

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### PARISH DIARY

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

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

**Kilcock & Newtown Parish Lotto** is an ideal Christmas gift with the chance to win a Jackpot of €10,000 – €18,000. 3 Mths. cost €25; 6 Mths. €50 and Yearly €100. For details, contact Nicola in the Parish Office.

**DTIM Mass** Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm St Coca's for Scoil Choca Naofa and Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Newtown Church - Newtown School.

Best of luck to Kilcock ladies football team playing Donegal in the Semi-final on Saturday.

### THE GIVING TREE – CHRISTMAS 2024

This year we will work with vouchers to help local families in our Parish. Please put vouchers/donations in envelope marked "Giving Tree" and drop into the Parish Office. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

As we have already mentioned, we will also help Fr. Tim, who visited us this year. Fr. Tim is originally from England. When he felt called to the vocation of Priesthood, he was interested in Missionary work. He volunteered to be ordained as a Diocesan Priest and he works in the Diocese of Hwange, Zimbabwe (where Fr. Kolwani comes from).

For the last 40 years working there, he has since built several churches and has been doing a lot of charity work in the community to help lift the local people out of their poverty with the help of different people. A little help towards Fr. Tim's envelope this Christmas will go a long way to help the poor in Hwange.

If you wish to help, please put your donations in an envelope with Fr. Tim's name on it and drop into the Parish Office.

**Prayer for Renewed Faith and Hope:** "Dear God, I come before You with a heavy heart, seeking a renewal of my faith and hope. Help me to see the possibilities that lie ahead and trust in Your divine purpose for my life. May Your hope shine brightly in my heart and guide my steps. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

**Christmas Stock now available in the Parish Shop. The Shop will open for the 3 Saturday's of Dec -7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Come in and have a browse.**

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Today we begin the Liturgical Year. In the course of this year, the Church retells the story of our salvation, a story that is centered on Christ.*

*We are journeying towards the Kingdom of God in the footsteps of Jesus.*

*The season of Advent gives us an opportunity to make a new beginning.*

*Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world.*

*Lord have mercy.*

*You are the hope of our lives.*

*Christ have mercy.*

*You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to everlasting life.*

*Lord have mercy.*

### REFLECTION

Advent is a season of hope

It would be hard to exaggerate the value of hope.

It is said that while there is life there is hope.

This has an even deeper meaning in reverse:

While there is hope there is life.

As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible.

It is the task of Christians to keep hope alive in the world.

Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope

For the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

In the final analysis, he is our hope.



Give blood, save lives. Support your local blood clinic!

#We Count OnYou

Kilcock GAA Sports Centre, Kilcock

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

3:45pm – 8:00pm

## PARISH LOTTO – TUE, 26<sup>th</sup> NOV '24

Lotto Nos. 12-16-24-27

**NO Winner**                      **Next Jackpot: €10,500**

**(3x€50) Winners:** Caroline Kelly, Brigid Duff, Noel Higgins (Yearly).

**(2x€50) Promoters:** Garry White, Bridget McSweeney.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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

**Clane & Rathcoffey Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Siena** – fully escorted group pilgrimage from 31<sup>st</sup> Mar to 7<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025, cost is €1,499 p.p.s. (€450 single room supplement). The group will be accompanied by Fr. Paul O'Boyle. For more details, contact the office on 045 861393.

## CAPPAGH LOTTO – TUE, 26<sup>th</sup> NOV '24

Lotto Nos. 3-26-33

**NO Winner**                      **Next Jackpot: €5,000**

**(5x€20) Winners:** Bernie O'Donogue, Laura Cullen, Derek & Laura Grogan, Alan & Kevin Duff, Tina Piper.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## GAA LOTTO – SUN, 24<sup>th</sup> NOV '24

Lotto Nos. 9 – 15 – 18– 29

**NO Winner**                      **Next Jackpot: €20,100**

**(5x€25) Winners:** Nicola Kiely, Laura, Jay & Boys, Ger Kiely, Eoin Haugh, Fehin Kerr.

**Promoters:** Brendan Macken, John Ryan.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

*“The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.”*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6pm	Kathleen Lynch (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv) & James Lynch (Anniv) Jim Rochfort, Connaught St. (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Margaret O'Neill, Courtown Road (Birthday Remembrance)
Sun, 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9am	Teresa Monaghan (Anniv) & her late husband Thomas who died this time last year & all deceased members of the Fields family Rita Farrelly, Liam & daughter Anne, Peter Byrne, John Byrne & James Byrne
	12 noon	Cathy Carr, Courtown Park (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) Seamus & Bridie Daly (Anniv) Michael Mulhall, Duncreevan (Anniv) & remembering his wife Maura (Birthday Remembrance)
Mon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Living <b><u>ADORATION 10.30am-11.30am</u></b>
Tue, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased
Wed, 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am	Murt Tuohy (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv) & Tom Bonney (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
Thu, 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am	
Sat, 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm	DTIM Scoil Choca Naofa Phil Malone (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv) Danny & Carmel Gleeson, Highfield (Anniv) Kathleen & Mick Campbell & remembering Annie & Maureen (Anniv)
Sun, 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am	
	12 noon	Tony Christian (M.M) Jimmy Dwyer (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv) Gretta Flynn (Anniv) & remembering her husband Larry & deceased members of the Flynn & Hayden family Juriz Bartosko, Inga Korsakiene, Cheslov Bartosko, Cheslov Michalovskiz (Anniv)

### Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10.30am	Donal Houlihan, Hortland (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members Christopher & Margaret Murray, Cappagh (Anniv) Kathleen Grogan (Anniv)
Wed, 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11am	Adoration
Sun, 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	DTIM Newtown Mick Crowe, Newtown House & remembering all deceased members of the Crowe Family

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund – 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Nov Nov 2024: €1,615.00; Offertory Collection: €800.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!