

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 8th JANUARY 2023

PARISH DIARY

Thank you to everyone for your support over the Christmas period and we take this opportunity to wish you all a happy & healthy 2023.

Adoration will resume on Mon, 9th Jan at 10.30am and will conclude at 6pm with Benediction. Please sign the book at the front door to show the hour you attended. Also, Holy Hour on Thu, 12th Jan 7pm-8pm, concluding with Benediction. All welcome.

Parish Lotto will resume on Tue next, 10th Jan. Thank you to all for your support in 2022.

Confirmation Students – Service of Light on Tue, 31st Jan at 7pm in St. Coca's and on Wed, 1st Feb at 7pm in Newtown. Parents Meeting on Thur, 19th Jan at 7pm.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Patsai Keane, Sun 9am – Dermot Sheehan & 12 noon – Helen Noonan.

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

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Eithne Wynne (RIP), who died Christmas week, we keep her husband John and family in our prayers. We also pray for Kieran Melia (RIP), son of Carmel Cross & nephew of Patti Harrison, who was buried during the week and Annette Sheedy (RIP), nee O'Rourke, mother of Tina Deane, Laragh, whose funeral took place on Friday last. May they rest in peace.

CORRECTION

Three weeks ago we remembered in our prayers Con Tuohy – it should have read Murt Tuohy (RIP), brother of Moll Bonney. Apologies for the misinformation.

THANK YOU

To all who helped in our churches – sacristans, FAS men John & Martin, collectors, readers, Eucharistic ministers, Enrika & Parish choirs – over the Christmas period, a big thank you. To Donal Noonan, it was lovely to hear you play the organ and sing on New Year's Eve; to the Altar group and flower group and all who donated money for flowers, to Books & Gifts for their donation of flowers to both Churches and to all who supported us in any way – many many thanks. We have had a very positive response to our Penitential service, Carol Services and Christmas masses and to the decorations in both our Churches – it was lovely to hear! Finally, to all who contributed to the collection for our priests, as always, your generosity is very much appreciated.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. In celebrating Jesus' baptism, we are celebrating our own baptism too, and renewing its grace within us. We know that we have not yet fully lived the life of a Christian. Let us call to mind our failures, and ask the Lord's forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, in baptism you made us children of the Father and heirs to eternal life.

Lord, have mercy.

In baptism you made us your disciples and witnesses for you before the world.

Christ, have mercy.

In baptism you made us members of the Christian community, a community dedicated to preaching and living the Gospel.

Lord, have mercy.

To be baptised is to be christened,

that is, to be made like Christ.

But this doesn't happen automatically.

We have to grow into it.

Towards the end of his life a saint was asked if he was a Christian, and he replied, 'not yet'.

Baptism is like the planting of a seed.

It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.

NEW PARISH CENTRE

Have you received our plans and forms for the proposed new Parish Centre? If you wish to sign up to help us build our Centre, there are forms available at the back of the Church. Any completed forms can be returned to Nicola or Liz in the Parish Office, Mon – Fri, 10am – 1pm.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

A meeting to organise St. Patrick's Day Parade 2023 takes place in GAA Centre on Mon, 9th Jan. at 8pm. New members welcome.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is "what are you doing for others?"

REGISTRATION

Scoil Choca Naofa & St. Joseph's National School Registration for Junior Infants for September 2023. Applications accepted from on Thursday, 5th Jan. to Thursday 26th Jan. 2023. Enrolment forms are available on the school websites: www.scoilchoca.ie and www.stjosephskilcock.com. Alternatively you may contact office@scoilchoca.ie and office@stjosephskilcock.com.

PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 20th Dec. 2022

Lotto Nos. 3 – 11 – 31 – 32

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €18,000

(5 x €100 Winners): Audrey Meade, Joey Gorry, Aoife Wolohan, Eva Sheridan & James & Cait Cullen.

(5 x €100 Promoters): Bridget McSweeney, Parish, Fr. John Brickley, Pat Mahon & Jim Leonard.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

CAPPAGH LOTTO – Tue, 3rd Jan 2023

Lotto Nos. 12 – 17 – 29

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €600

(5x€20) Winners: John Montague, Niall Byrne, Gretta Kennedy, Bernie Connolly & Martin Healy.

Thank you for your continued support.

‘Good Morning Kildare’ is a service providing a FREE friendly phone call on a regular basis to adults in their own home or place of residence. It is a friendly chat about everyday things e.g. gardening, cookery, sport, tv, pets, etc. Calls are strictly private and confidential. All operators are Garda Vetted. The service operates from 9.15am – 2.30pm Mon to Fri. **“Good Morning Kildare”** supports Independent Living & Social Connection & is supported by the HSE, DEASP & Garda Siochana. If you are interested in availing of this service please contact 045 859037 or 045 870268.

The ICA/Open Door will hold their monthly Afternoon Tea Dance on Sun, 15th Jan in the Scouts Hall at 3pm. Admission is 10 including refreshments. Music by Philip English, a great afternoon is promised. Please support us and bring your friends.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 7 th Jan	6pm	Phil Malone (M.M.) Jackie Meehan (M.M.) Darren Hedley (5 th Anniv) Eamonn Richardson (6 th Anniv) & remembering Patrick Richardson & all deceased family members Anne Lynam, Highfield Park (21 st Anniv) Kathleen Gannon (Anniv) & remembering her husband William and daughters Maura & Eileen & her great-grandson Adam	
Sun, 8 th Jan	9am	Kathleen Lynch, The Hawthorns (M.M.) Jim Mallon & Anna Behan (Anniv)	
	12 noon	Lyle Nolan (1 st Anniv) Fr. Jack McWey (24 th Anniv) Mary Daly (Anniv) Gwen Leavy, Maynooth (Anniv) Agnes Quinn (Anniv) & remembering her husband Anthony, her daughter Kathleen and her daughter-in-law Patsy	
Mon, 9 th Jan	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<i>Adoration after Mass till 6pm</i>
Tue, 10 th Jan	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 11 th Jan	10am		
Thu, 12 th Jan	10am		
Fri, 13 th Jan	10am		
Sat, 14 th Jan	6pm	Do This In Memory – Scoil Choca Naofa Nicholas Tracey (10 th Anniv)	
Sun, 15 th Jan	9am		
	12 noon	Elizabeth McDonnell, Courtown Rd (50 th Anniv) & remembering her husband Patrick & her brother, David Cullen (Recently deceased in England) Edward Mulvihill (Anniv) Matthew Collins, Highfield Park (Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 8 th Jan	10.30am	
Sun, 15 th Jan	10.30am	Do This in Memory – Newtown John Mannion (Anniv) Joe & Bridget Harris (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members