

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 14th DEC. 2025

PARISH DIARY

We would welcome **additional collectors** for our Christmas masses. We also require stewards for both our Christmas Eve masses, 5pm & 9pm. Any interested parties please contact Nicola in Parish Office 01 – 6287406 or send details to info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie.

Donations for flowers for the Church at Christmas are much appreciated and may be left into Nicola in the Parish office for the attention of Tess. Many thanks.

Penitential Service & Reconciliation in St. Coca's Church on Wed. next, 17th Dec at 7pm. All welcome.

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Choirs are hosting **"Carols of Wonder"** in Newtown on Thu, 18th at 7pm with special guests – Killyon Parish Choir & children of Newtown & Tiermohan NS. All welcome.

There will be **NO Lotto** on Dec. 23rd/30th. Normal service will resume on 6th Jan. Happy Christmas to all our promoters and customers.

Annual Church Gate collection in aid of St. Vincent de Paul will take place at all masses this weekend in both Kilcock & Newtown. Please give what you can to help those in need. Thank you for your support.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Philomena Obasi, Sun 9am – Paul Norris & 12 noon – Roan Hutchison, Siobhan Keane & POF – Mariah Aldrin Panakal.

Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend - Sat 6pm Joe McFadden, Michael Minogue & Mick Ó'Murchú; Sun 9am – Margaret Macken & Dermot Sheehan & 12 noon – Claire Dunne & Mary Forde.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Maureen Langtry (RIP), Courtown Road, who has died and whose funeral took place to St. Joseph's cemetery on Friday last. We also ask prayers for Angela "Angie" Dillon (RIP), Crumlin, mother of Elaine Cummins, Royal Meadows who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

PARISH SHOP

The Parish Shop will now open on Saturday in the lead up to Christmas from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We are now stocking Christmas mass bouquets, Christmas cards, Christmas candles, cribs and lots more. The Almas Christmas Mass bouquets are now available. Come in and have a browse, open Mon-Sat, 10.30am-12.30pm.

Fr. George
01 6287 448

Fr. Kolwani
01 6757 311

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's First Reading the prophet Isaiah says to us "Courage! Do not be afraid. God is coming to save you." And in the Gospel we see Jesus, our Saviour, at work, enabling the blind to see, the deaf to hear and the lame to walk.

In this Eucharist we encounter the same compassionate Jesus. Let us not be afraid to let him see our wounds and handicaps.

Lord Jesus, you take the blindness from our eyes.

Lord, have mercy.

You take the darkness from our minds.

Christ, have mercy.

You take the hardness from our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

John the Baptist was no reed swaying in the wind.

*A reed swaying in the wind is a symbol
of the person who is easily influenced,
and who has no convictions of his/her own.*

Still, we can learn something from the humble reed.

*The fact that it is able to bend
means that the greatest storm cannot uproot it.*

*Lord, teach us that there is strength
in weakness and suppleness,
and give us the wisdom to know
when to bend and when to stand firm.*

**Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do.
Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can
go wrong!!**

CHRISTMAS DIARY 2025

Wed, 17th Dec @ 7pm – St. Coca's Penitential Service & Reconciliation

Thu, 18th Dec @ 7pm – Church of the Nativity, Newtown Carol Service

Sun, 21st Dec @ 6pm – Parish Choir Christmas Carol Service, St. Coca's Church

Wed, 24th Dec @ 11am-12.30pm – Confessions in St. Coca's Church

5pm – Children's Mass in St. Coca's Church

7pm – Vigil Mass in Church of the Nativity, Newtown

9pm – Vigil Mass in St. Coca's Church, Kilcock

Parish Office : 01 6287 406; info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie.
Parish Shop : 01 6287 499 Mon – Fri : 10.30am – 12.30pm

PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 9th DEC. 2025

Lotto Nos. 1 – 7 – 9 – 28

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €10,000

(3x€50 Winners): Olivia & Girls, Dympna Gorry & Fr. John Brickley.

(2x€50 Promoters): Gretta Kennedy & Parish.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 9th DEC. 2025

Lotto Nos. 8 – 9 – 23

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,200

(5x€20) Winners: Aaron Cullen, Amy Kenna, Laura Moore, Clarke Family, Rene Gorman.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carbury GAA – Christmas Bingo Special on Sun, 28th Dec. at 2pm in the clubhouse. Over €3,000 in prizes – with a guaranteed jackpot of €1,500. Raffle on the day with great prizes. We look forward to welcoming you to on 28th Dec.

Copies of **“Unity in Division: A History of Kilcock & Newtown Parish”** – a study charting the development of the Catholic faith and burial sites – is now on sale in Parish shop & costs €20.

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 7th DEC. 2025

Lotto Nos. 11 – 15 – 18 – 24

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Francis Thornton, George Brennan, Eoin Duggan, Audrey Meade, Robert Brady.

Promoters: Mark Gannon, Ailish Brady.

Thank you for your continued support.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 13 th Dec	6pm	Do This In Memory – St. Joseph's NS Peter Gannon, Highfield Park (M.M.) Kevin “Dickie” Byrne, Kilglynn (7 th Anniv) Mena Curran (8 th Anniv) Patrick McDonnell, Courtown Road (11 th Anniv) & remembering his wife Betty Anthony O’Keeffe (50 th Anniv) & remembering his wife Kathleen John McCabe, Belgard (Anniv) & remembering his son Nick & all deceased family members Ivan Acton, Pitchfordstown (Anniv) & remembering Dermot & Maeve Kelly John & Pat Burke, Hollywood, Co. Wicklow (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members	
Sun, 14 th Dec	9am		
	12 noon	Bridget Byrne (30 th Anniv) & remembering her husband Mylie & sons Patrick & Miles Thomas “Bruce” Byrne, Kilglynn (Anniv) Dora Tadic-Sutra, Scoil Dara (Remembrance)	
Mon, 15 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<u>ADORATION - 10.30am-11.30am</u>
Tue, 16 th Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 17 th Dec	10am	Gabriel Haughton (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members Special Intention	
Thu, 18 th Dec	10am		<u>ADORATION – 6.30pm-7.30pm</u>
Fri, 19 th Dec	10am		
Sat, 20 th Dec	6pm	Anna O’Brien, Highfield Park (1 st Anniv) Eithne Wynne (3 rd Anniv) Eileen O’Connor, Courtown Rd (Anniv), remembering husband Paddy & daughters Una & Geraldine	
Sun, 21 st Dec	9am	Joe & Sumithra Nanayakkara (Anniv) & remembering Nevil & Rose Perera Susan Grehan (Anniv) & remembering her husband Oliver	
	12 noon	Beatrice & John O’Brien (Remembrance) Anna Byrne nee Flynn (Birthday Remembrance)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 14 th Dec	10.30am	Do This In Memory – Tirmoghan NS Paschal McKeogh (M.M.) Felix Doherty (Anniv)
Wed, 17 th Dec	11am	Adoration
Sun, 21 st Dec	10.30am	

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund – 6th/7th Dec: €1,920.00; Offertory Collection: €875.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!