

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 4th SEPTEMBER 2022

PARISH DIARY

We welcome back all our school's students, teachers and principals – best of luck for the coming year.

Development envelopes – please collect any outstanding envelopes from the Church porch after mass. Many thanks for your continued support.

Anyone wishing to book Newtown Parish Hall, please ring Parish Office on 01 6287406. We would like to thank Laura Filan who has looked after the keys & bookings up to now – very much appreciated Laura – thank you!

Parish Centre – if you have any completed pledge forms, please return to the Parish Office, Mon-Fri. 10am – 1pm.

Readers for this weekend – Sat 6pm – Ashling Bracken, Sun 9am – Helen Noonan & 12 noon – Patsai Uí Chathain.

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

KILCOCK BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Kilcock Tidy Towns are delighted to announce that Kilcock has been selected by Kildare Co. Council to have FREE Biodiversity (and Green Infrastructure) Training and Planning. We need the whole town involved – all businesses, community groups, schools, residents associations, etc.

Online training sessions are:

Session 1: General Biodiversity Talk, Wed. Sept. 7th - 7pm

Session 2: Training/Planning, Sat. Sept. 17th - 2-5pm

Session 3: Training/Planning, Thurs. Sept. 29th – 7-9pm

To register for the above, please enter your name and email address in the following Google Form <https://forms.gle/D6HMS6JSxWoygw3P8>.

The aim of the training programme will be introduce biodiversity, why it is important, and to explore practical biodiversity actions that will enhance your community for people and nature. The outcome of the training programme will be a 5-yr Biodiversity Action Plan for the community. This is a free event and everyone with an interest in improving Kilcock's biodiversity are welcome to attend. Training will be delivered by Dr. Mary O'Connor (Ecologist), Dr. Fiona MacGowan (Ecologist) & Green Pine Consultants (Landscape Architect).

We realise you are all busy people and may not be able to attend all the meetings, so to make it easier for you to be involved we have scheduled the areas we will be discussing in Session2 as outlined on Kilcock Tidy Towns website. Times are indicative only. If you feel you, your business / community group etc. should be, or would like to be, on the schedule, please let us know and we will do our best to ensure it. <https://www.kilcocktidytowns.com/post/kilcock-biodiversity-planning-september-2022>.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We measure people's commitment to a cause by the sacrifices they are prepared to make for it. We cannot hope to be genuine followers of Christ without making sacrifices. What does it mean for me to be a Christian? How does it affect my life? What does it cost me? Let us ask the Lord's forgiveness for the way we allow fear and selfishness to weaken our commitment to him.

Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite.

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners to repentance.

Christ, have mercy.

You plead for us at the right hand of the Father.

Lord, have mercy.

Blessed are those who realise that they cannot live on bread alone, but need the word of God too: they will be fully nourished.

Blessed are those who, when they have sinned, follow the example of the prodigal son, and come back home to seek reconciliation: they will cause heaven to ring with joy.

Blessed are those who stop to attend to a wounded neighbour, pouring in the oil of compassion and the wine of hope: they are the Good Samaritans of today.

Blessed are those who remove the plank from their own eyes before telling their brother to remove the splinter from his: their efforts at reforming others will bear fruit.

And blessed are those who, having put their hand to the plough, refuse to look back: they will be found worthy of the Kingdom.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Paud Thompson (RIP), brother of Gerry & David who died recently. We also ask prayers for Johnny Hynes (RIP), Leixlip & Kilcock, whose funeral took place to St. Joseph's during the week. May they rest in peace.

Loving God, watch over our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences and a love of learning.

ST. BRIGID'S CONFERENCE of VDP, KILCOCK

The annual pilgrimage to Knock takes place on 10th September. This is always a joyful day as we gather with members of the Vincentian family to give thanks for the many blessings we have received and to pray for the society and the people we are privileged to support.

This is also an opportunity to remember, in a special way, members who have died, and people we visit, due to Covid. Names can be left in Vincent's Shop – money will be collected on the bus. Bus leaves the Square at 8am and will stop for tea going to Knock and for dinner on the return trip. Cost is €30.

PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 30th Aug 2022

Lotto Nos. 14 – 30 – 32 – 34

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €18,000

(3x€50) Winners: Imelda Regan, Mary Doherty, A. Doyle.

(2x€50) Promoters: L'Horizon & Mary Byrne.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Everybody is afraid. Most people just don't have the courage to admit it!

Life is filled with unanswered questions, but it is the courage to seek those answers that continues to give meaning to life.

You can spend your life wallowing in despair, wondering why you were the one who was led towards the road strewn with pain, or you can be grateful that you are strong enough to survive it.

There is no duty more obligatory than the repayment of kindness.

If you only walk on sunny days, you'll never reach your destination.

CAPPAGH LOTTO – Tue, 30th Aug 2022

Lotto Nos 17 – 23 – 31

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €7,500

(5x€20) Winners: Kevin Doran, Tony & Sean, Sarah, Roman Mullaly & Regina Gorman.

Thank you for your continued support.

KILCOCK GAA – Sun, 28th Aug 2022

Lotto Nos.

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Paul White, AnnMarie Brennan, Marie Cahalin, B. Boyd & Bernie & TJ.

Promoters: Denis Fagan & L'Horizon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Strong and Steady (Fun, Fitness and Falls prevention classes) for older adults. New term starting in September 2022 on Wednesdays at 11am and 12 noon. Spaces available. Booking essential. Call Fionnuala on 087 2848409.

Childminder wanted in Kilcock area for a 1-year old girl on Tue, Wed. & Thurs. from 7.30am – 5.15pm. Contact Regina 087 9592696.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 3rd Sep 6pm

Sun, 4th Sep 9am

12 noon

James Philip (10th Anniv)

Sheelagh Kelly, Courtown (Anniv)

John, Maeve & Jim Dunne, Coole (Anniv)

Ann Smith, London & remembering her parents, Liam & Rita Farrelly, Mill Lane (Anniv)

Jack & Ellen O'Brien, The Harbour (Anniv)

Mon 5th Sep 10am

Shared Mass for the Living

Adoration after Mass

Tue, 6th Sep 10am

Shared Mass for the Deceased

Wed, 7th Sep 10am

Alberto Macari (7th Anniv)

Margaret & Thomas Nugent & remembering Betty Lynch (Anniv)

Thu, 8th Sep 10am

Lily Reilly (Anniv)

Eileen McNeilis (Recently Deceased)

Fri, 9th Sep 10am

Eilis McNeilis (Recently Deceased)

Sat, 10th Sep 6pm

Ger Nugent, The Courtyard (M.M.) & remembering his parents Jack & Rita

Jonathan Duncan (20th Anniv)

Michael & Kathleen Campbell (Anniv) & remembering their daughter Annie

Sun, 11th Sep 9am

12 noon

Rita Byrne, The Square Bar/Lucan (1st Anniv)

Thomas & Eilish Montague (Anniv)

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 4th Sep 10.30am

Bridget & Mary Mallon, Larry Behan & Jim McCarthy, Hortland (Anniv)

Richard, Pat & Tina Dillon & remembering Sr. Rosario (Anniv)

Sarah Clarke (Anniv)

Wed, 7th Sep 11am

Adoration

Sun, 11th Sep 10.30am

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund: 28th Aug 2022: €1,485.00; Offertory Collection: €775.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!