

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
PASSION / PALM SUNDAY
10th April 2022

*God enlightens the darkness of my heart and gives me true faith, certain hope and perfect charity, sense and knowledge.
Lord, that I may carry out your holy and true command.*

St. Francis of Assisi

PARISH DIARY

Well done to all our children in our schools who made their **First Confession** last week and this week in preparation for the First Holy Communion. Well done too to their teachers and parents.

There will be all day Adoration on Mon, 11th April following on from 10am Mass to 6pm concluding with Benediction. There will be **NO** Adoration on Holy Thursday.

There is a **Chrism Mass** on Monday, 11th April in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Carlow at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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

An **Easter Dawn Mass** will take place in Cappagh GAA Grounds at 6am on Easter Sunday morning. All welcome.

Our **Easter Schedule** will be available on our Parish website and FaceBook page from Monday, 11th April and will also be available on white sheets in our Churches from Monday.

Donations for flowers for the altar at Easter are welcome. Please contact either the Parish Office or the Parish Shop.

Trocaire boxes can be returned on Holy Thursday or anytime over Easter. Basket for same is located at the back of both Churches.

The Priest Collection for Easter will be taken up at all Masses at the 2nd collection next weekend, 16th/17th April. Please use the envelope provided in Development Box or take a white envelope available from back of Church.

New Parish Centre – please call to the Parish Office for an information pack and pledge forms or to the Sacristy after any mass.

Our **Healing Mass** will now take place in Our Lady of the Nativity Church in Newtown on **Sat, 30th April at 2pm**. All welcome.

Readers for this weekend – Sat 6pm – Robert Wilson (Narrator), Helen Noonan & Philomena Obasi; Sun 9am – Dermot Sheehan (Narrator), Margaret Macken & Christine Obasi; 12 noon – Derek McSweeney (Narrator), Patricia Mitchell & Paul Norris.

Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend – Sat 6pm – Breda Hopkins & Tom O'Doherty; Sun 9am – Dympna Deegan & Cora Walsh & 12 noon – Jean Rickard & Clare Dunne.

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Today we begin Holy Week, which commemorates the week in which Christ died. He died because of sin. Let us call to mind our sins, especially those through which we hurt others. Christ forgave those who put him to death. He will forgive us too.

Lord Jesus, you forgave Peter who denied you.

Lord, have mercy.

You prayed for those who condemned you.

Christ, have mercy.

You received the repentant thief into paradise.

Lord, have mercy.

***This week each year Christians are drawn to Jerusalem,
if not in body, at least in mind.***

***They stand at the foot of the cross, beating their breasts,
and staring with pity at Jesus of Nazareth.***

***They listen with reverence as he prays for his killers:
"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."***

***But when the week is over they return to their homes
to resume their deep-rooted spites
and the burden of things they can't forgive.***

Let us not then weep for Jesus.

Let us weep for our own sins.

***Then, maybe, like Jesus, we will be able
to forgive others who sin against us.***

IN MEMORIAM

We pray for Sr. Francesca Kelly (RIP), Presentation Sisters, whose funeral took place during the week. May she rest in peace.

Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds.

Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar.

BLESSING FOR PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

*Blessed are those who are called to walk
the Way of the Cross with Christ,
Blessed are those who, like Christ, do not choose suffering
but who witness to authentic humanity
in the midst of pain.
Blessed are those who see in the face of Christ
compassion and redemption for those whom
society has lost hope.*

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