

KILCOCK AND NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th February 2022

BLESSING

*May the Lord, keep you strong in faith, and active in good works.
May the Lord, who conquered the evil one, keep you brave and strong in time of trial.
May the Lord watch over you, keep you in his care, and bless you with his peace.*

PARISH DIARY

We welcome the children from *Scoil Uí Riada* to our 6pm *Do This in Memory* mass in St. Coca's and the children from *Newtown NS* to our 10.30am *Do This in Memory* mass in Newtown.

Congratulations and well done to our Confirmation children in all our schools who had their Pledge ceremony this week; and to all the children and teachers on their mid-term this week, enjoy the break.

Adoration this Thursday from 6-7pm, Holy Hour finishing with Benediction. All welcome.

Readers for this weekend – Sat 6pm – Robert Wilson; Sun 9am – Dermot Sheehan & 12 noon – Philomena Obasi.

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

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Teresa Goodwin (RIP), Navan & Kilcock, formerly O'Reilly Timmons, who died recently. We also ask prayers for Noel O'Brien (RIP), The Chocolate Box, husband of Carmel & brother of Jetser & John, who was buried in Kilclon during the week. May they rest in peace.

LORD, BLESS MY FRIENDS

“Be filled with the Spirit” (Eph. 5:18)

Holy Spirit, you are my Friend,
the one who counsels and supports me.
I thank you for the gift of friendship.
And I pray for all the other friends
it is my joy to know in life.
Help them each day, I pray,
with the gift of your love;
guide them through life, watch over them,
forgive them their failings;
strengthen their virtues,
until the day we can all rejoice
together in your friendship forever.

AMEN

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus says, “Be compassionate.....Do not judge.....Do not condemn.....Treat others as you would like them to treat you.” These words are taken from today's Gospel. How many of us could say that we treat others in this way? The Lord himself shows us the way.

Lord Jesus, you are slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You do not treat us according to our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

As far as the east is from the west, so far do you remove our sins. Lord, have mercy.

There are those who give but only on condition
that they receive something in return,
and receive it immediately.

There are those who give on condition
that they receive something in return
later on and with a handsome profit.

And there are those who give
without expecting anything in return now or ever,
they scatter the seeds of the heart
without looking for any harvest.

These are imitating the generosity of God,
who bestows his love on good people and bad,
and grants mercy to saints and sinners.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

As announced recently, our St. Patrick's Day parade resumes this year. Preparations are ongoing – forms being distributed and entries are being received. All entries participating in the parade to be confirmed by 1st March. **Shop Windows** – hope all the shops will put on a display as usual. More details to follow later.

Anybody wishing to act on the Committee are welcome to the GAA Club on Monday nights at 8pm. Stewards are also required on the day, for more info. please call 087 3142292.

A tree is known by its fruit;

a man by his deeds.

A good deed is never lost;

*he who sows courtesy reaps friendship,
and he who plants kindness gathers love.*

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