**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

We are gathered in the house of God, which is meant to be a house of prayer and worship. It is up to us to make this church a true house of prayer.

Let us pause for a moment to reflect on the attitude we bring to our worship. Jesus, who is present among us, helps us to worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

*Lord Jesus, you help us to worship God in humility and sincerity.*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*You help us to worship God not only with our lips but also with our hearts.*

***Christ, have mercy.***

*You help us to worship God as members of a community reconciled in love.*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*Lord, make the door of this church wide enough*

*to receive all who need human love and fellowship,*

*narrow enough to shut out all pride, envy and strife.*

*Make its threshold smooth enough*

*to be no stumbling block to children or to straying feet.*

*Make this church a house of prayer*

*and a gateway to your Kingdom.*

**IN MEMORIAM**

We remember in our prayers Maureen Cornally nee Finglas (RIP), Straffan & Kilcock who died during the week. We also ask prayers for Ann Holton (RIP), Cloonagh, sister of Liam and niece of Mick Harris, Cloncurry; Luke Morley (RIP), father of Kevin Morley, Royal Meadows and Phyllis Brady (RIP), mother of Martin, The Shrubbery, all of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

**WE NEED HELP : URGENT CALL**

Kilcock is a growing and diverse town. In view of this growth and change, we intend to build a Parish Centre within the grounds of the church. Kildare County Council has granted planning permission. The proposed Parish Centre comprises a single storey building of 315 square meters located to the south side of the church and comprising of a large meeting hall, office and meeting rooms and coffee dock. Further to this landscape to the front of the site continues out to Scoil Choca Naofa encouraging interaction amongst a closed off space. The first part of the project is to donate church land to allow the provision of a pathway to the school to ensure that children going to Scoil Choca Naofa do not walk on the road. We also intend to widen the narrow and dangerous curve for the safety of the public and the other road users. We are currently reaching out to the Diaspora and local community to take part in this endeavour to ensure this facility is available to all for many generations. To make this project happen we look forward your valuable support and generous contribution of Monthly €25, Quarterly €75, Annually €300 and Five years €1,500 (one go). Any other form of support also much appreciated. At the moment we have managed to raise €330,000. Thanks to many who have generously contributed. Looking forward for your generous support in this united endeavour.

**PARISH DIARY**

Well done to all our ***Confirmation candidates*** on completing their retreat in Scoil Choca Naofa on Wednesday. We look forward to our Confirmation ceremonies next weekend, at 10am, 12 noon & 2pm.

***Readers for this weekend***: Sat 6pm – Ashling Bracken, Sun 9am – John Cullen & 12 noon – Pat Barrett.

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

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 2nd/3rd MARCH 2024

***Life is unpredictable.***

***It changes with the seasons.***

***Even your coldest winter,***

***happens for the best of reasons.***

***And although it feels eternal,***

***like all you’ll ever do is freeze,***

***I promise Spring is coming***

***and with it, brand new leaves.***

**Ernest Hemmingway**

***A good laugh and a long sleep are the 2 best cures for anything!***

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01 6287 448 01 6757 311 Parish Shop : 01 6287 499 Mon – Fri : 10.30am – 12.30pm

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co. Mayo on 3rd 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****.**

**CAPPAGH LOTTO – TUE, 27th FEB 2024**

Lotto Nos. 4 – 17 – 34

**NO Winner Next Jackpot: €1,100**

**(5x€20) Winners:** Tommy Nealon, Gannon Family, Jane McAdoo, Dympna Gorry & Dermot Doherty.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 27th FEB 2024**

Lotto Nos. 2 – 3 – 6 – 23

**NO Winner Next Jackpot: €18,000**

**(3x€50) Winners**: Ger & Margaret McGeeney, Joe McFadden & Aedamar Nolan.

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

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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

**GAA LOTTO – SUN, 25th FEB 2024**

Lotto Nos. 6 – 8 – 22 – 29

 **NO Winner Next Jackpot: €16,800**

**(5x€25) Winners:** Martina Casey, Louise Scanlon, Brenda Brilly, Michael Minogue & Deirdre Cummings.

**Promoters:** Mickey Rogers & Michael McGinley.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

***Monster Bingo*** - Community Centre, Coill Dubh on Sun, 3rd Mar at 2pm. Proceeds go to Parish. All welcome.

***Are you interested in becoming a reader in St. Coca’s Church?*** If interested, please contact Nicola in the Parish Office, Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm or ring 01 6287406.

***Painter available for small jobs in the Kilcock area***. Phone 089 4663576.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**St. Coca’s, Kilcock**

Sat, 2nd Mar 6pm Eileen Fletcher (2nd Anniv)

 Mary O’Brien (2nd Anniv)

 Rosie O’Connor, Highfield Park (8th Anniv)

 Matt Bracken (15th Anniv) & remembering Margaret Muldowney (10th Anniv), her husband Tim and son

 Vincent

 Dolores McFadden (25th Anniv)

 Martha Brady, Church St. (Anniv) & remembering her husband Nicholas, son Nick & grandson Nicky

 William Gannon, Courtown Rd (Anniv) & remembering his wife Kathleen & daughters Maura & Eileen

Sun, 3rd Mar 9am

 12 noon Michael Higgins, Highfield Park (8th Anniv)

 Seamus & Mark Fowler, Courtown Rd (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members

 Maureen McHugh, Pinewood Lawns (Anniv)

 Joe & Helen Sheridan (Anniv); remembering their son John, Brid Laffan & all deceased family members

Mon4gth Mar 10am Shared Mass for the Living **ADORATION 10.30am-11.30am**

Tue, 5th Mar 10am Shared Mass for the Deceased

Wed, 6th Mar 10am

Thu, 7th Mar 10am

Fri, 8th Mar 10am

Sat, 9th Mar 6pm John & Kathleen Bourke & their son Patrick, Courtown Road (Anniv)

 Anne Fitzsimons (Anniv) & remembering Tom & Christina Fitzsimons

 Richard Leavy (Anniv)

 Martin Kelly (Anniv)

Sun, 10th Mar 9am Mary, Liam & Aine White, Highfield Park (Anniv)

 John Dougan (Anniv)

 12 noon Bernadette Tallon, Courtown Park (1st Anniv)

 Tommy Kelly, Duncreevan (1st Anniv)

**Church of the Nativity, Newtown**

Sun, 3rd Mar 10.30am Nicholas & Teresa Butler (Anniv)

Wed, 6th Mar 11am Adoration

Sun, 10th Mar 10.30am Bernie Geraghty (Anniv) & remembering Anne “Babby Geraghty, Thomas Snr. & Thomas Jnr. &

 Brendan Geraghty

 Michael, Mary & Paddy Devaney (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund: 24th/25th Feb. 2024: €1,585.00; Offertory Collection: €785.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!