

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 11th DECEMBER 2022

PARISH DIARY

We welcome the children from *St. Joseph's* to our 6pm St. Coca's mass and the children from *Newtown* to our 10.30am Newtown mass as they take part in the *Do This in Memory* programme.

2022 Christmas Diary now available at the back of the Church.

Parish Lotto tickets, yearly or half-yearly, are an ideal gift for Christmas. Contact Nicola in the Parish Office.

Healing Mass in Church of the Nativity of our Lady in Newtown on Sat, 17th Dec. at 2pm. All welcome.

There will be a **Penitential Service** in St. Coca's Church on Tue, 20th Dec. at 7pm. All welcome.

Christmas Carol Services on Thurs, 15th Dec. in the Church of Our Lady of the Nativity, Newtown at 7.30pm and on Sun. 18th Dec. in St. Coca's Church at 7pm.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm - Philomena Obasi, Sun 9am - John O'Malley & 12 noon - Fiona Loxley.

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

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Philomena "Phil" Malone (RIP), Ballycahan and Jimmy Dwyer (RIP), Harris Hill, both of whose funerals took place in St. Coca's Church during the week. May they rest in peace.

GIVING TREE 2022

Last year worked very well with vouchers for local shops or a donation. We are doing the same again this year to help our local SDVP to help local families. Please put your donation/voucher in an envelope and mark "Giving Tree" and drop into the Parish Office, Mon – Fri, 10am-1pm or put in the letterbox. Thanks again for your support- we know times are tough for everyone. ***Give a little, it will help a lot!***

PARISH SHOP

Christmas stock now available – Christmas cards, Christmas Mass Bouquets, cribs, candles and gift ideas. All Mass requests received in the shop will be celebrated on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day in both Kilcock & Newtown Churches. Opening hours are Mon-Sat 10.30am-12.30pm in the weeks leading into Christmas. For info. ring 01 6287499.

GAUDETE SUNDAY - 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's First Reading the prophet Isaiah says to us "Courage! Do not be afraid. God is coming to save you." And in the Gospel we see Jesus, our Saviour, at work, enabling the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and the lame to walk. In the Eucharist, we encounter the same compassionate Jesus. Let us not be afraid to let him see our wounds and handicaps.

Lord Jesus, you take the blindness from our eyes.

Lord, have mercy.

You take the darkness from our minds.

Christ, have mercy.

You take the hardness from our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

John the Baptist was no reed swaying in the wind.

A reed swaying in the wind is a symbol of the person who is easily influenced and who has no convictions of his/her own.

Still, we can learn something from the humble reed.

The fact that it is able to bend means that the greatest storm cannot uproot it.

Lord, teach us that there is strength in weakness and suppleness, and give us the wisdom to know when to bend and when to stand firm.

SVP – ANNUAL CHURCH COLLECTION

It is that time of year again, weekend of 10th & 11th Dec., when the Society is appealing for help from you, the local community, to help those less well off. Christmas can be a very difficult time for many families – with your help the Society can help these families with food, heat & light and education needs and the funding raised today and over the Christmas period helps the local Conference to carry out its Vincentian duties throughout the year. The Society urges those of you who have not sought help before to do so by contacting the SVP by email at www.svp.ie or telephone 01 8550022.

There are numerous ways to donation through the website at www.svp.ie; by telephone 0818 176176 and nominate your local conference (St. Brigid's, Kilcock); by cheque made payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul East Region" cheques should be sent to SVP East Region, 91-92, Sean McDermott St., Dublin 1.

The Society would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and to thank you once again for your continuing support without which the Society would not be in a position to help those families among us who are experiencing difficulties.SVP

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Parish Shop : 01 6287 499 Mon – Fri : 10.30am – 12.30pm

PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 6th Dec. 2022

Lotto Nos. 2 – 8 – 15 – 21

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €18,000

(3x€50) Winners: Patrick Byrne, Monica Timmons & Diane Hayes.

(2x€50) Promoters: B. Pidgeon & Mary Byrne.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

GAA LOTTO – Sun, 4th Dec. 2022

Lotto Nos. 5 – 7 – 12 – 25

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €10,400

(5x€25) Winners: Celine Farrell, Liam Duff Jr., Claire Divilly, Denise Fitzpatrick and Brigid Duff.

Promoters: L'Horizon & Michael McGinley.

Thank you for your continued support.

NEWTOWN SENIORS GROUP 1999 – 2022

We have made the sad decision, after 23 years in operation, to close our door for the last time on Thur, 15th Dec. This is mainly due to decreasing numbers and increasing financial constraints. Sincere thanks to all who supported us down through the years. It has been our privilege to meet so many wonderful people. We hope we enhanced their lives in some small way. Our best wishes to all who are ill, whether at home or in hospital. Thanking you all once again and wishing everyone a very happy Christmas.

Donations for flowers for the altar for Christmas would be most welcome. Please leave in the Parish Shop for the attention of Tess. Thanking you in advance.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 10 th Dec	6pm	Do This In Memory Mass – St. Joseph's Danny Gleeson, Highfield (2 nd Anniv) & remembering his wife Carmel & all deceased family members Breege & Maurice Wrenn (Anniv) Bob, John & Mary Wrenn & remembering all deceased family members	
Sun, 11 th Dec	9am	Maura Corscadden nee Gannon (3 rd Anniv) Kathleen Farrell (Anniv) John McCabe (Anniv) & remembering his son Nicholas & all deceased family members Ned & Rosaleen Mulligan, Fair Green (Anniv) & remembering their son Bernard, their daughter Patricia and all deceased members of the extended Mulligan family	
	12 noon	Carmel Mooney, The Maws (1 st Anniv) Jimmy & Fran Bright, Highfield Park (6 th Anniv) Patrick McDonnell, Courtown Road (8 th Anniv) & remembering his wife Elizabeth Gretta Flynn (Anniv) remembering her husband Larry & deceased members of Hayden & Flynn families Kevin "Dickie" Byrne, Kilglynn (Anniv) Tommy "Bruce" Byrne, Kilglynn (Anniv) Michael Mulhall, Duncreevan (Anniv) & remembering his wife Maura (Birthday Remembrance) Bridget Byrne, Rose Glen Ave, Kilbarrick (26 th Anniv) & remembering her dear husband Myles Marie Hartigan, late of Kilcloon (Anniv)	
Mon, 12 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	Adoration after Mass
Tue, 13 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 14 th Dec	10am	Kay Lynch (Recently Deceased)	
Thu, 15 th Dec	10am	John Doyle (Anniv) & remembering his wife Nancy	
Fri, 16 th Dec	10am	Tom Bonney, Courtown Road (Anniv)	
Sat, 17 th Dec	6pm	Do This In Memory Mass – Scoil Uí Riada Mena Curran (Anniv) & remembering her daughter Ann	
Sun, 18 th Dec	9am		
	12 noon	George Haughton, Cloncurry (11 th Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members Eileen O'Connor, Courtown Rd (Anniv), remembering her husband Paddy & daughters Una & Geraldine	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 11 th Dec	10.30am	Do This In Memory Mass – Newtown School Tom & Elizabeth Gorman (Anniv)
Sun, 18 th Dec	10.30am	Do This In Memory Mass – Tiersmoghán School John & Mary Walsh, Ovidstown (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members Ciss & Ralph Tuite (Anniv)