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KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 10th DEC 2023

PARISH DIARY

We welcome the children, parents and leaders to our **“Do This in Memory”** masses this weekend as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

Our **December Diary** is now available on white sheet from back of both Churches.

Donations for **flowers for the altars** for Christmas are very welcome – please leave in parish shop for the attention of Tess.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Michael Murphy, Sun 9am – Margaret Macken & 12 noon – Kulli Adamberg.

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

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers George Bright (RIP), Chambers Park/Maynooth, who was buried in St. Joseph’s on Saturday afternoon. May he rest in peace.

Face the reality of the world with courage!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

The Kilcock Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will hold their annual Church Gate Collection at all masses in Kilcock and Newtown this weekend, 9th/10th Dec. Please give what you can, it will help a lot!! Thank you.

CHRISTMAS 2023 – GIVING TREE

As our Giving Tree worked so well last year, thanks to you all for your wonderful support, we are going to do the same again this year. We will work with vouchers to help local families in need. Please put your voucher or donation in an envelope and mark it “Giving Tree” and drop it into our Parish Office, Mon-Fri, 10am-1pm. **Give a little, it will help a lot!**

PARISH SHOP

Christmas stock has now arrived into our Parish Shop – Christmas cards, cribs, candles and lots, lots more – come in and pay us a visit. Christmas Mass Bouquets also available. Open Mon-Sat, 10.30am – 12.30pm. **Shop is open for the four Saturdays in December.** All welcome.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today’s Gospel, we hear again the voice of John the Baptist. “Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.” This is a call to repentance.

Repentance involves a determined turning away from sin and a full-hearted turning to God. Let us call to mind our sins, and ask the Lord to help us to overcome them. God wants no-one to be lost, but wants all to come to repentance.

Lord Jesus, you search us and you know us, all our ways lie open to you.

Lord, have mercy.

You keep an account of our wanderings and a record of our tears.

Christ, have mercy.

You keep our feet from stumbling and our hearts from straying.

Lord, have mercy.

John the Baptist was a prophet.

We require prophets to live what they preach.

When there is a wide gap between the message the prophet is preaching and the kind of life he is living, a shadow is cast over the authenticity of the message.

John the Baptist was a living example of what he preached.

Lord, we have the joy of belonging to your Kingdom.

Grant that we may live in such a way that the blessings of the Kingdom will be evident in our lives.

Make peace with your past, so it won’t screw up your future. What others think of you is less important than what you think of them.

Time heals almost everything. Give time time – and a wee push when necessary.

Avoid the pitfall of comparing your life with others – they are on their own journey.

Thinking is good. Over-thinking is not better. Action is best. Action gets results.

Don’t put the key to your happiness in someone else’s pocket. Smile. It lights up your eyes and brightens up the view!

PARISH LOTTO

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

If our Lotto is not won by Tues, 19th Dec. we will give out our usual €250 in prizes plus €2000 in further prizes. Thank you all so much for your continued support of our Lotto. There will be **NO** Lotto on Tues, 26th Dec or Tues, 2nd Jan. Lotto will resume on Tues, 9th Jan, 2024. Again, sincere thanks to all.

PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 5th DEC. 2023

Lotto Nos. 10 – 20 – 27 – 30

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €18,000

(3x€50) Winners: Eva Sheridan, Rene Gorman & P. Casey.

(2x€50) Promoters: Bridget McSweeney & Imelda Regan.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Newtown National School Christmas Fair in Newtown Hall on Sun, 10th Dec. 11am-3pm. Crafts & Gifts galore, plus Tea & Coffee. All welcome, free entry for all!

Rosary for Peace in the Square every Sat. at 12 noon.

There is no way to peace. Peace is the way. If you want peace of mind, stop fighting with your thoughts.

Anger is the ultimate destroyer of peace.

We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves. My heart forgives and releases.

Inner peace is my goal. The life of inner peace, being harmonious and without stress, is the easiest type of existence.

CAPPAGH LOTTO – Tue, 5th DEC. 2023

Lotto Nos. 15 – 21 – 23

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €2,500

(5x€20) Winners: Patricia Forde, Orla Collins, Karl Lynam, Liam McDonnell, Paddy Clarke.

Thank you for your continued support.

Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do - where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong!

Ella Fitzgerald

GAA LOTTO – Sun, 3rd DEC. 2023

Lotto Nos. 13 – 20 – 24 – 30

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €15,600

(5x€25) Winners: John Ryan, Ger Byrne, Eva Sheridan, Fran Hurley, Michael Stokes.

Promoters: John Ryan & Martin Kiely.

Thank you for your continued support.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 9 th Dec	6pm	Do This in Memory – St. Joseph's Kevin "Dickie" Byrne (5 th Anniv) Carmel & Danny Gleeson, Highfield Park (Anniv)
Sun, 10 th Dec	9am	
	12 noon	Fran Clinton, The Maws (M.M.) Teresa Aquino (2 nd Anniv) Bridget Warren, Grange (20 th Anniv) Gretta Flynn (Anniv) & remembering her husband Larry & all deceased members of the Hayden & Flynn families Thomas "Bruce" Byrne, Kilglyn (Anniv) Dinah, Betsy & Johnny Doran, Church St. (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members Kaiser Dixon (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Dixon families, Mill Commons & Church St. John McSherry (Anniv)
Mon, 11 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 12 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 13 th Dec	10am	Tom Bonney, Courtown Road (10 th Anniv)
Thu, 14 th Dec	10am	Bridget Byrne (Anniv); remembering her husband Myles & their son Myles Jnr. (Recently Deceased) Agnes Boyd (Recently Deceased) & Marie Hartigan (Anniv) John Mulligan, formerly Newtown (15 th Anniv) & remembering his brother Peter
Fri, 15 th Dec	10am	Bernie Brennan (4 th Anniv)
Sat, 16 th Dec	6pm	Do This in Memory – Scoil Ui Riada Mena Curran (Anniv) Eileen Speight (Anniv) John McCabe (Anniv) & remembering his son Nicholas & all deceased members of the McCabe & Brady families Patrick McDonnell, Courtown Road (9 th Anniv) & remembering his wife Elizabeth Frank & Pauline O'Sullivan, Connaught St. (Anniv)
Sun, 17 th Dec	9am	
	12 noon	Michael "Mick" McHale, Gragadder (Birthday Remembrance)

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 10 th Dec	10.30am	Do This in Memory – Tiernohan Tom & Elizabeth Gorman (Anniv) John & Eva McLoughlin (Anniv) & remembering their sons Tommy & Sean & John Burke
Wed, 13 th Dec	11am	Adoration
Sun, 17 th Dec	10.30am	Do This in Memory – Newtown John & Mary Walsh, Ovidstown (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of Walsh & Keating families