

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

Fourth Sunday of Lent

27th March 2022

Lord Jesus, you reconcile us to one another and to the Father. Lord, have mercy.

You heal the wounds of sin and division. Christ, have mercy.

You intercede for us at the right hand of the Father. Lord, have mercy.

PARISH DIARY

We would ask that you keep Fr. George and his family in your prayers at this time.

Don't forget, our clocks "*Spring forward*" this weekend.

We would like to wish all the "*Mothers*" in our parish a very *Happy Mother's Day* for Sunday.

Our *Healing Mass* will resume in Our Lady of the Nativity Church in Newtown on **Sat, 9th April at 2pm**. All welcome.

We will have a *Penitential Service* on Tues, 12th April at 7.30pm in St. Coca's Church. All welcome.

Readers for this weekend – Sat 6pm – Margaret Macken; Sun 9am – Robert Wilson; 12 noon – John Cullen.

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

*May you have the hindsight to know where you've been,
the foresight to know where you're going,
and the insight to know when you're going too far!*

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

<i>Category</i>	<i>Winners</i>
Best Overall Float	Musgraves
Best Commercial Float	Mulligan Sawmills
Best non-Commerical Float	St. Joseph's NS
Best Fun Float	Strong & Steady Dance Troupe
Best Individual	Pat Mulligan (St. Patrick)
Best Traditional Irish Float	Edge Dance School
Best non-Motorised - U18	Kilcock Scouts
Funniest/Most Imaginative	Men's Shed
Best Vintage Entry	Eugene Matthews
Best Shop Window	Books & Gifts

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all those who participated. Thanks also to those who supported the parade financially and helped to make it a success. Mile buiochas do na maoir agus do na daoine a tháinig amach chun na paráid a fheiceáil. The presentation of prizes will be held in Kilcock GAA Club on Sat., 26th March at 9pm.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you" – so said the prodigal son whose story we hear in today's Gospel. At the start of this Eucharist we are invited to call to mind our sins, which means we are invited to make our own the words and the sentiments of the prodigal son. Fortunately, God is prodigal with his forgiveness.

The prodigal son came home empty-handed.

*He had no trophies to show his father,
no achievements with which to earn his praise,
his welcome and his love.*

He was a failure. Worse – he was a sinner.

He deserved to be punished - and he knew it.

Yet punishment was the last thing he needed.

*To punish him would be like pouring water
on a dying fire. What happened?*

*When the father saw his lost son come towards him,
his heart went out to him,*

and next minute they were in each other's arms.

*It is an extraordinary experience
to be loved in one's sinfulness.*

*Such love is like a breeze to a dying fire,
or rain falling on parched ground.*

*Those who have experienced this kind of love,
know something about the heart of God.*

IN MEMORIAM

We pray for Freddie Piper (RIP), Courtown Road, whose funeral took place during the week. May he rest in peace.

MY MOTHER

My mother kept a garden, a garden of the heart.

She planted all the good things that gave my life its start.

She turned me to the sunshine and encouraged me to dream.

Fostering and nurturing the seeds of self-esteem.

*And when the winds and rain came,
she protected me enough.*

*But not too much because she knew
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.*

*Her constant good example always taught me
right from wrong,*

markers for my pathway that will last a lifetime long.

I am my Mother's garden. I am her legacy.

*And I hope today she feels the love
reflected back from me.*

PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 22nd Mar 2022

Lotto Nos. 8 – 10 – 16 – 27

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €18,000**

(3x€50) Winners: E. Hopkins, Helen, Rory & Zack, Jimmy Reid.

(2x€50) Promoters: Imelda Regan & Eva Sheridan.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

KILCOCK GAA – Sun, 20th Mar 2022

Lotto Nos. 2 – 13 – 14 – 26

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €20,000**

(5x€25) Winners: Marie Cahalin, Phil Rowland, Gerry Lawless, Jason Allen, Rosemary Brady.

Promoters Prizes: Sean Montague & Mickey Rogers.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO – Tue, 22nd Mar 2022

Lotto Nos. 9 – 12 – 29

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €5,200**

(5x€20) Winners: Sean Gorman, Paddy Byrne, Grogan Family, Laura Moore & Tom Murray.

Thank you for your continued support.

Swim lessons & coaching with Kilcock Swim Academy. Intermediate & Advanced levels available. Contact Damien 086 2771018.

An optimist is a person who sees a green light everywhere.

A pessimist sees only the red stop light.

The truly wise person is colour blind!

Just in case you thought the written word was easy.....

The farm was expanded to produce more produce.

The dump was so full it has to refuse refuse!

The last person back had to desert his dessert in the desert.

A bass was painted on the new bass drum.

When shot at, the frightened dove dove into the bushes.

The insurance for the invalid was invalid.

ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. We are seeking volunteers to make **Support and Befriending** calls to older people. **ALONE** asks that you, if interested, commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit www.alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 26 th Mar	6pm	Robert Nolan, Highfield Park (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members Pat Green (Anniv) Eddie Ward (Anniv)	
Sun, 27 th Mar	9am	Betty Lynch, Aylmer Park (2 nd Anniv)	
	12 noon	Patsy Quinn, Laragh (7 th Anniv) David Horan (Anniv) Joseph & Helen Sheridan & their sons Anthony & John (Anniv) Brid Laffan (Anniv) & deceased members of the Sheridan & Westman families Ellen Cummins, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering her daughter Nuala (Anniv) Alice Garry (Birthday Remembrance) & remembering her brothers Peter & Tom Halligan and Bob & Ciss Needham	
Mon, 28 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<i>Adoration – 10.30am-11.30am</i>
Tue, 29 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 30 th Mar	10am		
Thu, 31 st Mar	10am	Aidan Byrne, formerly The Square Bar/Lucan (M.M.) Thomas Buckley (Remembrance) Aoife Kelly (Recently Deceased)	
Fri, 1 st Apr	10am	Bridget Walsh (Recently Deceased)	
Sat, 2 nd Apr	6pm	Mary O'Brien (M.M.) Maureen Fagan, Highfield Park (Anniv) Christine O'Rourke (Anniv) & remembering her husband Thomas, daughter, sons & grandson Paul	
Sun, 3 rd Apr	9am		
	12 noon	Sr. Catherine Campion, Presentation Sisters (M.M.) Hugh Davey, Kilglynn (M.M.)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 27 th Mar	10.30am	Delia Walsh (5 th Anniv) & remembering her husband John Tim Lovely (Anniv)
Wed, 30 th Mar	11am	Adoration
Sun, 3 rd Apr	10.30am	