have passed away,
but never, ever forget to remember
the blessings that come each day.*

A YOUNG PERSON’S PRAYER

*God of love and mercy,
I give you thanks for all the good things I enjoy.
When I feel anxious about the future, calm my fears.
When I doubt myself, give me courage and confidence.
When I feel sad or lonely,
remind me that I can always turn to you as a true friend.
Help me to find the path in life
that will call forth the best in me.
May your Spirit lead and guide me
all the days of my life.
AMEN*

PENTECOST SUNDAY

This is the day Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Holy Spirit to the apostles. The coming of the Spirit saw the launching of the Church. This feast renews the gift of the Spirit in the Church as a whole, and in each of us. Let us reflect for a moment on our need of the Spirit.

Lord Jesus, through the gift of the Holy Spirit you bless us with wisdom and understanding.

Lord, have mercy.

You bless us with counsel and fortitude.

Christ, have mercy.

You bless us with knowledge and reverence for the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Our spirit is our greatest source of energy.

It is to us what wings are to a bird.

However, while it can be very strong,
it can also be very brittle.

What is it that enables the spirit to soar,
and what is it that causes it to sink?

Sadness weights it down; joy lifts it up.

Criticism erodes it; praise builds it up.

Despair causes it to wilt; hope breathes new life into it.

Rejection wounds it; acceptance heals it.

Hatred poisons it; love purifies it.

Fear cripples it; solitude calms it; prayer strengthens it.

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

THANK YOU GOD

*Thank you God for little things,
that often come my way.
The things I take for granted,
but don't mention when I pray.
The unexpected courtesies,
the thoughtful kindly deeds.
The hand reached out to help us,
in times of sudden need.
Oh make us more aware dear God,
of little daily graces.
That come to us with sweet surprise,
from never dreamed of places.*

PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 18th May 2021

Lotto Nos. 1 – 4 – 16 – 31

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €14,200

(3x€50) Winners: Zena, Padraig & Joan, John Regan, Peter McCrarren.

Promoters (2x€50): Betty Walsh, Maura Mahon.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

KILCOCK GAA – Sun, 16th May 2021

Lotto Nos. 3 – 12 – 16 – 28

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €18,800

(5x€25) Winners: Declan Kelly, Mary & Pat Fagan, Emmet Devine, Padraic Garvan, Patrick Kelly.

Promoters Prizes: Michael McGinley, Donal Cummins.

Thank you for your continued support.

The purpose of life is not to win. The purpose of life is to grow and to share. When you come to look back on all that you have done in life, you will get more satisfaction from the pleasure you have brought into other people's lives than you will from the times that you outdid and defeated them.

*It's not your back that hurts;
it's the burden you carry alone.
It's not your eyes that hurt; it's the injustice you see.
It's not your ears that hurt; it's the lies you hear.
It's not your head that hurts;
it's the thoughts that torment you.
It's not your lungs that hurt;
it's the breath of change you resist.
It's not your throat that hurts;
it's what you don't express.
It's not your stomach that hurts;
it's what the soul does not digest.
It's not your liver that hurts;
it's the anger you don't forgive.
It's not your heart that hurts;
it's the love in your heart that's not shared.
And it is love itself, for you yourself,
that's the most powerful healer of all.*

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or facing difficulties relating to 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 22 nd May	6pm	Sonny Murphy, Highfield Park (2 nd Anniv) Sean Mulligan, Ballinakill (3 rd Anniv)
Sun, 23 rd May	9am	Thomas & Annie Yallop, Hortland; remembering Lawrence & Toddy & all deceased family members
	10.30am	
	12 noon	William O'Brien, Courtown Road (1 st Anniv) Helen Redmond nee Malone & her parents Peter & Mary Malone, Courtown Rd. (Anniv) Matthew Mulligan Jnr (Anniv); Matthew Mulligan Snr (Anniv) & remembering Margaret Jose KC (5 th Anniv)
Mon, 24 th May	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 25 th May	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 26 th May	10am	Thomas "Thos" O'Connor, Gragadder (Anniv) Pat & Ellen Hughes (Remembrance)
Thu, 27 th May	10am	
Fri, 28 th May	10am	Elizabeth Murphy, Meath Bridge (Anniv)
Sat, 29 th May	6pm	James Tallon (Birthday Remembrance) & remembering his daughters Mary, Margaret & Eileen & his son James
Sun, 30 th May	9am	
	10.30am	
	12 noon	The Sheridan Family, Grange & Brid Laffan (Anniv)

Adoration – after mass till 11.30am

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 23 rd May	10.30am	Mary Walsh, Ovidstown (Anniv) & remembering her husband John and all deceased members of the Walsh & Keating families Vivian Dowd (17 th Anniv)
Wed, 26 th May	11-12 noon	Eucharistic Adoration
Sun, 30 th May	10.30am	

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund: 17th May 2021: €3,803.00; Offertory Collection: €1,050.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. **Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund:** A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome.