

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 8th MAR 2026

Entrance Antiphon: “My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.”

PARISH DIARY

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.

Trocaire boxes still available at the back of the Church.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Mick Ó’Murchú, Sun 9am – Aldrin Xavier Panakal & 12 noon – Philomena Obasi.

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 ask prayers for Alan Murray (RIP), Duncreevan, brother of Brian, who was buried in Donegal during the week. May he rest in peace.

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.

May you get all your wishes but one, so you still have something to strive for.

Everything will be alright in the end. If it's not alright, it's not the end!

God of wilderness and water,
your Son was baptised and tempted as we are.
Guide us through this season,
that we may not avoid struggle
but open ourselves to blessing,
through the cleansing depths of repentance
and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit.

Fr. George
01 6287 448

Fr. Kolwani
01 6757 311

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT THE FLESH OF THE WORD

Today we hear one of the most renowned Gospel passages. The Woman at the Well brings us closer to being an **Easter People**. On his third attempt, Jesus finally connects with her and there is no stopping her. She represents us: what do I *thirst* for? What is the most important thing in my life? What is most important now? (W.I.N.). Where do I now find God? By relentless challenge and resolute honesty, we too can be led to that encounter with Jesus, which changes everything, "giving life a new horizon and a decisive direction". May we come to believe because we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.

The catechumens and the baptised Christians are together on this Lenten journey. Christ offers the water of life to all who thirst. Today there occurs the first scrutiny or exorcism for the catechumens. By it they are being prepared to accept the Spirit. Through that Spirit the gift of life is poured into our hearts, a gift bought for us by the blood of Christ. The prayer that they grow in wisdom and love echoes the readings, and must still be the prayer of all Christians.

THE THIRST THAT ONLY GOD CAN QUENCH

Today's Gospel tells about the moving encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. Jesus told her about the gift God wanted to give her – the gift of the “living water” of his grace. Here Jesus offers us the same gift. Let us dispose ourselves to receive the gift of God.

Like a deer that yearns for running streams, so our souls are yearning for you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Those who trust in you are like a tree planted beside a flowing stream.

Christ have mercy.

Near restful waters you lead us, to revive our drooping spirits.

Lord have mercy.

*There is a thirst in every human heart,
a thirst that only God can quench.*

*To experience this thirst is not a curse but a blessing.
Lord, in your goodness, give us some of the living water
you offered to the Samaritan woman.*

May it become a spring within us welling up to eternal life.

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Parish Shop : 01 6287 499 Mon – Fri : 10.30am – 12.30pm

PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 3rd MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 9 – 14 – 24 – 32

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €11,100

(3x€50 Winners): Gretta Kennedy, Maeve Sweeney, Martina Larkin.

(2x€50 Promoters): Gretta Kennedy, Garry White.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 3rd MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 19 – 20 – 22

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €900

(5x€20 Winners): Audrey Rouse, Nora Gibbons, Carol O'Rourke, Niall Cavanagh, Siobhan & Paddy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Don't give up. One day you'll look back and be glad!

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 1st MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 4 – 16 – 17 – 23

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Teresa Bennett, Shane Byrne, Cathal McGinley, Denis Fagan, Aoife Divilly.

Promoters: Michael McGinley, Dara Hoolan.

Thank you for your continued support.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 7 th Mar	6pm	Paddy Fitzsimons (1 st Anniv) & remembering his wife Anne & Tom & Christina Fitzsimons (Anniv) Matt Bracken (17 th Anniv) Margaret Muldowney, Laragh (Anniv) & remembering her husband Tim & their son Vincent William Gannon, Courtown Road (Anniv) & remembering his wife Kathleen, their daughters Maura & Eileen & all deceased members of the Gannon & Sullivan families Martha Brady, Church St. (Anniv) & remembering her husband Nicholas, son Nick & all deceased members of the Brady & McCabe families Myles Byrne (23 rd Anniv) & remembering his wife Bridget & sons Patrick & Myles	
Sun, 8 th Mar	9am	PJ Nolan, Belgard (Anniv)	
	12 noon	Thomas Kelly (Anniv) Beatrice & John O'Brien (Anniv) Thanksgiving Inauguration Mass for Sr Maria Goretti Grammar School	
Mon, 9 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<u>Adoration 10.30am - 1pm</u>
Tue, 10 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 11 th Mar	10am		
Thu, 12 th Mar	10am	John Fitzpatrick (Anniv) & remembering his parents Angie & Christy (Anniv) Oliver & Bridget Ryan (Anniv)	<u>Adoration – 6.30pm – 7.30pm</u>
Fri, 13 th Mar	10am		
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)	
	12 noon	Helen Dalton, Courtown Park (M.M.) Richard & Ellen Lowry (Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 8 th Mar	10.30am	
Wed, 11 th Mar	11am	Adoration
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

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Dev. Fund: 28th Feb/1st Mar: €1,540.00; Offertory Collection: €755.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!