

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN  
6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> FEB 2024

### PARISH DIARY

*Well done* to all our 6<sup>th</sup> class students as they prepare for their Confirmation with their Ceremony of Light on Wed & Thur. evening last. Thank you to their parents and teachers and all who prepare for their confirmation – may you always be a light in our world.

Wednesday next, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. is *Ash Wednesday* and so we begin our journey through Lent. Mass in St. Coca's at 10am and in Newtown at 11am. It is also *Valentine's Day* so Happy Valentine's to all.

*Lenten collection for the Priests of the Parish* will be taken up at the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next weekend, 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Feb. Please use the envelopes provided in your development boxes or use the special white envelopes which are available at the back of the Church.

*Trocaire boxes* are now available at the back of the Church.

*Readers for this weekend:* Sat 6pm – Helen Noonan, Sun 9am - Ray Manning & 12 noon – Kulli Adamberg.

*Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend* - Sat 6pm Joe McFadden & Michael Minogue; Sun 9am – Margaret Macken & Dermot Sheehan & 12 noon – Claire Dunne & Mary Forde.

### ST. BRIGID – GRATITUDE

Many thanks to Patsáí Uí Chathain for her beautiful display of crosses and icon of St. Brigid last weekend and also for her hymn. Thank you also to the teachers & SNA assistants in St. Joseph's & Scoil Choca Naofa for attending mass on St. Brigid's Day with their students.

To John & Bridget Tighe and Patsáí for making the St. Brigid crosses – thank you, we appreciate all your hard work. All donations from the crosses is being given to the Motor Neurone Association for research. St. Brigid crosses are still available in the Parish shop. We will publish the amount raised in next week's bulletin.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co. Mayo on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. 2024 - includes 5 nights in the 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, B&B, Lunch/Snack on 2 days, and Afternoon Tea at 5\* Ashford Castle. All entertainment, excursions and transport included in the cost. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Cong. Single supplement available on request. All enquiries, please contact Patricia on 094 9006426 or 087 1890236, or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

#### Cure of the Leper

In biblical times, lepers were treated as religious and social outcasts. Yet in today's gospel we see Jesus reaching out a loving hand to a leper. Jesus still reaches out to the sick and to the sinner. Let us approach the Lord now, realising that we need his healing touch.

*Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.*

*Lord, have mercy.*

*You bind up hearts that are broken.*

*Christ, have mercy.*

*You bring light to those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.*

*Lord, have mercy.*

*Jesus shows us the compassion of God  
in the face of human suffering,*

*In the beautiful words of Oscar Wilde:*

*"Jesus understood the leprosy of the leper,*

*the darkness of the blind,*

*the fierce misery of those who live for pleasure,*

*the strange poverty of the rich,*

*and the thirst that can lead people*

*to drink from muddy waters."*

*May you have the hindsight to know where you've been,  
the foresight to know where you're going,  
and the insight to know when you're going too far!*

### FOUR AGREEMENTS TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

- ***Be impeccable with your word.*** Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using your word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love.
- ***Don't take anything personally.*** Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. When you are immune from the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.
- ***Don't make assumptions.*** Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can, to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama. With this one agreement you can completely transform your life.
- ***Always do your best.*** Your best is going to change from moment to moment, it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse and regret.

## PARISH LOTTO – TUE, 6<sup>th</sup> FEB 2024

Lotto Nos. 14 – 16 – 22 – 23

**NO Winner**

**Next Jackpot: €18,000**

**(3x€50) Winners:** Peadar Montgomery, Mary McNally & Patti O’Callahan.

**(2x€50) Promoters:** Helen Noonan & Parish.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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

## CAPPAGH LOTTO – TUE, 6<sup>th</sup> FEB 2024

Lotto Nos. 3 – 11 – 35

**NO Winner**

**Next Jackpot: €800**

**(5x€20) Winners:** Clancy Family, Peter McCrarren, Frank Carter, Eva Sheridan & John Grogan.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## GAA LOTTO – SUN, 4<sup>th</sup> FEB 2024

Lotto Nos. 14 – 23 – 31 – 32

**NO Winner**

**Next Jackpot: €16,500**

**(5x€25) Winners:** Orla Byrne, Rebecca O’Sullivan, Michael McGinley, Lisa Corcoran & Seamus Staunton.

**Promoters:** John Ryan & Mickey Rogers.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## **POSITIVE HABITS TO CULTIVATE MINDFULNESS**

**Peace Habit:** Make peace with the imperfections of humanity – inside and out. Life unfolds as it does. There is no need for argument.

**Vulnerability Habit:** Embrace vulnerability by trusting that others are just like you – we all just want to be loved.

**Acceptance Habit:** Accept how things are – and appreciate that things come and go – like the breath. Breathe it in. Let it out. This too will pass.

**Responsibility Habit:** The only adult you are responsible for is you. Be a better you!

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

**New Kid’s Hip-Hop classes** starting in Kilcock every Tues. - try your first class for FREE. Classes for 4-7yr olds from 4-5pm and for 7-13+yr olds from 5pm-6pm. Classes are in Kilcock Scouts Hall & cost €13 per class or €50 per month.

*Friendship takes work. Finding friends, nurturing friendships, scheduling face time, it all takes a tremendous amount of work. But it’s worth it. If you put in the effort, you’ll see the rewards of positive friends who will make your life extraordinary.*

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

### St. Coca’s, Kilcock

Sat, 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6pm	Conor Preston (Anniv)
Sun, 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9am	Ann Campbell Jones (Anniv)
		Maureen Campbell Allen (Anniv)
	12 noon	Hannah Walsh, Gragadder (14 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Walsh family
		Patrick O’Brien, Mill Lane (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members
Mon, 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am	ASH Wednesday
		Liam & Frank Tate (Anniv)
		Special Intentions
Thu, 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am	Carmel Halligan (Anniv) & remembering Christopher & her deceased grandchildren
		James Cross (Anniv) & remembering Margaret & his grandson Kieran
	7pm-8pm	Adoration
Fri, 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am	
Sat, 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6pm	Aidan Byrne, Mill Lane (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) & remembering his Dad Terry & all deceased family members
Sun, 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9am	Kathleen Cahill (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Cahill family
		Kate Healy (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members
	12 noon	Betty Lynam (36 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) & remembering her grandchildren Aishling & Sean and their great-grandmother Moll O’Toole; also remembering Seamus O’Toole, John Curran, Bertie Mallon, Graham Williams, Johnny Pearce and the McGuire family.

### Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.30am	
Wed, 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11am	ASH Wednesday - Mass
Sun, 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.30am	

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2024: €1,685.00; Offertory Collection: €1,000.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!