

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2024

### PARISH DIARY

**Communion dates** are Sun, 12<sup>th</sup> May @ 10.30am in the Church of the Nativity, Newtown for **Tiermohan NS**; on Sun, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9am in St. Coca's Church for **St. Joseph's NS**; at 10.30am in the Church of the Nativity, Newtown for **Newtown NS** & at 12 noon in St Coca's Church for **Scoil Choca Naofa** and on Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> May @ 12 noon in St. Coca's Church for **Scoil Uí Riada**.

**Readers for this weekend:** Sat 6pm – Ashling Bracken, Sun 9am – Ray Manning & 12 noon – Derek McSweeney.

**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 James "Jim" Leonard (RIP), Connaught St. who was buried during the week in St. Joseph's Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace."

**St. John Paul II**

Please support Eucharistic Adoration every Mon, 10.30am-11.30am, every Thur. 7pm-8pm and every other Mon, 10.30am-6pm. Mile buíochas.

*Friends share our pain and touch our wounds with a gentle and tender hand.*

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Shamrock Car & Machinery Club are holding their annual show at The Hamlet Court Hotel, Johnstownbridge on Mon, 6<sup>th</sup> May. Registration begins at 11am; free gift for exhibitors and all proceeds in aid of local charities. Attractions on the day include Vintage cars, tractors, bikes, etc.; live music and dancing, threshing and baling demonstration; fun dog show; childrens amusements; BBQ & full hotel restaurant and bar facilities; autojumble and various stalls and large model diorama (contact Ned). Traders strictly by appointment only. For further details, contact Ned – 086 3847889; Stephen – 087 2709206 or Pat – 087 6967976.

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### The Good Shepherd

This Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Of all the images we have of Jesus, that of the Good Shepherd is probably the loveliest.

Jesus says, "The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." Let us pause for a moment to see how we respond to the love of the Good Shepherd.

*Lord Jesus, with you as our shepherd, we shall want for nothing.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Even if we have to walk through the valley of darkness, we will fear no evil, because you are with us.*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*You guide us along the right path; in your house we will dwell for ever and ever.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*All work is empty save when done with love.  
If you cannot work with love but only with distaste,*

*it is better that you should leave your work,  
and sit at the gate of the temple  
and take alms from those who work with joy.*

*For if you bake bread with indifference,  
you bake a bitter bread that feeds but half of man's hunger.*

*And if you grudge the crushing of the grapes,  
Your grudge distils a poison in the wine.*

*Work is love made visible.*

### PRAYER FOR FAVOURABLE WEATHER

God our Father, we turn to you,  
the source of all goodness and grace.

We come before you with humble hearts,  
seeking your divine intervention in the rhythm of the seasons.  
Bless us with the favourable weather which we so badly need at  
this time, especially for our farming community and all others  
whose livelihoods depend on it.

Grant them strength and perseverance in their work.

In their labour may they find solace and fulfilment,  
knowing that their efforts contribute to the well-being of our  
communities.

Bless them with resilience in the face of challenges  
and grant them moments of peace amidst the storms of life.  
Help us, as faith communities, to support and uplift them,  
recognising the vital role they play in sustaining life.

## PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 16<sup>th</sup> APR '24

Lotto Nos. 3 – 7 – 30 – 34

**NO Winner**                      **Next Jackpot: €18,000**

**(3x€50) Winners:** AnnMarie Howlett, Ann McCabe & L&B Duff.

**(2x€50) Promoters:** Dympna Gorry x2.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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

## CAPPAGH LOTTO – TUE, 16<sup>th</sup> APR '24

Lotto Nos. 1 – 25 – 27

**NO Winner**                      **Next Jackpot: €1,800**

**(5x€20) Winners:** Sean Gorman, John Houlihan, Jack O'Connell, Ger Connolly & Nora Joyce.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

*It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness!*

## GAA LOTTO – SUN, 14<sup>th</sup> APR '24

Lotto Nos. 7 – 15 – 16 – 27

**NO Winner**                      **Next Jackpot: €17,500**

**(5x€25) Winners:** Riona Fitzgerald, Margaret Macken, Brigid Duff, Fehin Kerr & Robert Murphy.

**Promoters:** Martin Kiely & Liam Duff.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

***The annual Church Gate Collection for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland*** will take place at all masses next weekend, 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April. Please give generously.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### St. Coca's, Kilcock

|                           |         |  |
|---------------------------|---------|--|
| Sat, 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr | 6pm     | Billy Fitzpatrick (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)<br>Emilie Lynam (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)<br>Aidan O'Rourke (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)<br>Una Sweeney (Anniv)<br>Pat & Annie McLoughlin (Anniv) & remembering deceased members of the Masterson family<br>Margaret & John O'Neill, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering their daughter Mary, their sons<br>Francis & Tim, grandsons John Barrett, Gary Byrne & Mark Byrne; great-granddaughter Emily Barrett;<br>Kate Ward & Jane & William Corscadden |
| Sun, 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr | 9am     | Michael & Kathleen Mulligan, Spin Bridge (Anniv)   |
|                           | 12 noon | Billy Doyle, Courtown Road (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)<br>Des & Nano Johnson (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Johnson & Gannon families  |
| Mon, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr | 10am    | Shared Mass for the Living   |
| Tue, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr | 10am    | Shared Mass for the Deceased   |
| Wed, 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr | 10am    |  |
| Thu, 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr | 10am    | Oliver Grehan (Anniv) & remembering his wife Susan   |
| Fri, 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr | 10am    |  |
| Sat, 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr | 6pm     | Jimmy Cumiskey (M.M.)<br>Acknowledgement Mass from family of the late Stephen Sweeney  |
| Sun, 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr | 9am     | Thomas & Annie Yallop, Hortland (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members  |
|                           | 12 noon |  |

### Church of the Nativity, Newtown

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|---------------------------|---------|--|
| Sun, 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr | 10.30am | Margaret Fitzhenry (M.M.)<br>Michael & Teresa Mullane (Anniv) & remembering their son Jerry & daughter Teresa  |
| Wed, 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr | 11am    | Adoration  |
| Sun, 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr | 10.30am | Jim O'Brien (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) & remembering his wife Angela (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) and his sister Biddy (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)<br>Bob Needham (52 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv) & remembering his wife Ciss, Tom Halligan (Birthday Remembrance) & his brother Peter Halligan; Alice & Bill Garry, Baby Tom Fahy; Pat Fahy & Debbie Cox |