KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN 5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 3rd/4th FEB 2024

PARISH DIARY

Monday, 5th Feb. is a bank holiday – there will be NO Adoration. Mass is at 12 noon.

Service of Light for Confirmation Candidates will be on Wed, 7th Feb for Scoil Uí Riada/St. Josephs/Scoil Choca Naofa in St. Coca's Church at 7.30pm and on Thur, 8th Feb. for Tiermohan & Newtown in Newtown Church at 7.30pm.

St. Brigid Crosses will be available after all masses this weekend. All donations received will be forwarded to the Motor Neurone Association.

"Put Out Into the Deep" – an updated pastoral letter from Bishop Denis to parishoners, religious and clergy across Kildare & Leighlin is now available at the back of the Church.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Michael Murphy, Sun 9am – John Cullen & 12 noon – Derek McSweeney.

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

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Baby Lukasz Charchuta Jnr., who was buried in St. Joseph's on Monday last. We also ask prayers for Margaret Keane (RIP), wife of John, Laragh/Prosperous, who was buried during the week. May they rest in peace.

OUR DEEPEST FEAR

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, nor our darkness, that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world.

There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We are born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Jesus' response to suffering

Suffering touches all of us at some time. Jesus' response to suffering was one of compassion. Little wonder that the sick flocked to him for healing.

Let us turn to the Lord who healed the sick and forgave sinners.

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

Lord, have mercy.

You bind up hearts that are broken.

Christ, have mercy.

You are the Good Shepherd leading us to everlasting life.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus was constantly surrounded by needy people.

To cope with the pressure

He regularly went off to quiet places to rest and to pray.

We too need a quiet place to which we can withdraw to care for ourselves, and to seek the face of God.

Merely to reflect on the transience of our lives and our undertakings,

is a kind of purification and a test as well. It is good, even if it shames us and wounds our pride.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

Enrolment for Junior Infants for Sept. 2024 to Tiermohan National School is now open. Applications are being accepted and will be accepted until 9th February 2024. Application forms are available on the school website: **www.tiermohanns.ie** or by email from **office@tiermohanns.ie** or by phone from 045 869442.

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting carers nationwide. Contact 087 9370221 and see how we can support you. For more info. visit www.familycarers.ie.

No one knows what they can do, until they try!

WITH THANKS

Tom & Marie O'Keeffe would like to thank everyone who supported and helped to organise the Garden Crib night on 19th December. The sum of €825 was collected for Focus Ireland. Many thanks to Fr. George & Fr. Kolwani for their prayers and to Breda Hopkins for the catering; and to all the singers for their Carol singing.

Fr. George Fr. Kolwani 01 6287 448 01 6757 311 Parish Office: 01 6287 406; <u>info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie</u>. Parish Shop: 01 6287 499 Mon – Fri: 10.30am – 12.30pm

PARISH LOTTO -TUE, 30th JAN 2024

Lotto Nos. 7 - 16 - 29 - 31

Next Jackpot: €18,000 **NO Winner**

(3x€50) Winners: Brendan Macken, Eamon Nestor & Rene Gorman.

(2x€50) Promoters: Garry White & Dympna Gorry.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

POSITIVE HABITS TO CULTIVATE **MINDFULNESS**

Curiousity Habit: Approach everyday things with a new curiousity – and savour the wonder of discovery. Forgiveness Habit: Forgive mistakes – big or small. We have all made mistakes for which we want to be forgiven. Some of us even deserve it.

Gratitude Habit: Show gratitude for good moments and grace for bad ones – and gratitude that we are alive for both.

Compassion Habit: Practice compassion and nurture connectedness and relatedness with all living creatures.

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 30th JAN 2024

Lotto Nos. 3-9-36

NO Winner Next Jackpot: €700

(5x€20) Winners: John Grogan, Pauline Grogan, Brendan Macken, Meabh, Caoimhe & Tomas Grogan, Helen Kennedy.

Thank you for your continued support.

GAA LOTTO - SUN, 28th JAN 2024

Lotto Nos. 4 - 15 - 17 - 24

Next Jackpot: €16,400 NO Winner

(5x€25) Winners: Ger Byrne, Nicola Kiely, Conor Duffy, Susan Nolan, Martin Kiely.

Promoters: Michael McGinley & Ellen Cahalin. Thank you for your continued support.

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

New Kid's Hip-Hop classes starting in Kilcock every Tues. beginning 3rd Feb. 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. Classes begin on Tue, 6th

NO ADORATION

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 3rd Feb Feast of St. Blaise

Christy Nolan (2nd Anniv)

Stanley Cox & Fr. Gene Cox (Remembrance) & also remembering Tina Taylor

Sun, 4th Feb 9am

> 12 noon Joe Cassidy, Highfield Park (M.M.)

> > Patrick Gleeson (Anniv) Paddy Kiely (Anniv)

Rose & Ned Fitzsimons, Kilbrook (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of Fitzsimons family

Mon, 5th Feb 12 noon Shared Mass for the Living Tue, 6th Feb

Shared Mass for the Deceased

Mike Whelan (3rd Anniv)

Wed, 7th Feb Fr. PJ Byrne P.P. (8th Anniv) 10am

Peter Reilly, late of Ballycahan (Anniv)

Patrick & Bridget Campbell (Anniv) & remembering their son, Patrick Jnr.

Thu, 8th Feb 10am John O'Dwyer, Bridge St. (M.M.)

> Adoration 7pm-8pm

Fri, 9th Feb 10am

Sat, 10th Feb Conor Preston (Anniv) 6pm Sun, 11th Feb Ann Campbell Jones (Anniv) 9am

Maureen Campbell Allen (Anniv)

Hannah Walsh, Gragadder (14th Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Walsh family 12 noon

Patrick O'Brien, Mill Lane (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 4th Feb 10.30am Michael "Ponch" Walsh, Ballyvoneen (1st Anniv)

James Lynam (Anniv) & remembering his wife Julia, daughter Peggy & son Jim

Jim Lynam (Birthday Remembrance); remembering Baby Declan & Jerry Mullane (Recently deceased)

Wed, 7th Feb Adoration 11am

Sun, 11th Feb 10.30am