

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 18th MAY 2025

PARISH DIARY

We welcome the 2nd class children from *Scoil Choca Naofa*, their parents and teachers, to our 12 noon mass this Sunday as they celebrate their First Holy Communion. We also welcome the children & their families from *Tiermohan NS* & *Netwown NS* to our 10.30am mass this Sunday in Newtown as they too celebrate their First Holy Communion.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Philomena Obasi, Sun 9am – Basil Onadu & 12 noon – John Cullen.

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

*This world demands the qualities of youth;
not a time of life but a state of mind,
a temper of the will, a quality of imagination,
a predominance of courage over timidity,
of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease.*

SEVEN STEPS TO SERENITY

*Think less, reflect more.
Frown less, smile more.
Talk less, say more.
Argue less, listen more.
Judge less, accept more.
Observe less, participate more.
Complain less, appreciate more.
Fear less, encourage more.*

*There is enough for everyone.
If you believe it, if you can see it,
if you act from it, it will show up for you.
That's the truth!!*

WELL DONE!

Congratulations and well done to all our children who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend. Thank you to their parents, guardians, teachers & SNAs and to all who helped in any way. Have a wonderful day & enjoy! Also, congratulations to the children of St. Joseph's NS who made their First Communion last weekend. Next weekend we will welcome the children from Scoil Uí Riada for their First Holy Communion to our 12 noon mass.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Love one another as I have loved you.” Of all the commandments Christ gave us, this is the most important. It includes all the others. The only failure in the life of a Christian is the failure to love. Let us think about the people whom we find difficult to take into our hearts, and ask the Lord to help us be more loving towards them. It is God that sets the example for us to follow.

Lord Jesus, you are kind and full of compassion.

Lord have mercy.

You are slow to anger and abounding in love.

Christ have mercy.

You do not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults.

Lord have mercy.

*It's easy to love at a distance,
but not so easy to love at close quarters.
It's easier to give a few pounds to relieve famine in Africa
than to relieve the loneliness of someone living next door.*

*It's easy to love people who are far away,
but not always easy to love those who are close at hand.*

Yet, these are the people Christ asks us to love.

We must begin by loving the people near us.

That is, where our love must start.

But, of course, it doesn't have to end there.

And it shouldn't.

UPCOMING CEMETERY MASSES

Wed, 4 th June	St. Joseph's	7.30pm
Thu, 5 th June	Cloncurry	7.30pm
Fri, 6 th June	Newtown	7.30pm

A collection will be taken up at all of these Cemetery masses to help with the ongoing cost of the upkeep of the cemeteries. Many thanks for your continued support.

AFRICA DAY 2025

You are all cordially invited to Africa Day 2025 on Saturday next, 24th May from 12noon-6pm in the Community Centre, Bawnogues, Commons West. There will be music and dance in the Square from 12noon to 1pm followed by a parade procession from the Square to the above venue at 2pm. All welcome.

PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 13th MAY 2025

Lotto Nos. 1 – 2 – 3 – 5

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €12,600

(3x€50) Winners: Peggy Cassidy, Cora Davey & Damien Regan.

(2x€50) Promoters: Dympna Gorry & Mary Murray.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

There is always, always, something to be thankful for!

IRISH SPIRIT

The best looking glass is the eye of a friend.

Least said, soonest mended.

Don't rest your eyes on beyond what is your own.

As the old cock crows the young cock learns.

Don't let your tongue cut your own throat.

A loud voice can make even the truth sound foolish.

CAPPAGH LOTTO – TUE, 13th MAY 2025

Lotto Nos. 3 – 4 – 7

Winner: Grogan Family

Next Jackpot: €600

(5x€20) Winners: Sean Gorman, Paddy Byrne, Gary Timmons, Thomas Murray, Siobhan & Paddy Cullen.

Thank you for your continued support.

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 11th MAY 2025

Lotto Nos. 9 – 11 – 20 – 29

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: John Quinn, Tricia Cramer, Eva Sheridan, Mossy Maher & Martin Kiely.

Promoters: Ailish Brady & Michael McGinley.

Thank you for your continued support.

Art classes in Staplestown are taking a break for summer, after a long winter/spring season! Thanks to all who supported the classes and made each week so enjoyable.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 17 th May	6pm	Eileen & John O'Neill, Highfield Park (Anniv)	
Sun, 18 th May	9am	Tony Lyons, Royal Meadows (2 nd Anniv)	
		Dermot Mulligan, Spin Bridge (Anniv) & remembering Maureen Mulligan and his parents, Margaret & Patrick Mulligan	
	12 noon	<u>FIRST COMMUNION – SCOIL CHOCA NAOFA</u>	
Mon, 19 th May	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<u>ADORATION 10.30am-11.30am</u>
Tue, 20 th May	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 21 st May	10am	Deceased members of the O'Brien Family, Church St.	
		Deceased members of the Cleary Family, The Square	
Thu, 22 nd May	10am	John & Rosaleen Coleman (Anniv)	<u>ADORATION 6.30pm-7.30pm</u>
		Breda & John Gorman, New Road (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members	
		V.T. Jacob & Miriam (Anniv)	
Fri, 23 rd May	10am	Sonny Murphy, Highfield Park (6 th Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members	
Sat, 24 th May	6pm	Mary Sullivan, The Courtyard/formerly Pitchfordstown (M.M.)	
		John Smith (1 st Anniv)	
		Sean "Skinner" Mulligan, Ballinakill (7 th Anniv)	
		Annie Griffith (50 th Anniv) & remembering Stephen, Therese, Edward & Barbara Griffith	
		John & Bina Browne, Boycetown (Anniv) & remembering their daughter Emer Mallon, Colgath	
Sun, 25 th May	9am	Helen Redmond, nee Malone (7 th Anniv) & remembering her parents Peter & Mary Malone, Courtown Road & her father-in-law Bart Redmond (Anniv)	
	12 noon	<u>FIRST COMMUNION – SCOIL UÍ RIADA</u>	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 18 th May	10.30am	<u>FIRST COMMUNION – TIERMOHAN & NEWTOWN NS</u>
Wed, 21 st May	11am	Adoration
Sun, 25 th May	10.30am	Willie Birmingham (4 th Anniv)
		Vivian Dowd (21 st Anniv)
		Jack McLoughlin & Lily Gannon (Anniv)