

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
4th SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY) – 15th MAR 2026

Entrance Antiphon: “Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.”

PARISH DIARY

Sunday is Mother's Day – happy Mother's Day to all our Moms – hope you have a great day.

Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day – mass on Monday evening at 6pm and on Tuesday at 9am and 12 noon.

Stations of the Cross every Friday morning for Lent after 10am mass. The season of Lent is a journey with Christ to Calvary – let us accompany Him. Amen.

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/both roles, please forward your details to Nicola in Parish Office 01 – 6287406 or info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Patricia Mitchell, Sun 9am – Philip Vesey & 12 noon – Fiona Loxley.

Readers for St. Patrick's Day: Mon 6pm – Helen Noonan, Tue - 9am – Dermot Sheehan & 12 noon – Willie Hughes.

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

KILCOCK BASKETBALL CLUB EASTER CAMP

Dates: 30th Mar – 1st Apr

Times: 10am-1pm (7-12yrs); 1.30pm-4.30pm (13-17yrs)

Location: Kilcock Community Centre

Contact: kilcockbasketball@gmail.com

SOME IRISH SPIRIT

The best looking glass is the eye of a friend!

Don't let your tongue cut your own throat!

A loud mouth can make even the truth sound foolish!

The Legion of Mary invites you to a

“Discussion Meeting” on the “Season of Lent – Be Converted Every Day” (St. John Paul II)

on Thursday, 19th March at 7.30pm in the meeting room beside Parish Office at back of St. Coca's Church.

Refreshments will be provided. All welcome.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY

How we respond to pressure can vary very much from person to person. In John's gospel there are two related stories of blind men being healed, one in chapter five, and the other in chapter nine found in today's reading. The man at the pool eventually betrays Jesus. The man born blind resists pressure and even grows on the strength of it. Part of his energy comes from his experience-no matter what others may say about Jesus, he himself once was blind and now he sees! His courageous attachment to what he knows from his personal encounter with Jesus leads eventually to a full act of faith. This sense of seeing clearly is captured musically and lyrically in the well-known song, covered by the Hothouse Flowers, "I can see clearly now the rain has gone, I can see all obstacles in my way, gone are the dark clouds that had me blind".

This experience of the man born blind helps our interpretation of baptism. "You went, you washed, you came to the altar, you began to see what you had not seen before. In short, your eyes were opened in the fountain of the Lord and by the preaching of the Lord's Passion. You seemed previously to be blind of heart: now you began to see the light". So spoke St. Ambrose to the recently baptised, recalling that experience to them.

PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK

Christ be with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ within me,

Christ beneath me,

Christ above me,

Christ at my right hand,

Christ at my left,

Christ where I lie,

Christ where I sit,

Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me.

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me.

Christ in every eye that sees me.

Christ in every ear that hears me.

AMEN

PARISH LOTTO – TUE, 10th MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 10 – 18 – 20 – 26

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €11,200

(3x€50 Winners): Damien Maxwell, Patti O’Callaghan, Mairead Gormley.

(2x€50 Promoters): Imelda Regan, Eileen Gill.

THERE WILL BE NO LOTTO ON TUE, 17TH MARCH (ST. PATRICK’S DAY). DRAW RESUMES ON 24TH MARCH.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 10th MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 11 – 21 – 31

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,000

(5x€20 Winners): Rene Gorman, Margaret Kelly, Mary & Gareth Preston, Breda Gorman, Ger Houlihan.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your Mother is your biggest cheerleader!

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 8th MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 8 – 11 – 20 – 28

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Shane Martin, Andrew Quinn, Audrey Meade, Eunan McGinley, Eva Sheridan.

Promoters: Mark Gannon, Ailish Brady.

Thank you for your continued support.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca’s, Kilcock

Sat, 14 th Mar	6pm	Gerry Kidd (1 st Anniv) Maureen Campbell Allen & Anne Campbell Jones (Anniv) Geraldine Donagher, Courtown Road (Anniv) John & Kathleen Bourke, Courtown Road (Anniv) & their son Pat (Anniv) John Dougan (Anniv)	
Sun, 15 th Mar	9am	Liam, Mary & Aine White, Highfield Park (Anniv) Liam & Rita Farrelly, formerly Mill Lane & remembering their daughter Anne Smith (Anniv) Peter, John & James Byrne, The Mill (Anniv)	
	12 noon	Helen Dalton, Courtown Park (M.M.) Richard & Ellen Leavy (Anniv) Ian Kearney (Recently Deceased) Marie McGee (Recently Deceased)	
Mon, 16 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<u>NO Adoration</u>
	6pm	Vigil Mass for St. Patrick’s Day	
Tue, 17 th Mar	9am	Freddie Piper, Courtown Road (4 th Anniv)	
	12 noon	St. Patrick’s Day	
Wed, 18 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Thu, 19 th Mar	10am	Special Intention	<u>Adoration – 6.30pm – 7.30pm</u>
Fri, 20 th Mar	10am		
Sat, 21 st Mar	6pm	Annie & Davy Dalton, Courtown Road (Anniv)	
Sun, 22 nd Mar	9am		
	12 noon	Brian Taylor (7 th Anniv) Patsy Quinn, Laragh (11 th Anniv) Roy Latimer (Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 15 th Mar	10.30am	Bernie, Annie “Babby”, Thomas Snr., Thomas Jnr & Brendan Geraghty (Anniv) Nicholas & Teresa Butler (Anniv) & remembering Eileen Barrett nee Butler, late of Grange
Tue, 17 th Mar	10.30am	Tom Mulligan (60 th Anniv) & Kate Mulligan (50 th Anniv)
Wed, 18 th Mar	11am	Adoration
Sun, 22 nd Mar	10.30am	Dorothy Doran (8 th Anniv)