

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 26th APR 2026

Entrance Antiphon: *The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made. Alleluia!*

PARISH DIARY

We would welcome *new collectors* to join our team in St. Coca's. Expressions of interest to Nicola in the parish office, 01-6287406 or email info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie.

From May 1st, a monthly rota for *Ministers of the Word* will be sent to all Ministers via email. If, for any reason, you are unable to attend the mass allotted to you, please arrange with another Minister to fill in for you on the day. Thanking you in advance.

There will be a *Church Gate Collection in aid of Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland* at all masses this weekend. Your generosity to same would be much appreciated.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Helen Noonan; Sun 9am – Ray Manning; & 12 noon – John Cullen.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD / VOCATIONS SUNDAY

What is distinctive about our faith as Christians? We do not believe in a system of ideas or even in a higher ethics: we believe in a person, who gives life "*a new horizon and a decisive direction*" (**Benedict XVI**). John's Gospel makes this very clear with its great '*I AM*' sentences, one of which we hear today: "*I am the gate*". Naturally, we ask, the gate to what? The gate to life to the full. The risk today is to set our expectations low, to be happy with less. But the Gospel calls not to be half alive, but to be fully alive. Let us enter by the gate himself, because the gate to life is always open.

This is **Good Shepherd Sunday**, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. There is the enduring command of Christ to his Church to go out and preach to all people. There is need for people of faith to respond to that command, people who are prepared to dedicate their lives to this work for the sake of the gospel.

We pray for all who have answered the Call and those who are yet to hear it. May the Holy Spirit guide those on the path of discernment.

SUMMER OUTDOOR STATION MASSES

We will be celebrating Station Masses over the summer months. As the evenings get longer and weather improves (hopefully), we would like to visit different areas of the Parish to celebrate the Eucharist outdoors in a sense of connection and community.

We welcome suggestions for locations. Please contact Nicola in Parish Office - 01 6287406 or email info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie.

If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you!

SENSORY MASS INVITATION

St. Mary's Parish Maynooth warmly invites you to their Sensory Mass on Sat, 25th Apr at 5.30pm. This mass is designed to be inclusive and welcoming for young people and families who may benefit from a quieter, and more relaxed, worship environment.

The short Mass will have gentle lighting and sound, a calm atmosphere, space to move around and sensory items to aid regulation. All are welcome, and please feel free to join the team in the pastoral centre afterwards for refreshments.

BLESSED JOHN SULLIVAN SJ

Annual Birthday mass will be celebrated in Clongowes Wood College on Sun, 10th May at 3pm. Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Bishop Denis Nulty. All welcome. For more information, contact Cait Cullen on 087 3126241.

DART+ DEPOT PROJECT PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The plans for the construction of a depot for the DART+ have been published and can be viewed on dartplus.ie. One of the most significant and concerning elements is the proposal to create up to 30 additional car parking spaces at the Fair Green. This would result in a major alteration to the Fair Green and the Market Cross is to be removed from the centre. The Fair Green dates back to the Norman era in the 12th century where fairs and markets were held until their cessation there in the 1950s. This site is an example of legacy heritage that should be preserved in its current form. Submissions on this should be directed to Irish Rail.

Email dartplusdepot@irishrail.ie. Written submissions can be posted to: **Community Liaison Officer, DART+Depot, DART+ Office, Iarnrod Eireann, Inchicore Works, Inchicore Parade, Dublin 8, D08K6Y3**

PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 21st APR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 4 – 24 – 28 – 32

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €11,600

(3x€50 Winners): Arvy Piamante, Michael Fitzpatrick, Frances Sheerin.

(2x€50 Promoters): D. Mulligan & Bertha Murphy.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 21st APR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 17 – 22 – 32

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,600

(5x€20 Winners): Jack Feeney, Paddy Byrne, John Grogan, Con Coffey, Dan Reilly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tue, 28th Apr in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers is €5,120, Double Number €1,440, Lotto €2,100 & Bonus Ball €1,400. All welcome.

*May troubles be less and blessings be more,
and nothing but happiness come to your door.
May winds be at your back and sun be overhead;
and may friends be at your side wherever you are led.*

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 19th APR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 12 – 15 – 23 – 32

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Davey Byrne, Dave McDonagh, Michael O'Donoghue, Sinead Ryan & Tommy Walsh.

Promoters: Muireann McGhee & Brendan Macken.

Thank you for your continued support.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday – also known as Vocations Sunday. Our primary vocation is to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, so that when he whispers to us in prayer, silence and through the witness of others, we will hear his voice and follow his call. On this day we are especially asked, first of all, to pray that the Church may have priests and religious who will be good shepherds, who spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are also asked to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our Diocese and the country.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 25 th Apr	6pm	Emilie Lynam, The Paddocks (7 th Anniv) Eugene O'Sullivan, Laragh (Anniv) & remembering his wife Sarah & all deceased family members Mary Sullivan, The Courtyard (Anniv)
Sun, 26 th Apr	9am	Oliver Grehan (Anniv) & remembering his wife Susan Micéal Hughes (9 th Anniv)
	12 noon	Brigid Bright, Courtown Road (M.M.)
Mon, 27 th Apr	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 28 th Apr	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 29 th Apr	10am	Oliver Patrick Byrne (8 th Anniv)
Thu, 30 th Apr	10am	
Fri, 1 st May	10am	
Sat, 2 nd May	6pm	Fred Gibbon Snr., Laragh (Anniv) & remembering his wife Maura; Freddie Gibbons Jnr (Anniv) & remembering his wife Catherine & all deceased members of the Gibbons family Pat McFadden (15 th Anniv) & remembering his wife Mary (5 th Anniv) Mary O'Keeffe, Highfield Park (16 th Anniv) Cáóimhé Mullally (17 th Anniv)
Sun, 3 rd May	9am	
	12 noon	Susan McArdle, Courtown Rd (2 nd Anniv & 90 th Birthday Remembrance); remembering her husband Joe

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 26 th Apr	10.30am	Tadhg & Ann Walsh (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Walsh & Tyrell families Baby Charlie Deegan (5 th Anniv) Joe & Sheila Mullally (Anniv) Bob Needham (54 th Anniv) & remembering his wife Ciss; Tom Halligan (Birthday Remembrance) & remembering his brother Peter & Alice & Bill Garry
Wed, 29 th Apr	11am	Adoration
Sun, 3 rd May	10.30am	

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Dev. Fund: 18th/19th Apr: €1,620.00; Offertory Collection: €1,890.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!