

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 1st FEB 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

“Did I not feel for those whose day was hard?
Was not my soul grieved for the poor?”

PARISH DIARY

This Sun, 1st Feb is the Feast of St. Brigid. **St. Brigid Peace Crosses** will be available at all masses this weekend. Donations will go to Trócaire. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support.

We would welcome **new Ministers of the Eucharist** and **new collectors** for our weekend masses (full training will be provided). If you are interested in either or both roles, please forward your details to Nicola in our Parish Office 01 – 6287406 or info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Philip Vesey, Sun 9am – Basil Onodu & 12 noon – Maria Panakal.

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

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Therese “Reecie” Flynn (RIP), Rochford Green, who died during the week and whose funeral took place to Jordanstown on Friday last. We also remember MaryRose Hayes, nee Robinson (RIP), formerly of Pheopotstown House, who was buried during the week. May they rest in peace.

*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.*

There is a public toilet in the side porch of St. Coca's Church. We would ask all parishioners to ensure that they keep the toilet clean and tidy.

We also want to remind all Church visitors not to leave any valuables unattended. Lost and found property can be retrieved from the Sacristy after mass.

PARKING – Please refrain from parking your cars right outside the front door as this causes obstruction to people entering and exiting the Church.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE FLESH OF THE WORD

Matthew's Gospel was written with a particular community or church in mind - in this sense, it is a community book. It provided the basis on which a group could build its life and structures. It also allowed the members to develop an understanding of the relationship between the past, present and future.

Blessed are they who live and practice the Beatitudes. They are blessed and know what makes true happiness. Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, leaving space and time for God in their lives, blessed are they who are gentle and kind, merciful and pure in heart. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, who work for peace. Blessed are they who suffer for Christ.

ST. BRIGID - ABBESS, SECONDARY PATRON OF IRELAND

Brigid lived the Beatitudes. Born circa 454, at Faughart, she followed her calling to consecrate her life to God. Tutored by Mel in Ardagh, she fostered that calling in many others. With Conleth, she founded the double monastery of Kildare. The interior spiritual life was given countless expression in a life marked by welcome of the stranger and hospitality to all, in her care for the sick and the poor and in her concern and care for animals, nature and the earth. Brigid died on 1st Feb. 524, and is buried in Downpatrick, with the other patrons of Ireland – Patrick and Columba (Colum Cille). The first day of February is also the date of the Celtic festival Imbolc, the beginning of a new season of hope and growth.

Brigid's reputation spread across Ireland and to many parts of Europe. The legendary symbol of her cloak expanding to meet the needs of her monastery, highlights the power of this 4th/5th century woman. The Brigid's cross, woven from rushes, expressed her Christian faith and God's concern and protection given to us through the prayers and intercession of Brigid. Through her **CLOAK** and **CROSS**, we are renewed by her life and times as an independent woman guided by the spirit to help guide and protect us.

*A Naomh Bríd, a Mhuire na nGael, scar arrain do bhrat.
A Naomh Bríd, a chroi na féile, shúir sinn ar na mbóthar ceart.
A Naomh Bríd, gheanúil, ar ár namhaid cosain sinn.
A Naomh Bríd, a bhean rialta álann, ar uair ár mbais glaoigh arainn.*

PARISH LOTTO – TUE, 27th JAN. 2026

Lotto Nos. 3 – 8 – 15 – 27

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €10,600

(3x€50 Winners): Christopher Timmons, Christy Noonan, Brendan Travers.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Listen in to kfmradio976 on Mon, 2nd Feb to hear Orla Riordan’s (Documentary Maker/Independent Producer) new radio documentary *“The Bones of Brigid”*.

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 27th JAN. 2026

Lotto Nos. 2 – 26 – 28

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,800

(5x€20 Winners): Catherine Mullally, Colm O’Ruairc, Karl Lynam, Tommy Nealon, Nora Gibbons.

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GAA LOTTO – SUN, 25th JAN. 2026

Lotto Nos. 13 – 14 – 23 – 28

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25 Winners): Audrey Meade, Marie McTernan, Ber Holton, Gus Bourke, Gail Barry.

Promoters: Denis Fagan, Ellen Cahalin.

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FOUR AGREEMENTS TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

- **Be impeccable with your word.** Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using words to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love.
- **Don’t take anything personally.** Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. When you are immune from the opinions and actions of others, you won’t be the victim of needless suffering.
- **Don’t make assumptions.** Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can, to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama. With this one agreement you can completely transform your life.
- **Always do your best.** Your best is going to change from moment to moment, it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse and regret.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca’s, Kilcock

Sat, 31 st Jan	6pm	Albert Stone Snr., Kilglynn (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Stone family	
Sun, 1 st Feb	9am	Feast of St. Brigid	
	12 noon	John “Jackie” Garvey, Nicholastown (M.M.)	
		PJ Nolan, Belgard (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Nolan family	
Mon, 2 nd Feb	12 noon	Shared Mass for the Living	NO ADORATION
Tue, 3 rd Feb	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 4 th Feb	10am		
Thu, 5 th Feb	10am		Adoration – 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Fri, 6 th Feb	10am		
Sat, 7 th Feb	6pm	Do This In Memory – Scoil Uí Riada	
		Christy (4 th Anniv) & Lyle Nolan, Hortland (Anniv)	
		Fr. P.J. Byrne, former P.P. (10 th Anniv)	
Sun, 8 th Feb	9am		
	12 noon	Christopher “Kit” Dignam, Village Green, Royal Meadows (1 st Anniv)	
		Peter Reilly, late of Ballycahan (Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 1 st Feb	10.30am	James Lynam (Anniv) & remembering his wife Julia, their daughter Peggy & their son Jim
		Michael Walsh (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Walsh family
Wed, 4 th Feb	11am	Adoration
Sun, 8 th Feb	10.30am	Do This in Memory – Tiermoghan