

## KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

PALM SUNDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2023

### PARISH DIARY

The total figure raised in *Kildare & Leighlin Diocese* for the recent collection to aid victims of the earthquake in *Turkey & Syria* was €244,226 – this money has been passed on to Trocaire.

A copy of our *Easter Schedule* is available at the back of both Churches.

**Chrism Mass** in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Carlow on Mon, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Stations of the Cross** at Donadea Forest Park on Friday next, 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. All welcome.

**Donations for flowers** for the altar for Easter are welcome. Please call to Parish Office/shop with same.

**Trocaire boxes** can be returned on Holy Thursday or anytime over the Easter period. Basket for same will be located at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued support.

The **Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish** will be collected at the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection at all masses next weekend, 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April. Please use envelope in your Development Box or take a white envelope from back of the Church.

**Readers for this weekend:** Sat 6pm – Robert Wilson (Narrator), Aisling Bracken & Christine Obasi, Sun 9am – Dermot Sheehan (Narrator), Margaret Macken & Philomena Obasi, & 12 noon – Derek McSweeney (Narrator), Patricia Mitchell & 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.

### PARISH LOTTO

If the Parish Lotto jackpot is **NOT** won on Tues. next, 4<sup>th</sup> April, we will give out a total of €1,000 in prizes. There will be **NO** Lotto on Tue, 11<sup>th</sup> Apr. Draw will resume on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you for all your continued support. Happy Easter to you all.

### NEW PARISH CENTRE

If you have a form to sign up to donate towards our new Parish Centre please return it to our Parish Office. If you have not yet received one and would like to donate, please take a form from the back of the Church and return to Parish Office, Mon-Fri, 10am-1pm.

### PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week gives us the opportunity to accompany Jesus on his final journey. On that journey, he suffered betrayal, torture, crucifixion and death. It gives us an insight into the fickleness of the human heart, but also into the immense compassion of God. As we call to mind our sins, let us also call to mind God's great love for us in Christ.

*Lord Jesus, you were pierced for our faults.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*You bore our sufferings and sorrows.*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*Through your sufferings you won pardon for all of us.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The day on which Jesus died  
might well have been called "Bad Friday".*

*But we call it "Good Friday".*

*We do so because that dark day  
was made luminous by the goodness of Jesus  
and because we see it in the light of Easter.*

*His death may have seemed a defeat,  
it was not a defeat; it was a victory;*

*the victory of love over hate,*

*of good over evil,*

*and of life over death.*

### PEACE AGREEMENT

The Good Friday Peace Agreement is in place for 25 years this week. Fr. Jack McWey (RIP) and Fr. Paul O'Boyle planted a Cedar of Lebanon tree in our Green area in front of St. Coca's to mark the occasion. We thank God for all who worked so hard to make this happen and we pray for continued peace in our country.

*Blessed are those who are called to walk the Way of the Cross  
with Christ.*

*Blessed are those who, like Christ, do not choose suffering but  
who witness to authentic humanity in the midst of pain.*

### O CROSS OF CHRIST

O cross of Christ, immortal tree on which our Saviour died.  
The world is sheltered by your arms, that bore the crucified.  
From bitter death and barren wood, the tree of life is made,  
its branches bear unfailing fruit and leaves that never fade.  
Give glory to the risen Christ, and to his Cross give praise,  
the sign of God's unfathomed love, the hope of all our days.

## PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2023

Lotto Nos. 8 – 10 – 18 – 24

**NO Winner**

**Next Jackpot: €18,000**

**(3x€50) Winners:** B. Connaughton, Eileen & Daniel, Martina Casey.

**(2x€50) Promoters:** Parish & Martina Larkin.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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

## GAA LOTTO – Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2023

Lotto Nos. 3 – 7 – 23 – 26

**NO Winner**

**Next Jackpot: €12,000**

**(5x€25) Winners:** Finn Macken, Sean & Saoirse Rogers, Willie Malone, Eileen Finn & Mark Blanchfield.

**Promoters:** Stuart Brennan & Bridget McSweeney.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## CAPPAGH LOTTO – Tue, 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2023

Lotto Nos. 3 – 27 – 34

**NO Winner**

**Next Jackpot: €1,500**

**(5x€20) Winners:** Liz Byrne, Aileen Daly, Noeleen O’Neill, John Montague, Sean, Ryan, Aoibhe & Abbie Hosey.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## **KILCOCK ENERGY SAVING CLINIC & ENERGY MASTER PLAN LAUNCH**

Join us for a **Free Energy Clinic** in **Kilcock GAA** on **Mon, 3<sup>rd</sup> April** from **7pm-9pm**. You can speak to local energy contractors and experts covering BER Assessment, Attic Insulation, External Insulation, Heat Pumps, Windows & Doors upgrade, One-stop Shops, Retrofitting Project Management, Home Energy saving kits, Solar PV Panels and much more.

Find out what exactly you can do for your house and needs. Hear how we all use energy in Kilcock and what our aims are for the future. Consultants **Plan Energy** will present our **Energy Master Plan** and discuss opportunities for local energy action.

Refreshments will be served AND there are some amazing prizes to be won.

## **WAY OF THE CROSS**

There will be a “Way of the Cross” on Good Friday starting from the Square at 1.15pm. In the cross is victory and salvation – all suffering which is not brought to the cross is wasted. On the cross, Jesus sanctified suffering – please come along and support.

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

### St. Coca’s, Kilcock

Sat, 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	6pm	Robert Nolan, Highfield Park (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of Nolan & Mallon families John & Margaret O’Neill, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering their sons Francis & Tim & daughter Mary, their grandsons John Barrett & Gary Byrne & great-granddaughter, Emily Barrett Kate & Mick Ward, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering Jane & William Corscadden
Sun, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	9am	
	12 noon	Mark Fowler & his dad, Seamus, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members
Mon, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	10am	Shared Mass for the Living <b>Adoration after mass</b>
Tue, 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10am	Rita Delaney (Anniv)
Thu, 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	4pm	<b>Holy Thursday - Children’s Mass</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Mass of the Last Supper</b>
Fri, 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	3pm	<b>The Lords Passion</b>
	8pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat, 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9pm	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
Sun, 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> – Mary Duff, Gragadder (12 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
	12 noon	<b>Easter Sunday</b> - Tommy Kelly (M.M.) Sr. Breege Breslin (1st Anniv) & remembering Margaret & Vincent Breslin (Anniv)

### Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	10.30am	Johnny Enright (Anniv)
Thu, 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7.30pm	<b>Mass of the Last Supper</b>
Fri, 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	3pm	<b>The Lords Passion</b>
	8pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sun, 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.30am	<b>Easter Sunday</b>