

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
EASTER SUNDAY – 5th APR 2026

Responsorial Psalm: *This day was made by the Lord;
We rejoice and are glad!*

PARISH DIARY

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you, our parishioners, a very Happy Easter.

Easter Collection for Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued support – please use envelope from your Dev. Box or take a white envelope from the back of the Church.

There is **NO Lotto** on Tues, 7th April.

Parish Office is closed for the week of 6th April, normal service will resume on Mon, 13th April.

There will be **NO BULLETIN** next weekend, all mass intentions for week of 13th April are included in this edition.

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.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Mick Ó Murchú, Aisling Bracken, Helen Noonan & Patsai Uí Chatháin; Sun 9am – Ray Manning & Dermot Sheehan; & 12 noon – Willie Hughes.

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.

A THOUGHT FOR EASTER 2026....

“The Mass of Chrism reminds us of our calling, a calling that is rooted in our baptism. All of us are, as this year’s Confirmation theme runs. “Loved, Chosen, Necessary.” Baptism allows us all to belong and the synod Synthesis reminds us **belonging** is critical to our faith journey. Every one of you attending this Chrism mass in the Cathedral this night is needed in our Church. Lay Pastoral Ministers do not replace the clergy. Lay Pastoral Ministers do not replace the faithful already immersed in the life of their parish. The clergy do not replace the call of every baptised person. The Church of Kildare & Leighlin needs everyone”. (*Chrism Homily, 2026*)

May each one of you grow to realise the profound calling that is your baptism this Easter and may your Easter be filled with light, peace and joy.

*Every blessing,
Bishop Denis+*

EASTER SUNDAY

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

This is our Passover: the night of nights; the feast of feasts. Let us celebrate and rejoice! To help our feelings catch up with our convictions, on this holy night we use fire and darkness and water, readings and songs to mark and to evoke the great events of our salvation. We bring to the feast whatever is "dark" in our own lives, whatever is in need of light and healing. As the angel said, there is no need to be afraid. Like the women at the tomb, may we go away filled with awe and great joy. On this most holy and sacred night, MAY THE RISEN LORD COME TO MEET US.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Details in today's Gospel encourage us to think of the resurrection as the gift of God's love. The cloth around Jesus' head-so carefully mentioned-takes us back to the raising of Lazarus and the words of the witnesses, "See how he loved him!" (Jn 11:36). It is the disciple whom Jesus loved who first comes to faith. In a word, coming to resurrection faith is a movement of the heart, that is, letting ourselves be so loved by God and loving in return.

Life is very short, so break your silly EGOs, forgive quickly, believe slowly, love truly, laugh loudly and never avoid anything that makes you smile.

BLESSING FOR EASTER SUNDAY

*In the glorious Easter story
a troubled world can find blessed reassurance
and enduring peace of mind.*

*For though we grow discouraged
in this world we're living in,
there is comfort just in knowing
God has triumphed over sin.*

*For our Saviour's Resurrection
was God's way of telling men
that in Christ we are eternal
and in Him we live again.*

*And to know life is unending
and God's love is endless, too,
makes our daily tasks and burdens
so much easier to do.*

*For the blessed Easter story
of Christ the living Lord,
makes our earthly sorrow nothing
when compared with this reward.*

PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 31st MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 6 – 15 – 16 – 34

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €11,400

(3x€50 Winners): Christopher Timmons, Altar Society Ladies, Kevin Duff.

(2x€50 Promoters): B. Pidgeon & R. Duff.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 31st MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 12 – 27 – 32

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,300

(5x€20 Winners): Ronan Mullally, Rebecca Duff, Liam McDonnell, Damien Maxwell, Bernie O'Donoghue.

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. For more information, please contact Pat on 086 8778566.

Graigucullen Bingo on Tue, 7th Apr in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers is €4,730, Double Number €1,230, Lotto €1,950 & Bonus Ball €1,250. All welcome.

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 29th MAR. 2026

Lotto Nos. 7 – 13 – 23 – 31

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: AnneMarie Lynch, Ger Furlong, Ash Lynam, Barry Gallagher, Derek & Bridget.

Promoters: Mark Gannon, John Ryan.

Thank you for your continued support.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 4 th Apr	9pm	EASTER VIGIL MASS
Sun, 5 th Apr	9am	EASTER SUNDAY
	12 noon	EASTER SUNDAY
Mon, 6 th Apr	12 noon	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 7 th Apr	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 8 th Apr	10am	
Thu, 9 th Apr	10am	Christina O'Rourke (Anniv); remembering her husband Thomas, her daughters & sons, her grandson Paul & her son-in-law Gerry Canning (Recently Deceased)
Fri, 10 th Apr	10am	Patsy O'Connor, Highfield Park (M.M.)
Sat, 11 th Apr	6pm	Brigid "Brid" Bright, Highfield Park (4 th Anniv) & remembering Joseph & Mary Bright Vincent Moloney (7 th Anniv) Maureen Fagan, Highfield Park (20 th Anniv) Marie Devine (Anniv) Ann Lynch (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members
Sun, 12 th Apr	9am	
	12 noon	Jim Leonard, Connaught St. (2 nd Anniv) & remembering his wife Margaret Tom Burke, Courtown Park (30 th Anniv) Bridgie Bright, Courtown Road (Recently Deceased)
Mon, 13 th Apr	12 noon	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 14 th Apr	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 15 th Apr	10am	
Thu, 16 th Apr	10am	
Fri, 17 th Apr	10am	
Sat, 18 th Apr	6pm	Aidan O'Rourke, Royal Meadows (10 th Anniv); & Billy Fitzpatrick, Chambers Park (Anniv)
Sun, 19 th Apr	9am	
	12 noon	Mary Farrington, Boycetown (1 st Anniv) & remembering her parents James & Mollie Desmond & Marie Johnson (Anniv) & remembering their son Leo & deceased members of the Johnson & Gannon families Pat & Anne McLoughlin (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Masterson family Ita O'Looney (Anniv); & Mieczyslaw Grabaz (Recently Deceased)

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 5 th Apr	6am	DAWN MASS AT CAPPAGH GAA
	10.30am	Frank Condron (Anniv)
Sun, 12 th Apr	10.30am	
Sun, 19 th Apr	10.30am	

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Dev. Fund: 28th/29th Mar: €1,760.00; Offertory Collection: €1,090.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!