

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
PALM SUNDAY – 29th MAR 2026

Entrance Antiphon: “Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel, Hosanna in the highest.”

PARISH DIARY

Summer is coming! Don't forget that our clocks “**SPRING**” forward tonight!!!

Date for your diary – there will be a **Divine Mercy** mass in the Church of the Nativity, Newtown on Sun, 12th Apr. at 3pm. 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/both roles, please forward your details to Nicola in Parish Office 01 – 6287406 or info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – John O'Malley, Elaine Mahon & Kulli Adamberg; Sun 9am – David Gildea, Margaret Macken & Philomena Obasi; & 12 noon – John Cullen, Fiona Loxley, Patsai Uí Chatháin.

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.

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins this weekend which joins the foretelling of Christ's regal triumph and the proclamation of the Passion. The connection between both aspects of the paschal mystery should be shown and explained in the celebration and catechesis of this day. The commemoration of the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem is celebrated with a solemn procession which may take place only once, before the Mass which has the largest attendance, even if this is the Saturday evening vigil Mass. In this procession the assembled faithful hold and carry palm branches. The palms should be taken home, where they will serve as a reminder of the victory of Christ which they celebrated in the procession.

There is a core similarity between the four accounts of the death of Jesus in the New Testament. However, they differ in sequence and in details, allowing various understandings of the cross to unfold. Because the death of Jesus was and is such a deeply mysterious and indeed perplexing event, different dimensions are explored and laid bare by different New Testament writers. Matthew, Luke and John all bring forward somehow the resurrection into the story of Jesus' death. None is more dramatic than Matthew, who introduces not one but two earthquakes at this juncture.

Lord, nourish us with the wisdom and courage on our journey to being an Easter People.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Bridget “Bridgie” Bright (RIP), Courtown Road, who died during the week and whose funeral took place to St. Joseph's Cemetery on Thursday. May she rest in peace.

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

CHRISM MASS

You are invited to join Bishop Denis and the clergy from the diocese for the Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral on Mon, 30th March at 7.30pm. This is one of the most important diocesan Masses in the year when the Holy Oils will be blessed and consecrated for use in Parishes in the coming year and when the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises. Music will be led by Fr. Liam Lawton and the Diocesan Choir with refreshments being served in Carlow College, St. Patricks, afterwards. All welcome – come early to get a seat!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a special mass to celebrate the feast of the Annunciation/Incarnation of Our Lord & Saviour, Jesus Christ, in Newtown on Palm Sun, 29th Mar, starting at 2.45pm with the rosary. It will include Consecration to Jesus through His Blessed Mother. This is so appropriate as it was through Mary that Jesus first came to us and continues to come to us. All welcome – bring a friend.

PARISH SHOP

Easter Mass Bouquets and Easter cards now available in our Parish shop plus lots more. Come in and have a browse, open Mon-Fri, 10.30am-12.30pm.

PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 24th MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 2 – 9 – 18 – 19

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €11,300

(3x€50 Winners): S&J Farrell, Anne Devine, Colm White.

(2x€50 Promoters): Dymna Gorry, Rose Murphy.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 24th MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 4 – 28 – 31

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,200

(5x€20 Winners): Rene Gorman, John Fagan, Breda Doran, Karen Devine, Peadar Montgomery.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sona Sásta Meals on Wheels CLG (Summerhill) are looking for volunteers for their Kilcock Meals on Wheels service. If you can spare one hour on a Monday and Wednesday to deliver meals to recipients in the Kilcock area, please contact us - we thank you in advance. We also wish to thank all our current volunteers for their continued support. For more information, please contact Pat on 086 8778566.

Graigucullen Bingo on Tue, 31st Mar in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers is €4,470, Double Number €1,090, Lotto €1,850 & Bonus Ball €1,150. All welcome.

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 22nd MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 5 – 13 – 17 – 25

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Ellen Cahalin, Denis Fagan, Liam Duff, B&J McSweeney, JJ McEntyre.

Promoters: Martin Kiely, Eva Sheridan.

Thank you for your continued support.

"Lord Jesus Christ, as we remember your triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we shout 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.' We welcome you into our hearts and lives. Teach us to follow you with humility, to serve with love, and to walk with you through this Holy Week. May the palms we carry be a sign of our devotion to you, our true King. Amen"

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 28 th Mar	6pm	Kay Gavin, Laragh (M.M.) James "Jimmy" Cumiskey, Courtown Park (2 nd Anniv)
Sun, 29 th Mar	9am	Betty Lynch, Aylmer Lawns (6 th Anniv)
	12 noon	Mark Fowler, Courtown Road (40 th Anniv) & remembering his Dad, Seamus and all deceased members of the Fowler family Patrick Scully, formerly Courtown Park (8 th Anniv) & remembering his wife Bernadette Paddy & Marie Cahalin, Clonfert (Anniv) & remembering their baby daughter Finola Ellen & Nuala Cummins, Courtown Road (Anniv) David Horan (Anniv)
Mon, 30 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 31 st Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 1 st Apr	10am	Rita Delaney (Anniv)
Thu, 2 nd Apr	4pm	CHILDREN'S MASS
	7.30pm	MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER
Fri, 3 rd Apr	3pm	THE LORD'S PASSION
	8pm	PRAYERS AROUND THE CROSS
Sat, 4 th Apr	9pm	EASTER VIGIL MASS
Sun, 5 th Apr	9am	EASTER SUNDAY
	12 noon	EASTER SUNDAY

NO Adoration

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 29 th Mar	10.30am	Delia Walsh (Anniv) & remembering her husband John Pat Greene, Ballycannon (Anniv) & remembering Maureen Greene, Castlecomer & Eddie Ward, Ballycannon
Thu, 2 nd Apr	7.30pm	MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER
Fri, 3 rd Apr	3pm	THE LORD'S PASSION
	8pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sun, 5 th Apr	6am	DAWN MASS AT CAPPAGH GAA
	10.30am	EASTER SUNDAY

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Dev. Fund: 21st/22nd Mar: €1,700.00; Offertory Collection: €825.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!