

KILCOCK AND NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – 16th MAY 2021

A BLESSING

*May the God, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, strengthen and support you with his grace.
May he confirm your hearts in holiness and keep you blameless in his sight.
May he keep you steadfast in faith and courageous in witnessing to the Gospel.*

PARISH DIARY

Trocaire boxes can be left back at any of our masses in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support.

The **Retired Priests Collection** will be taken up at all masses next weekend, 22nd/23rd May - please use envelopes provided in your development box.

The Parish Shop will re-open on Mon. (17th) – Fri. from 10.30am to 12.30pm daily.

Parish Lotto – ideal gift for any occasion. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you for all the many ways you support us and our Parish – it is really appreciated.

Readers for this weekend – Sat 6pm – Helen Noonan; Sun 9am – Margaret Macken; 10.30am – Ray Manning; 12 noon – Paul Norris.

Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend – Sat 6pm - Breda Hopkins & Tom O’Doherty; Sun 9am – Dympna Deegan, Margaret Macken & Assumpta O’Brien; 10.30am – Patrick Richardson & Philomena Obasi; 12 noon – Christine Eloji & John Cullen.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Frank O’Malley (RIP), Ballymagillan Lane, Maynooth & Mary McFadden (RIP), mother of Joe, both of whom were buried during the week. May they rest in peace.

CONFUCIUS SAYS

To be great you must be mindful of nine things:

To **see** beyond where you look;
to **listen** beyond what you hear;
to be **gentle** in judgement;
to be **respectful** in manners;
to be **true** to your word;
to take **pride** in your work;
to **ask** when in doubt;
to think of the **consequences** when angry;
to think of **justice** and fairness when accepting a challenge.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The mystery of the ascension is as much about us as about Jesus. It shows us the goal of our earthly journey – we are meant to share the glory of Jesus. Let us call to mind the sins that cause us to stumble on the road to God’s glory. Jesus has not abandoned us. He is still with us, helping us in our struggles to follow him.

*Lord Jesus, you give us strength in times of weakness.
Lord, have mercy.*

You give us consolation in times of sorrow. Christ, have mercy.

You give us light in times of darkness. Lord, have mercy.

“Go, preach the Gospel to all nations.”

This was the farewell command of Christ.

He has no body now on earth but ours.

He has no hands but ours to feed the hungry.

No feet but ours to seek out the lost.

No ears but ours to comfort the sad.

No heart but ours to love the unloved.

Lord, take pity on us, your timid and fearful disciples;
give us the courage to witness you in the world,
so that the Gospel may be preached,
and people may find their way into your kingdom.

ASCENSION

This feast shows us the goal of our earthly journey. It is a goal that defies our imagination, and yet gives an eternal dimension to our lives. We know nothing of the mystery of the beyond. All we have are the words of Jesus: “Where I am, you will be too.”

When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she’d dye!

YOU’RE WORTH IT

Just think: the God of the universe willingly left the splendor of heaven, was born into poverty and died on a cruel cross for wayward humanity. Why? Because that’s how much you mean to him!

PARISH LOTTO – Tue, 11th May 2021

Lotto Nos. 11 – 12 – 21 – 22

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €14,100

(3x€50) Winners: Patrick Larkin, Annmarie Howlett, Babs Fitzpatrick.

Promoters (2x€50): Dympna Gorry, Maura Mahon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yearly/half-yearly lotto tickets make ideal gifts for any occasion.

The most important thing is to enjoy your life!

A CREED TO LIVE BY

Don't undermine your worth
by comparing yourself with others.

It is because we are different
that each of us is special.

Don't set your goals by what
other people deem important.

Only do what is best for you.

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart.

Cling to them as you would your life –
for without them life is meaningless.

Don't let life slip through your fingers
by living in the past or in the future.

By living your life one day at a time,
you live all days of your life.

Nancy Sims

*I got up early one morning
and rushed right in to the day;
I had so many things to accomplish
that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask."
I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on, grey and bleak,
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."
I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."
I woke up early this morning,
and paused before the entering the day,
I had so much to accomplish
that I had to take time to pray.*

Author Unknown

THE ORCHESTRA

*You are the notes, we are the flute
We are the mountain, you are the sounds coming down
We are the pawns and kings and rooks
We set on board; we win or we lose.
We are lions rolling and unrolling on flags.
Your invisible wind carries us through the world.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 15th May 6pm John O'Neill, Highfield Park (39th Anniv) & his wife Eileen (6th Anniv)

Sun, 16th May 9am
10.30am
12 noon

Mon, 17th May 10am Shared Mass for the Living

Tue, 18th May 10am Shared Mass for the Deceased

Wed, 19th May 10am Maria & Toni Cleary, The Square (Anniv)

Kitty Saultz (Anniv) & deceased members of the Saultz family

Thu, 20th May 10am Adrienne Mooney (2nd Anniv)

Fri, 21st May 10am

Sat, 22nd May 6pm Sonny Murphy, Highfield Park (2nd Anniv)

Sean Mulligan, Ballinakill (3rd Anniv)

Sun, 23rd May 9am

10.30am

12 noon

Helen Redmond nee Malone & her parents Peter & Mary Malone, Courtown Rd. (Anniv)

Adoration – after mass till 11.30am

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 16th May 10.30am Jack McLoughlin & Lilly Gannon (Anniv)

Bartle Maxwell (Anniv) & remembering his wife Lucy & deceased members of the Grogan & Maxwell families

Wed, 19th May 11-12 noon Eucharistic Adoration

Sun, 23rd May 10.30am Mary Walsh, Ovidstown (Anniv) & remembering her husband John and all deceased members of the Walsh & Keating families