

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

### PARISH DIARY

**Communion dates** are Sun, 12<sup>th</sup> May @ 10.30am in the Church of the Nativity, Newtown for **Tiermohan NS**; on Sun, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9am in St. Coca's Church for **St. Joseph's NS**; at 10.30am in the Church of the Nativity, Newtown for **Newtown NS** & at 12 noon in St Coca's Church for **Scoil Choca Naofa** and on Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> May @ 12 noon in St. Coca's Church for **Scoil Ui Riada**.

**Readers for this weekend:** Sat 6pm – Grainne McCormack, Sun 9am – Philomena Obasi & 12 noon – Willie Hughes.

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

### IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Michael Rogers Snr. (RIP), Knocknatulla, who has died and whose funeral will take place to St. Joseph's Cemetery after 2pm mass on Sun, 28<sup>th</sup> Apr. We also ask prayers for Breda Byrne (RIP), wife of Ger, formerly Bridge St., who died in Lucan and who was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery on Tuesday last. May they rest in peace.

### GRATEFUL THANKS

Fr. Sean O'Leary from the Missionaries of Africa/White Fathers would like to thank you, the parishoners of Kilcock & Newtown, for welcoming him to masses on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Apr. The sum of €1,347 was collected – so again, a very large "Thank You" to you all.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Shamrock Car & Machinery Club are holding their annual show at The Hamlet Court Hotel, Johnstownbridge on Mon, 6<sup>th</sup> May. Registration begins at 11am; free gift for exhibitors and all proceeds in aid of local charities. Attractions on the day include Vintage cars, tractors, bikes, etc.; live music and dancing, threshing and baling demonstration; fun dog show; childrens amusements; BBQ & full hotel restaurant and bar facilities; autojumble and various stalls and large model diorama (contact Ned). Traders strictly by appointment only. For further details, contact Ned – 086 3847889; Stephen – 087 2709206 or Pat – 087 6967976.

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### The Vine and the Branches

There is no such thing as a solitary Christian. Every Christian is linked to Christ and to all other Christians. This is clear from the words of Jesus: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

This is a beautiful image of closeness and interdependence. But it is also a challenging one. Alas, we sometimes forget the Lord, ignore others and live for ourselves.

*Lord Jesus, you are the vine, we are the branches.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Separated from you and from one another our lives become barren.*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*But, united with you and with one another our lives become fruitful.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Lord, we thank you for the bond you formed with us,  
and for the bond that exists between us  
because of our union with you.*

*Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches  
to share with one another.*

*Grant that we may never be separated from you,  
so that we may produce in the world  
the fruits of faith, hope and love.*

**May you be fruitful branches of Christ, the true Vine.  
May your love not be mere words but something real and active.  
May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness so that you may  
be blameless in his sight.**

### POSITIVE HABITS OF MINDFUL PEOPLE

**Curiosity Habit:** Approach everyday things with curiosity – and savour them.

**Forgiveness Habit:** Forgive their mistakes – big or small. We have all made mistakes for which we want to be forgiven.

**Gratitude Habit:** Show gratitude for good moments – and grace for bad ones – and gratitude that we are alive for both.

**Compassion Habit:** Practice compassion and nurture connections and relatedness with all living creatures.

**Peace Habit:** Make peace with imperfection – inside and out.

**Vulnerability Habit:** Embrace vulnerability by trusting others – and ourselves.

**Acceptance Habit:** Accept – and appreciate – that things come and go – like the breath.

## PARISH LOTTO – TUE, 23<sup>rd</sup> APR '24

Lotto Nos. 15 – 22 – 25 – 34

**NO Winner**                      **Next Jackpot: €18,000**

**(3x€50) Winners:** Nuala O'Brien, Maeve McSweeney, Brendan Leonard.

**(2x€50) Promoters:** Una Gannon & Roma Walsh.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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

## CAPPAGH LOTTO – TUE, 23<sup>rd</sup> APR '24

Lotto Nos. 8 – 13 – 28

**NO Winner**                      **Next Jackpot: €1,900**

**(5x€20) Winners:** Ronan Mullally, Audrey Rouse, Amy Carter, Clare Houlihan & Des Houlihan.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

*It is never too late to change direction!*

## GAA LOTTO – SUN, 21<sup>st</sup> APR '24

Lotto Nos. 7 – 10 – 29 – 32

**NO Winner**                      **Next Jackpot: €17,600**

**(5x€25) Winners:** Postman Pat, Zoe, Jack & Erin, Louise Scanlon, Jim Ryan, James Greville.

**Promoters:** Mark Gannon & Ellen Cahalin.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

*The annual Church Gate Collection for **Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland** takes place at all masses this weekend, 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April. Please give generously.*

***Clane & Staplestown Indoor Bowls Club** are hosting an **"Open Night"** on Mon, 29<sup>th</sup> Apr. in St. Kevin's GAA Hall, Eircode W91 Y653 at 8pm. Stay for refreshments and a chat after watching our club in action. New members welcome.*

***Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** – Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishoners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sun, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica. All welcome.*

***Bingo** in Community Centre, Coill Dubh on Sun, 12<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. All proceeds go to the Parish. All welcome.*

***Junior Einsteins Kildare** are hosting a Summer Science Camp in St. Coca's Scout Hall on Mon, 19<sup>th</sup> July for one week from 9am-2pm. Booking is available through the website <https://junioreinsteinscienceclub.com/kildare>.*

*Never forget that you are one of a kind.*

*Never forget that if there weren't any need for you, in all your uniqueness, to be on this earth, you wouldn't be here in the first place.*

*And never forget, no matter how overwhelming life's challenges and problems seem to be, that one person can make a difference in the world.*

*In fact, it is always because of one person that all the changes that matter in the world come about. So be that one person.*

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

### St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6pm	Jimmy Cumiskey (M.M.) Mary O'Keeffe, Highfield Park (Anniv) Acknowledgement Mass from family of the late Stephen Sweeney
Sun, 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9am	Thomas & Annie Yallop, Hortland (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members
	12 noon	Michael "Mick" Hughes, Branganstown (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
Mon, 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10am	Shared Mass for the Living
Tue, 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	10am	Colette McDonagh (Recently Deceased)
Thu, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	10am	
Fri, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10am	John & Breda Gorman, formerly New Road (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members
Sat, 4 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm	Tom, Mary, Sean & Alan Fay, Courtown Road (Anniv) Pat & Mary McFadden (Anniv)
Sun, 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	
	12 noon	

**ADORATION 10.30am-11.30am**

### Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.30am	Jim O'Brien (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) & remembering his wife Angela (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) and his sister Bidy (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Bob Needham (52 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv) & remembering his wife Ciss, Tom Halligan (Birthday Remembrance) & his brother Peter Halligan; Alice & Bill Garry, Baby Tom Fahy; Pat Fahy & Debbie Cox Mark O'Brien (Birthday Remembrance)
Wed, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	11am	Adoration
Sun, 5 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Bartle & Lucy Maxwell (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members Vera Errity (Birthday Remembrance)