

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – 17th MAY 2026

Entrance Antiphon: People of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, Alleluia

PARISH DIARY

We welcome all the *First Communion children from Scoil Choca Naofa & St. Joseph's* to our masses this Sunday.

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.

The annual collection for the *Retired Priests of the Diocese* will be taken up at all masses next weekend, 23rd/24th May.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Patsaí Uí Chathain; Sun 9am – Dermot Sheehan, 12 noon – Willie Hughes.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Join Bishop Denis Nulty & the Kildare & Leighlin Diocese - we are delighted to invite the parishioners of Kilcock and Newtown to join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and community at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sun, 7th June; Dep: 08:45am from in front of the Church, returning approx. 5pm. The day's itinerary is as follows: upon arrival, pilgrims will have personal time to explore the peaceful grounds of the Shrine. You are welcome to visit the various Chapels, Gift Shops, and Book Store. Avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Eucharistic adoration and rosary; attend the Main Mass Ceremonies at 2.30pm in the Basilica, followed by the Anointing of the Sick and a Procession.

"Via, Veritas, Vita"

Adults €20, U18s €15 - to reserve a seat, contact the Parish Office or call Philip Vesey on 085 168 1143.

Kilcock Heritage and Historical Society (KHHS) are looking for old photographs of Kilcock to include in an upcoming exhibition along with any artefacts/memorabilia of times past. We would also welcome the opportunity to conduct oral history interviews with older residents who would be happy to participate. Enquiries to kilcockheritage@gmail.com or alternatively please leave contact for details in to Nicola in Parish office regarding interviews. Photographs can also be dropped in to parish office in an envelope marked 'FAO KHHS' along with contact details to arrange return. Thank you in advance. for any assistance you can give us.

Fr. George
01 6287 448

Fr. Kolwani
01 6757 311

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD : HE IS WITH US

We could ask: 'how is the Risen Lord with us?' The New Testament and the Church tradition offer a rich array of "presences". Christ is present in the neighbour in need, in creation and wherever the disciples gather- '*wherever two or three are gathered in my name... There am, I in the midst of them*', in the word proclaimed, in the sacrament celebrated through the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we do not always feel this presence, but the words of Jesus are a guarantee that no matter what is going on in my life or my community or my Church, he is with us, our Emmanuel.

The Ascension of Christ means our own salvation as well; where the glorious Head has gone before the body is called to follow in hope. Let us therefore exult, beloved as is fitting, and let us rejoice in devout thanksgiving. For on this day not only have we been in our possession of paradise, but we have even entered heaven in the person of Christ; through his grace we have regained far more than we had lost through the devil's hatred.

UPCOMING CEMETERY MASSES

Wed, 3 rd June	St. Joseph's	7.30pm
Thu, 4 th June	Cloncurry	7.30pm
Fri, 5 th June	Newtown	7.30pm

A collection will be taken up at all of these Cemetery masses to help with the ongoing cost of the upkeep of the cemeteries. Many thanks for your continued support.

Where there are true friends, there is true wealth!

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Cooleragh & Staplestown, together with Kilcock & Newtown Parish, are doing a pilgrimage to Lourdes. We would travel out on Mon, 5th Oct. for 4 nights, returning on Fri, 9th Oct – staying in the Hotel Eliseo. Cost is €795 p.p. sharing (Half-board, - breakfast & dinner); €825 p.p. sharing (Full-board – breakfast, lunch & dinner); there is a single room supplement of €45 per night. Spiritual Director for our pilgrimage is Rev. Fr. John Brickley, P.P. Cooleragh & Staplestown.

If you are interested and considering coming on this pilgrimage, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office on 01 6287406 or Philip Vesey on 085 1681143.

Parish Office : 01 6287 406; info@kilcockandnewtownparish.ie.
Parish Shop : 01 6287 499 Mon – Fri : 10.30am – 12.30pm

PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 12th MAY. 2026

Lotto Nos. 1 – 2 – 13 – 24

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €11,900

(3x€50 Winners): Enda Gorman, Amy Devine, Noreen Mulligan.

(2x€50 Promoters): Brownes & B. McNally.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO - TUE, 12th MAY. 2026

Lotto Nos. 8 – 18 – 26

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,900

(5x€20 Winners): Robert Finn, Debbie Jennings, Michelle Smith, Ronan Mullally, Colm c/o Gormans.

Thank you for your continued support.

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 10th MAY. 2026

Lotto Nos. 24 – 25 – 27 – 30

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Barry Saunders, Niamh, Dave, Croía & Paulí, Marie McTernan, Una Magourty, Anorea McGrath.

Promoters: Michael McGINLEY & Brendan Macken.

Thank you for your continued support.

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tue, 19th May in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers is €5,510, Double Number €1,650, Lotto €2,250 & Bonus Ball €1,550. All welcome.

All Ireland Rosary Rally Day & Consecration of Ireland to Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sun, 6th Jun in Knock. Bus departs from the Square, Kilcock at 8am. Any persons interested in going, please phone **Cera on 086 8580229** to book your seat.

St. Mary's Parish Maynooth warmly invites you to their **Sensory Mass** on Sat, 23rd May 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. All welcome.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 16th May 6pm Elizabeth "Liz" Byrne, Mill Lane (1st Anniv) & remembering her husband Aidan; their daughters MaryEllen & Kerrie; her sister Barbara & her mother Maureen
John Smith (2nd Anniv)
Vivian Dowd (Anniv)
Joe & Hannah McDonnell (Anniv) & remembering their sons Gerald & Joseph

Sun, 17th May 9am **FIRST COMMUNION – SCOIL CHOCA NAOFA**

12 noon **FIRST COMMUNION – ST. JOSEPH'S**

Mon, 18th May 10am Shared Mass for the Living

Adoration – 10.30am-11.30am

Tue, 19th May 10am Shared Mass for the Deceased

Wed, 20th May 10am John & Breda Gorman (Anniv) & remembering all deceased members of the Gorman family
Con & Murt Tuohy (Anniv) & remembering their sister Norah
Adrienne Mooney (7th Anniv)
Fr. Paddy Norton (Anniv) & Special Intention

Thu, 21st May 10am

Fri, 22nd May 10am

Sat, 23rd May 6pm Sonny Murphy, Highfield Park (7th Anniv)

Sean Mulligan (8th Anniv)

John Browne & his wife Bina (Anniv) & remembering their daughter Emer Mallon (Anniv)

Sun, 24th May 9am Tony Lyons, Royal Meadows & formerly The Lion Bar (3rd Anniv)

12 noon **FIRST COMMUNION – SCOIL UÍ RIADA**

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 17th May 10.30am

Wed, 20th May 10am Funeral Mass of Margaret Clifford nee Grogan

Sun, 24th May 10.30am **FIRST COMMUNION – NEWTOWN NS AND TIERMOHAN NS**

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Dev. Fund: 9th/10th May: €1,453.00; Offertory Collection: €790.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475; Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!