

KILCOCK AND NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

First Sunday of Advent

28th November 2021

Advent has a twofold character:

1. As a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, and
2. As a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time.

Advent is, therefore, a period for devout and joyful expectation.

PARISH DIARY

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Lotto is an ideal Christmas gift with the chance to win a Jackpot of €10,000 – €18,000. 3 Mths. cost €25; 6 Mths. €50 and Yearly €100. For details, contact Nicola in the Parish Office.

Readers for this weekend – Sat 6pm – Aisling Bracken; Sun 9am – Eilish O'Brien & 12 noon – Sr. Breda.

Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend – Sat 6pm – Joe McFadden & Michael Minogue; Sun 9am – Margaret Macken & Dermot Sheehan & 12 noon – Mary Forde & Patricia Mitchell.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

Many thanks to **all who helped in any way** to make our annual remembrance mass on Thursday evening last so special.

To Fr. George for leading us, to Una & Lorna in Books & Gifts for the flowers, to Eimear & the Men's Shed for the beautiful music, to our readers and our Eucharist ministers, thank you all. It is always a very special mass, it is special to remember all our loved ones gone before us. Thanks again to one & all.

The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved; loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves.

GIVE A LITTLE, IT HELPS A LOT!

This year we will work in conjunction with St. Bridget's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Kilcock to help our local community – instead of our "Giving Tree", we are asking for vouchers for local shops to give to local families in need. If you can donate, please drop the vouchers into the Parish Office or put them in the post box outside the office. Thank you for your continuing support.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sisters and brothers, today is the first day of the season of Advent. In four weeks' time we will celebrate Christmas and the coming of the Son of God among us as our prophet, our priest and our king. But to know who Jesus is, we must recall the faith of the people who looked out for Him.

We must look to the writings of the Old Testament to see what they say about the promise of God to visit his people – and during these coming weeks we will read much from the prophet Isaiah; we must recall the work of John the Baptist and we will reflect on how Christ comes to birth in our world through our faith and discipleship – and we will remember Mary, whose faith and acceptance of the invitation of God inaugurated the whole Christmas era.

Let us now stop and, in silence, note that this moment is an important turning point in our year.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Frank Sullivan (RIP), Connaught St., whose funeral mass took place in St. Coca's Church on Saturday. May he rest in peace.

*Father, we are waiting and watching for the return of
Christ our Lord in glory.
Long ago you anointed Jesus Christ with the oil of
gladness as our eternal priest and universal king.
As priest he offered his life on the altar of the cross and
redeemed the human race
by this one perfect sacrifice of praise.
As king he has dominion over all creation,
that he may present to you,
his almighty Father,
an eternal and universal kingdom;
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
AMEN*

PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 23rd Nov 2021

Lotto Nos. 2 – 9 – 18 – 30

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €16,900

(5x€50) Winners: Helen & Saoirse, Noeleen O'Neill & Maeve Sweeney.

Promoters (2x€50): Danny Mulligan & L'Horizon.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

KILCOCK GAA – Sun, 21st Nov 2021

Lotto Nos. 1 – 7 – 15 – 31

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Aiden Macken, Eoin Brennan, Sarah Connolly, Daragh Browne, Jennifer Donnelly.

Promoters Prizes: Stuart Brennan & Paul Kenny.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO – Tue, 23rd Nov 2021

Lotto Nos. 11 – 14 – 33

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €3,600

(5x€20) Winners: John Grogan, Mairead Gormley, Hallie Clancy, Catherine & Louise Nealon, Donal Griffin.

Vouchers : Orla & JJ Collins & Chloe Walsh.

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 7 days a week, 8am-8pm. Call 0818 222 024.

Parish Shop – We will now open on Saturday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm for the month of December.

Lady required for light housework and to prepare lunch for elderly lady, 5 days a week. Phone 087 9165568.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 27 th Nov	6pm	Michaela Logan, Highfield Park (14 th Anniv) Bridget Weldon (Anniv) & remembering her husband Joseph (Recently Deceased) Neville Bird (Anniv) & remembering his parents Michael & Lucy & brothers
Sun, 28 th Nov	9am	Jim Rochfort, Connaught St. (2 nd Anniv)
	12 noon	Jim Rochfort, Connaught St. (2 nd Anniv) Theresa Monaghan nee Fields (2 nd Anniv) Michael & Margaret Lavin (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members Pat & Mary Gildea (Anniv) & remembering deceased family members Mary Cullen (Anniv) Tommy Cummins, Courtown Rd (Anniv), remembering his daughter Nuala (Birthday Remembrance) James & Jenny Cullen (Anniv)
Mon, 29 th Nov	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 30 th Nov	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 1 st Dec	10am	
Thu, 2 nd Dec	10am	
Fri, 3 rd Dec	10am	
Sat, 4 th Dec	6pm	Danny Gleeson, Highfield Park (1 st Anniv) Eileen Speight, Village Green (1 st Anniv) Michael & Margaret Noone (Anniv) & deceased family members Kathleen & Michael Campbell (Anniv) & remembering their daughter Annie
Sun, 5 th Dec	9am	
	12 noon	Cathy Carr, Courtown Park (5 th Anniv) Michael Mulhall (Anniv) & remembering his wife Maura (Birthday Remembrance) Seamus & Mary Daly (Anniv) Gretta Flynn (Anniv) & remembering her husband Larry & all deceased members of the Flynn & Hayden families

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 28 th Nov	10.30am	Parish List of the Dead
Wed, 1 st Dec	11-12am	Eucharistic Adoration
Sun, 5 th Dec	10.30am	Christopher & Margaret Murray (Anniv) Kathleen Grogan (Anniv) Beatie Nealon (Anniv) & remembering her husband Peter, daughter Joan & grandsons David & Ciaran

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund: 21st Nov. 2021: €1,405.00; Offertory Collection: €940.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. **Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund:** A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!