

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 29th JANUARY 2023

PARISH DIARY

We welcome to our 6pm mass the children from **Scoil Uí Riada** who are preparing for their First Holy Communion – you and your parents are welcome.

We welcome the children from **Newtown** to our 10.30am Newtown mass as they take part in the **Do This in Memory** programme.

Service of Light for Confirmation pupils on Tue, 31st January in St. Coca's at 7pm and in Newtown on Wed, 1st Feb at 7pm.

Next Wed, 1st Feb. is the **Feast of St. Brigid**; Thu, 2nd Feb. is **Candlemas** – candles can be left for blessing at 10am morning mass; Fri, 3rd Feb. is the **Feast of St. Blaise** and Ash Wednesday is on 22nd Feb.

St. Brigid Crosses will be available at all masses in Kilcock & Newtown next weekend, 4th/5th Feb. – all money raised will go towards the "**Grá for Grainne**" fundraiser.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Aisling Bracken, Sun 9am – John O'Malley & 12 noon – Pat Barrett.

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

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Carmel Lavelle (RIP), Esker, Lucan & Parke House, mother of Pauric, Kilcock, who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

*To have courage for whatever comes in life,
everything lies in that.*

ADORATION

As well as Feb. 1st being the Feast of St. Brigid, we also celebrate the coming of Adoration to this parish 13 years ago. Wednesday morning's 10am mass will be a celebration of Eucharistic Adoration. Looking forward to a good turnout of people to honour the occasion.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Entry forms and donation forms will be distributed over the next two weeks. Looking forward to your support. The theme for 2023 is "Mná na h-Eireann". Shop windows display as usual – more details later. Next meeting is Mon, 30th Jan at 8pm in GAA Centre. New members welcome.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

In the beatitudes we see the values a Christian should live by. While they present a great challenge, they also offer rewards. Alas, the values we live by often have little to do with the values of the Gospel. For this, we ask the Lord's pardon and help.

Lord Jesus, you help us to be gentle and merciful in our dealings with others.

Lord, have mercy.

You help us to see right living as the most important thing in life.

Christ, have mercy.

You help us to be pure of heart and makers of peace.

Lord, have mercy.

The beatitudes are the badges of a true disciple of Christ.

The things they stand for are very beautiful – things such as peace, goodness, joy, love, gentleness, compassion, mercy and integrity.

A person who lives according to the beatitudes is already living in the kingdom of heaven.

Eternal life will merely be the full blossoming of a plant that is green with life.

PRAYER TO ST. BRIGID

Brigid, you were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. AMEN

GRÁ FOR GRAINNE

Grainne is in 6th class in Newtown National School. She loves being read stories, swimming, eating ice-cream and having a laugh with her family and friends. Grainne has a diagnosis of INAD and is now in a motorised wheelchair.

Grainne's friends in school are planning a sponsored walk in Cappagh on Feb. 6th at 1pm to raise funds for the INAD Foundation followed by a party in Newtown Hall at 2pm. We hope all the Community will join us on Feb. 6th to raise much needed funds to research this condition.

PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 24th Jan, 2023

Lotto Nos. 6 – 18 – 27 – 28

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €18,000

(3x€50) Winners: Anne Devine, A Thompson & Ollie Devine.

(2x€50) Promoters: Parish & Liz Byrne.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

CAPPAGH LOTTO – Tue, 24th Jan, 2023

Lotto Nos. 10 – 18 – 26

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €900

(5x€20) Winners: Brigid Butler, Sean Gorman, Christy O'Neill, Amy Carter & Karen Grogan.

Thank you for your continued support.

Compliment when a compliment is due!

GAA LOTTO – Sun, 22nd Jan, 2023

Lotto Nos. 1 – 2 – 17 – 24

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €11,100

(5x€25) Winners: Peter Reilly, Sean Doolan, Mark Gannon, Sue & Rosemary Brady.

Promoters: Ailish Brady & James Byrne.

Thank you for your continued support.

The annual Church Gate collection in aid of Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland (Kildare Branch), which took place on weekend of 14th/15th Jan. amounted to €670 for Kilcock & Newtown. We extend our sincere thanks to you for your very generous support.

Special Kildare pilgrimage to Fatima on 9th-14th June 2023 ex Dublin for Feast of St. Anthony, Patron Saint of Portugal. Contact James Treacy, 061 921470.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 28 th Jan	6pm	Do This in Memory – Scoil Uí Riada Eithne Wynne (M.M.) Annamaria Xavier (2 nd Anniv) Liam Byrne, Ballybrack (Anniv) Joe Langtry, Courtown Road (Anniv)	
Sun, 29 th Jan	9am	Paddy Kiely, Connaught St. (Anniv)	
	12 noon	Albert Stone, Kilglynn (1 st Anniv) Pat Kenny (10 th Anniv) Susan Gilligan, Connaught St. (25 th Anniv) PJ Nolan, Belgard (Anniv)	
Mon, 30 th Jan	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<i>Adoration after Mass</i>
Tue, 31 st Jan	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 1 st Feb	10am	Feast of St. Brigid Letty Lynch, Highfield Park (2 nd Anniv) & remembering Mag Lynch, Courtown Road (Anniv) Thanksgiving Mass	
Thu, 2 nd Feb	10am	Candlemas	
Fri, 3 rd Feb	10am	Feast of St. Blaise	
Sat, 4 th Feb	6pm	Desmond Cleary, The Bridge (M.M.)	
Sun, 5 th Feb	9am		
	12 noon	Fr. PJ Byrne P.P. (7 th Anniv) Patrick & Una Melia (Anniv) & remembering their daughter Mary and daughter-in-law Kathleen (Anniv) Anne & Patrick Brennan (Anniv) & remembering their sons Paddy, Andy & Kieran & all deceased members of the Brennan & Wallace families Brid Melia (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Melia & Nestor families	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 29 th Jan	10.30am	Do This in Memory – Newtown NS John & Delia O'Malley (Anniv) Peter Halligan (Birthday Remembrance), remembering his brother Tom, Bob & Ciss Needham, Bill Garry, baby Tom Fahey, Debbie Cox, Michael & Mary Fahey & Alice Garry (4 th Anniv)	
Sun, 5 th Feb	10.30am	Mark O'Brien (15 th Anniv) James Lynam (Anniv) & remembering his wife Julia & their daughter Peggy	