

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 22nd FEB 2026

Entrance Antiphon: “When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.”

PARISH DIARY

Lenten collection for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at the 2nd collection at all masses this weekend. Please use the envelopes provided in your development boxes or use the special white envelopes which are available at the back of the Church.

Trocaire boxes are now available at the back of the Church. We are still looking for **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 – Philomena Obasi, Sun 9am – Lorena Alves de Carvalho & 12 noon – Sarah Aldrin Panakal.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
THE FLESH OF THE WORD

The Church has in mind the catechumens throughout the world who set out today on their great preparation for the Easter Vigil when they will become Christians. The faithful, who are already baptised, are the concern of the Church too. They must be awakened once more to the meaning of being in Christ. The faithful join with the catechumens in the struggle in the struggle against the powers of darkness, confident that where sin abounded, grace abounds still more.

The temptations in today's Gospel are not at all temptations to this or that sin but rather fundamental options which matter for the direction of life. Jesus was tempted in the course of his ministry to choose another way of being God's prophet, the Messiah or anointed. In a less spectacular way, we too can be attracted by choices which shape the way our life unfolds.

We ask ourselves, what do I live on? What's my true goal and purpose? Where is my nourishment beyond food? My humanity is more than food and drink. Only the Word of God truly nourishes and illuminates.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Kay Gavin, nee McGinn (RIP), Laragh, who has died and whose funeral will take place on Monday at 12 noon in St. Coca's followed by burial to St. Joseph's Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

*I'm a big believer that if you choose happiness,
then success will follow.*

*Happiness encourages good life decisions,
bolsters wonderful relationships,
and opens up doors to great opportunities.*

There is a public toilet in the side porch of St. Coca's Church. We ask everyone 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.

PARISH SHOP

We now stock Confirmation & First Communion cards as well as a wide range of Mass cards for almost every occasion. Please note that all mass requests are remembered in Shared Masses on Mon at 10am (Living) and Tue at 10am (Deceased). Shop opens from 10.30am-12.30pm Mon-Fri. For all enquiries, please call 01 6287499.

*Lent is the Church's "holy spring".
It is a time of self-denial.
But it is also a time of joy,
because we are preparing for Easter.
Lord, help us to let go of old habits of sin,
and clothe us in newness of life,
so that when Easter comes,
we will feel young again in our discipleship.*

May the Lord help you to resist evil and conquer it with good.

May you stay firm in the faith and be strong in time of trial.

May you be filled with a joyful trust in God and never tire of doing what it right.

PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 17th FEB. 2026

Lotto Nos. 9 – 10 – 14 – 23

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €10,900

(3x€50 Winners): Liz Stinger, Kevin Kilduff, Lorna Gannon.

(2x€50 Promoters): Brendan Leonard, Kevin Kilduff.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 17th FEB. 2026

Lotto Nos. 7 – 14 – 18

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €700

(5x€20 Winners): Nealon Family, Louise & Catherine, Cathal Doyle, Carol O'Rourke, Kay Maguire.

Thank you for your continued support.

Graigucullen Bingo on Tue, 24th Feb in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers is €3,950, Double Number €810, Lotto €1,650 & Bonus Ball €950. All welcome.

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.

In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie. “Purple Day” (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thurs, 26th March.

Prayer is the voice of longing; it reaches outwards and inwards to unearth our ancient belonging.

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 15th FEB. 2026

Lotto Nos. 4 – 5 – 10 – 23

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Nicola Kiely, Claire Downes, Damaris Wood, Martin Scally, LMV.

Promoters: James Byrne, Eva Sheridan.

Thank you for your continued support.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 21 st Feb	6pm	Rosie O'Connor, Highfield Park (10 th Anniv) Michael, Tom, Susan & Tim Hanrahan, formerly The Harbour/Courtown Park (Anniv) Henry Conlon (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members Seamus Fowler, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering his son Mark & all deceased family members Patrick & Una Melia (Anniv), Brid Melia & deceased members of Melia, Nestor & O'Toole families	
Sun, 22 nd Feb	9am	Jim & May Montgomery (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members	
	12 noon	Elaine Buckley (M.M.) Raymond Lynch, Courtown Bridge (1 st Anniv) Myles Byrne (3 rd Anniv) & remembering his parents Bridget & Myles & his brother-in-law Patrick Aidan Byrne, formerly The Square Bar & Lucan (4 th Anniv) Patrick O'Brien, Mill Lane (Anniv) & remembering his parents & deceased family members Joseph, Helen, John & Anthony Sheridan (Anniv), Brid Laffan, Deirdre Clarke & deceased members of Sheridan & Westman families Eamonn Masterson, Wexford (Recently Deceased); & remembering Joseph Masterson and Anne Farrell, London	
Mon, 23 rd Feb	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<u>NO ADORATION</u>
Tue, 24 th Feb	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 25 th Feb	10am	Kathleen Mulhall (Anniv) & remembering her husband Denis & all deceased family members	
Thu, 26 th Feb	10am		<u>Adoration – 6.30pm – 7.30pm</u>
Fri, 27 th Feb	10am	Hugh Davey, Kilglynn (4 th Anniv)	
Sat, 28 th Feb	6pm	Joanie Keene, Highfield Park (M.M.) Ryan Patrick Lynch (Anniv) Dolores McFadden (27 th Anniv)	
Sun, 1 st Mar	9am		
	12 noon	Darina Brien, Highfield Park (1 st Anniv) Maureen McHugh, Pinewood Lawns (38 th Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 22 nd Feb	10.30am	Dorothy Doran, Killeighter (8 th Anniv)	
Wed, 25 th Feb	11am	Adoration	
Sun, 1 st Mar	10.30am	Aileen Daly, Cloncurry (M.M.) Edward “Ned” Fitzsimons (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members	

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Dev. Fund: 14th/15th Feb: €1,355.00; Offertory Collection: €745.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!