

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 8th FEB 2026

Entrance Antiphon: “O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,
for He is the Lord, our God.”

PARISH DIARY

The *annual commemorative mass for Bl. John Sullivan SJ* will take place in Church of St. Francis Xavier, Gardiner St. on Sat, 21st Feb at 11am. For more details, contact Cáit Cullen on 087 3126241. All welcome.

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 – Aisling Bracken, Sun 9am – Philomena Obasi & 12 noon – Siobhan Keane.

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.

Friendship takes work. Finding friends, nurturing friendships, scheduling face time, it all takes a tremendous amount of work. But it's worth it. If you put in the effort, you'll see the rewards of positive friends who will make your life extraordinary.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Joanie Keene, nee Caffrey (RIP), Highfield Park, who has died and whose funeral took place to St. Joseph's on Thursday last. We also remember Fiona Orrill, nee Harrison (RIP), Kilcock/Rathcoffey, daughter of Patti Harrison, who died recently; & we also ask prayers for Bridget “Bernie” Bradley (RIP), Longwood, mother of Eamonn Bradley, Ledwill Park, who died last weekend and whose funeral took place in Trim on Thursday last. May they rest in peace.

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

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THE FLESH OF THE WORD

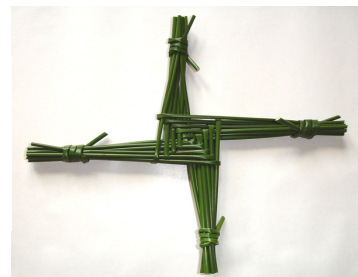
We can easily see how Jesus should be the light of the world. Even though the words are familiar, we are, perhaps, unaccustomed to really reflecting on ourselves as *the light of the world* and *salt of the earth*. In many cases, when referring to the good nature, kindness and decency of someone, the phrase “*they are the salt of the earth*” is used. This is an act of profound trust in us by God. Jesus has faith in us to be bearers and beacons of his Good news in our time. How are we to be that? What does it look like? Nor first by our words or even by our deeds. We are the **LIGHT** and **SALT** on account of who we are as disciples and as people of Faith.

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.

As the Gospel text puts it, a city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. We cannot help been seen as disciples, for that is who we are. The Beatitudes are the rule by which Christians live by. We should recognise the dignity that is ours as we share in the work of Christ. Like him, we are to lead all people to praise the wonderful deeds of God. The Spirit filled community can bring about a new world. Christian love will make light rise in the darkness of our world.

The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary!

St. Brigid



Crosses

A huge “Thank You” to all who contributed to our St. Brigid Crosses in aid of Trocaire last weekend. The sum of €909.10 was collected. Míle mile buíochas.

PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 3rd FEB. 2026

Lotto Nos. 21 – 24 – 25 – 26

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €10,700

(3x€50 Winners): Mary Forde, Elaine Mahon, Catherine Brogan.

(2x€50 Promoters): Kevin Kilduff, Mary Murray.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 3rd FEB. 2026

Lotto Nos. 16 – 24 – 28

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,900

(5x€20 Winners): Michelle Smith, Olive Morrin, Con Coffey, Breda Kiely, Fiona & Tony Grogan.

Thank you for your continued support.

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 1st FEB. 2026

Lotto Nos. 5 – 9 – 22 – 32

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Breda Kiely, Joe Biggs, Darvree Downey, Linda Ryan, Paul McTernan.

Promoters: Denis Fagan, Gus Bourke.

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.

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tue, 10th Feb in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers is €3,690, Double Number €670, Lotto €1,550 & Bonus Ball €850. All welcome.

“That all may be one” John 17:21 – Jesus’ heartfelt prayer for all of us at the last supper. This is the inspiration and theme of the hymn, “Bind us Together Lord”. This is also the central theme and motivation of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary. To join, all that is required is to pray one full rosary (15 mysteries) each week. This can be done in your own time and way, once you meditate on what you are praying. If you already say a daily rosary, that more than suffices - include in your rosary all your fellow confraternity brothers throughout the world.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca’s, Kilcock

Sat, 7 th Feb	6pm	<i>Do This In Memory – Scoil Uí Riada</i> 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)	
Mon, 9 th Feb	12 noon	Shared Mass for the Living	<u>Adoration – 10.30am-1pm</u>
Tue, 10 th Feb	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 11 th Feb	10am	Maureen Langtry, Courtown Road (Recently Deceased)	
Thu, 12 th Feb	10am		<u>Adoration – 6.30pm – 7.30pm</u>
Fri, 13 th Feb	10am		
Sat, 14 th Feb	6pm	Aidan Byrne, Mill Lane (13 th Anniv), remembering his wife Liz & daughters MaryEllen & Kerrie, his sister-in-law Barbara Doyle; his Dad Terry & all deceased family members Hannah Walsh, Gragadder (16 th Anniv) Kathleen Cahill (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Cahill family Kate Healy (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Healy family	
Sun, 15 th Feb	9am	Sean Gill, Highfield Park (10 th Anniv) Conor Preston (Anniv)	
	12 noon	Brigid Acton, Courtown Road (1 st Anniv) Danny & Carmel Gleeson, Highfield Park (Anniv) Betty Lynam (38 th Anniv) & remembering her grandchildren Aishling & Sean and their great-grandmother Moll O’Toole; also remembering her brother Jim & sister Peggy; Seamus O’Toole, John Curran, Bertie Malone (England), the McGuire family, James & Julia Lynam, Graham Williams (3 rd Anniv) & Johnny Pearce (Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 8 th Feb	10.30am	<i>Do This in Memory – Tiermoghán</i>
Wed, 11 th Feb	11am	<i>Adoration</i>
Sun, 15 th Feb	10.30am	Jack Sloane (1 st Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Sloane & Duignam families

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Dev. Fund: 31st/1st Feb: €1,553.00; Offertory Collection: €855.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!