

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 26th FEBRUARY 2023

PARISH DIARY

We welcome all the children to our Do This In Memory programme at 6pm Mass in St. Coca's (*Scoil Choca Naofa*) and to our 10.30am in Newtown (*Tiermoghán*).

The *Lenten Collection* for Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all masses this weekend. Please use envelope provided in your Development Box or take white envelope from back of the Church.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Michael Minogue Sun 9am – Ray Manning & 12 noon – Fiona Loxley.

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

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Patrick "Pat" Walsh (RIP), dad of Cathy Dowd, Ovidstown, who was buried in Newtown during the week. We also ask prayers for Maureen Allen nee Campbell (RIP), Dublin/Kilcock, whose funeral took place on Thursday. May they rest in peace.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

On the First Sunday of Lent, the liturgy puts before us the tempting of Jesus. Because Jesus shared our humanity, he was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin. Let us reflect for a moment on our struggles with temptation. There is nothing we cannot master with the help of the One who strengthens us.

Lord Jesus, through this holy season you give us strength to purify our hearts and control our desires.

Lord, have mercy.

You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, and of willing service of our neighbour.

Christ, have mercy.

You teach us how to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end.

Lord, have mercy.

Lent is the Church's "holy spring".

It is a time of self-denial.

But it is also a time of joy,

because we are preparing for Easter.

Lord, help us to let go of old habits of sin,

and clothe us in newness of life,

so that when Easter comes,

we will feel young again in our discipleship.

LENTEN MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DENIS

Lent offers us a scaffold, a template, a tool that supports our journey of personal renewal. I often hold up the example of Venerable Matt Talbot as someone we could emulate during this penitential season. Born in 1856, dying in 1925 on June 7th on Granby Lane, I feel a close association with Matt, maybe it's because he died on my birthday.

Matt grew up in a loving but tough family where poverty was never far from the front door and, like many in his time, had to work from an early age. His work in a Wine Merchants store gave him easy access to drink, too easy. A turning point was his rejection by his friends, at the age of 28 he stood outside a pub but was penniless. One by one his friends, his associates who he felt would now give him a dig out, passed him by. He went home later and told his mother he would take the pledge – to which she replied, "If you take it, keep it".

He took a temporary pledge in Clonliffe College. He even went into a bar during that time, tempted by the smell of beer, the barman paid little attention to him and he left it humiliated for a second time. He found his way to Gardiner St. Church. He realised taking the pledge was the easy bit, keeping it needed a discipline of prayer. Dropping into a Church to rest became a frequent part of his walk. He turned to God for help. This was another huge turning point. He decided to attend daily Mass and take the pledge for life. He lived an austere life, modelling his life on the early monks.

Matt got a heart attack on his way to Mass on Trinity Sunday – June 7th, 1925. Nobody was able to identify him, his body was taken to Jervis St. Hospital, where the extent of his austere life was revealed as the body was prepared for embalment. In 1975, he was conferred the title "Venerable". It's high time he was recognised for the journey so many take from drunkenness to sobriety. I pray I will see this day. We all need an influence to get us through Lent. Matt is mine, maybe he should also be yours this Lent!

Blessings on your journey of forty days and may Venerable Matt Talbot be one of your constant companions on that journey.

Denis+

PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 21st Feb. 2023

Lotto Nos. 4 – 22 – 30 – 33

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €18,000

(3x€50) Winners: Paddy Moore, Peggy Cassidy & Pat Reid.

(2x€50) Promoters: Parish & Anne Devine.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

GAA LOTTO – Sun, 19th Feb. 2023

Lotto Nos. 10 – 13 – 21 – 31

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €11,500

(5x€25) Winners: Mark Dowling, Tony & Pat Fagan, Paul Kenny, Dermot Devoy & Eoin McArdle.

Promoters: Eva Sheridan & Ellen Cahalin.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO – Tue, 21st Feb. 2023

Lotto Nos. 6 – 7 – 27

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,000

(5x€20) Winners: Lorna Gannon, Fionn & Cillian, Dora Grogan, Tommy Nealon & Paul Mullally.

Thank you for your continued support.

Art classes in Staplestown Church Hall starting Mon, 6th Mar from 10am-12 noon & 7pm-9pm and on Tue, 7th Mar 10am-12 noon. The 2hr classes run for 5 weeks and will cover watercolour, acrylic, oils & some sketching. Friendly and relaxing atmosphere. For more info. contact Joan on 085 8466020. All levels welcome.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 25 th Feb	6pm	<i>Do This In Memory Mass – Scoil Choca Naofa</i> Aidan Byrne, The Square Bar & Lucan (1 st Anniv) Rosie O'Connor, Highfield Park (7 th Anniv) Maureen & Paddy Linnane, Ballybrack (Anniv) & remembering their sons Michael & Thomas & all deceased family members Michael & Bridget O'Shea (Anniv) & remembering their son Frank & James Daly	
Sun, 26 th Feb	9am	Ryan Lynch (Anniv) John Fitzpatrick, formerly Bridge St. (Anniv) & remembering his parents, Angie & Christy Ollie & Bridget Ryan (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members	
	12 noon	Maurice Clancy (Anniv) Pauline Butler (Remembrance) Joseph, Helen, Anthony & John Sheridan (Anniv) & remembering Brid Laffan & all deceased members of the Sheridan & Westmon families	
Mon, 27 th Feb	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<i>Adoration after mass</i>
Tue, 28 th Feb	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 1 st Mar	10am	Tommy Buckley (Anniv) Special Intention	
Thu, 2 nd Mar	10am		
Fri, 3 rd Mar	10am	Philomena McArdle nee Greville (Recently Deceased)	
Sat, 4 th Mar	6pm	<i>Do This In Memory Mass – St. Joseph's</i> Nicholas & Teresa Butler (Anniv) Hannah Logan & her son John (Anniv) Martha Brady, Church St. (Anniv) & remembering her husband Nicholas & her grandson Nick William Gannon, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering his wife Kathleen & his great-grandson Adam	
Sun, 5 th Mar	9am		
	12 noon	Hugh Davey (1 st Anniv) Sr. Catherine Campion (1 st Anniv) Mary O'Brien (1 st Anniv) Maureen McHugh, Pinewood Lawns (Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 26 th Feb	10.30am	<i>Do This In Memory Mass – Tiernmoghán</i> Mary Crowe, Newtown House (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members
Sun, 5 th Mar	10.30am	<i>Do This In Memory Mass – Newtown</i> Michael "Ponch" Walsh, Ballyvoneen (M.M.) Michael Devaney (1 st Anniv), remembering his wife Mary & all deceased family members