

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
EASTER SUNDAY – 31st MARCH 2024

PARISH DIARY

Easter message from Bishop Denis is available on a white sheet from the back of the Church.

Remember : Clocks Spring forward on Saturday night!

Easter Collection for Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued support – please use envelope from your Dev. Box or take a white one from the back of the Church.

Trocaire boxes can be left back to the Sacristy after all masses over the Easter period or during the week.

All monies collected at Good Friday ceremonies will be given to **Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre to help support their efforts in GAZA**. Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.

Mass on Mon, 1st Apr (Easter Monday) will be at **12 noon** for the bank holiday.

There will be **NO Lotto on Tue, 2nd Apr**. Lotto will resume on Tue, 9th Apr. Many thanks for your continued support.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 9pm – Michael Murphy, Aisling Bracken & Pat Barrett; Sun 9am – Dermot Sheehan & Ray Manning & 12 noon – Willie Hughes & Helen Noonan.

EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus has been raised from the dead and will never die again. He overcame death, not by avoiding it, but by undergoing it and triumphing over it. What happened to Jesus is meant to happen to us. Let us reflect for a moment on the great hope that is ours.

*Lord Jesus, your resurrection scatters the shadows of death,
and causes the radiance of eternity to shine on us.*

Lord, have mercy.

Your resurrection inflames our hearts and raises our spirits.

Christ, have mercy.

*Your resurrection fills our hearts with a peace this world
cannot give.*

Lord, have mercy.

We feel sad at the onset of winter.

But we are not too despondent,

*because we know that Spring will renew everything again.
Just as the expectation of Spring takes the sting out of Winter,
so the resurrection of Jesus takes the sting out of death for us.*

God of power and love,

*through the resurrection of your Son
you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life.*

Guard this hope with your grace,

and bring it to fulfilment in the kingdom of Heaven.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Margaret Fitzhenry (RIP), mother of Pauline Butler & Jimmy Cumiskey (RIP), Courtown Park, husband of Mary, both of whom died during the week. May they rest in peace.

*I can do things you cannot do.
You can do things I cannot do.
Together we can do great things!*

Mother Teresa



GRATEFUL THANKS

Many thanks to all who helped us with different ministries this week – to the readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, collectors, counters, choirs, secretaries, sacristans, altar society & flower arrangers; to our children and parent leaders for helping out at the Children’s mass; to all who volunteered for the Washing of the Feet; to all who organised the outdoor Stations of the Cross & Prayers around the Cross; to Kilcock Scouts for the Easter Fire for our Vigil mass; to Books & Gifts for the flowers for the Altar of Repose & to all who helped organised the Dawn Mass in Cappagh GAA - we really do appreciate all that you do, many thanks!

Thank you also to Fr. Sean, Fr. Stan, Fr. John, Fr. Frank & Fr. Declan for helping us at our Penitential Service on Tuesday evening last. And finally, thank you to Fr. Kolwani, Fr. PJ Madden & Fr. John for leading us in our beautiful and very meaningful liturgies. Happy Easter to you all.

BLESSING FOR EASTER SUNDAY

*In the glorious Easter story
a troubled world can find blessed reassurance
and enduring peace of mind.*

*For though we grow discouraged
in this world we’re living in,
there is comfort just in knowing
God has triumphed over sin.*

*For our Saviour’s Resurrection
was God’s way of telling men
that in Christ we are eternal
and in Him we live again.*

*And to know life is unending
and God’s love is endless, too,
makes our daily tasks and burdens
so much easier to do.*

*For the blessed Easter story
of Christ the living Lord,
makes our earthly sorrow nothing
when compared with this reward.*

PARISH LOTTO – TUE, 26th MAR '24

Lotto Nos. 8 – 15 – 24 – 30

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €18,000**

(3x€50) Winners: Grainne, Eamonn & Ben, Emmet Devine & Agnieszka.

(2x€50) Promoters: Garry White & Brendan Leonard.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Never love anyone who treats you like you're ordinary!

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.

CAPPAGH LOTTO – TUE, 26th MAR '24

Lotto Nos. 23 – 28 – 30

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €1,500**

(5x€20) Winners: Rebecca Duff, Monty, Michael Smyth, Paula Kelly O'Hora, Ger Connolly.

Thank you for your continued support.

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 24th MAR '24

Lotto Nos. 3 – 5 – 20 – 21

NO Winner **Next Jackpot: €17,200**

(5x€25) Winners: AnnMarie Rogers, Rachel Hedley, Mia & Max Malanaphy, Damien Maxwell, M. Kearns.

Promoters: Denis Fagan & Martin Kiely.

Thank you for your continued support.

HOPE RESTORED

Easter, which celebrates Christ's victory over sin and death, ought to be, for all of us, the feast of hope restored. Yet, all too often it can be a time of hopelessness; perhaps because of the death of a loved one; because of some personal trauma or, in our present time, because of extremely difficult material circumstances. The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the most cherished among the accounts of Christ's post-resurrection appearances. For the disciples listening to the stranger retell the story of Jesus changed everything. Something in their humanity was transformed. Instead of being closed in on themselves and on their sorrows to the exclusion of others, they changed and urged the stranger to share the intimacy of their evening meal. He agreed and as they sat together they recognised him in the breaking of the Bread. Then, he disappeared.

"Easter occurs when we find in Jesus, not a dear friend but a living stranger." Jesus has changed but it is the disciples who still need to change.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 30 th Mar	9pm	EASTER VIGIL	
Sun, 31 st Mar	9am	John Harmon, Laragh/Kerry (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members	
	12 noon	Brian Taylor, The Courtyard (5 th Anniv)	
		Mark Fowler, Courtown Road (Anniv); remembering his father Seamus & all deceased family members	
Mon, 1 st Apr	12 noon	Shared Mass for the Living	<u>NO ADORATION</u>
Tue, 2 nd Apr	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 3 rd Apr	10am	Christine O'Rourke (Anniv) & remembering her husband Thomas & sons Aidan, Ernest & Dermot, her daughter Joan & her grandson Paul	
		Rita Delaney (Anniv)	
		Special Intention	
Thu, 4 th Apr	10am	Liam Malone (20 th Anniv & Birthday Remembrance)	
Fri, 5 th Apr	10am		
Sat, 6 th Apr	6pm	Marie Devine (Anniv)	
		Maureen Fagan, Highfield Park (Anniv)	
Sun, 7 th Apr	9am		
	12 noon	Bernie Higgins, Highfield Park (3 rd Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 31 st Mar	6am	EASTER SUNDAY DAWN MASS, CAPPAGH GAA	
Sun, 31 st Mar	10.30am	Delia Walsh (Anniv) and remembering her husband John; her sister Theresa & her brother Gerry (Recently Deceased)	
Wed, 3 rd Apr	11am	Adoration	
Sun, 7 th Apr	10.30am		