

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 12th JAN 2025

PARISH DIARY

We welcome the children from *Scoil Choca Naofa* to our 6pm Saturday mass in St. Coca's and the children from *Tiermohan* to our 10.30am Sunday mass in Newtown as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

Adoration will continue on Mondays in St. Coca's Church from 10.30am-11.30am and on Thursday evenings.

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm – Philomena Obasi, Sun 9am – John Cullen & 12 noon – Kulli Adamberg.

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

A POSITIVITY POTION

A smidgen of wisdom.

A dash of love.

A sprinkle of acceptance.

A feather of hope.

A pinch of luck.

A handful of self-love.

A sliver of inspiration.

A helping of generosity.

A splash of joy.

A sprig of truth.

A hint of gratitude.

Let them simmer together - and inhale the aroma that permeates the air.

*Consult not your fears,
but your hopes and dreams.*

*Think not about your frustrations,
but about your unfilled potential.*

*Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in,
But what is still possible for you to do!*

Pope John XXIII

One should always play fair when one has the winning cards!

Oh, how I love the dreamers of the world.

The people who dream impossibly big,

bold, beautiful dreams

are the ones who have the vision

and imagination to see

a beautiful future,

and thus have the power to shape it

– and change the world.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the identity of Jesus our Lord: he whom we follow is the one who is the beloved Son of the Father, and the one who is uniquely empowered by the Spirit. This is the great mystery of faith: Jesus is not just some teacher of wisdom or some guide to a happy or holy life, he is the one with whom the Father is well-pleased, and he brings us into the presence of the Father and sends his Spirit among us. We can gather here now for the Eucharist because the Spirit is giving us divine life, Jesus is in our midst, and so we stand and offer our thanks to the Father.

Lord Jesus, at your baptism John recognised you as the Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, at your baptism heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon you in the shape of a dove.

Christ, have mercy.

*Lord Jesus, at your baptism the Father's voice was heard:
"You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you."*

Lord, have mercy.

*When Jesus comes to be baptized,
He leaves the hidden years behind.*

*The years of safety and of peace
to bear the sins of all mankind.*

*The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
anoints the Christ to suffering.*

*To preach the word, to free the bound,
and to the mourner, comfort bring.*

*He will not quench the dying flame,
and what is bruised he will not break.*

*But heal the wound injustice dealt,
and out of death his triumph make.*

Life isn't tied with a bow. But it is still a gift!

*Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized
in the River Jordan,
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

AMEN

PARISH LOTTO – TUE, 7th JAN 2025

NO LOTTO DUE TO BAD WEATHER
CONDITIONS –

DOUBLE DRAW NEXT WEEK.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

*If you dream it, you can do it.
If you believe it, you can be it!*

Adult Art Classes in Staplestown Hall, Donadea – painting & sketching from Mon, 13th Jan 10.30am-12.30pm & 7pm-9pm and on Wed, 15th Jan 10.30am-12.30pm. All levels welcome – a friendly and relaxed space where we explore different paint mediums. Call Joan on 085 8466020 for details.

CAPPAGH LOTTO – TUE, 7th JAN 2025

Lotto Nos. 16 – 26 – 33

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €900

(Vouchers) Winners: Ronan Mullally, Hilda, Donnacha O'Brien, Jane McAadoo & Kathleen O'Donoghue.

Thank you for your continued support.

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 5th JAN 2025

Lotto Nos. 9 – 10 – 21 – 30

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Brendan Macken, Eva Sheridan, Marie McTernan, Mossy Maher & Brigida Duff.

Promoters: Mark Gannon, James Byrne.

Thank you for your continued support.

I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes.

Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world.

You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.

So that's my wish for you, and for all of us, and my for myself.

Make New Mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before.

Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life. Whatever it is you're scared of doing, do it. Make your mistakes, this year and forever.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 11 th Jan	6pm	Do This In Memory – Scoil Choca Naofa	
Sun, 12 th Jan	9am	Mary Montgomery (27 th Anniv) & remembering her husband Jim	
	12 noon	Elizabeth "Betty" Morrin, Belgard (2 nd Anniv), remembering her husband Harry & daughter Helen Mary & Cathal Daly (Anniv)	
		Matthew Collins, Highfield Park (Anniv)	
Mon, 13 th Jan	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<u>ADORATION 10-30am-11.30am</u>
Tue, 14 th Jan	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 15 th Jan	10am	Esther "Essie" Brady, Highfield Park (Anniv)	
		Ernie Lynam (Anniv)	
Thu, 16 th Jan	10am	Nicholas Treacy (12 th Anniv)	
Fri, 17 th Jan	10am		
Sat, 18 th Jan	6pm	Do This In Memory – St. Joseph's	
		Anna O'Brien, Highfield Park (M.M.)	
		Br Liam Nolan (1 st Anniv)	
		Mary McGearty, Connaught St. (2 nd Anniv)	
		Maura Gibbons, Laragh (Anniv) & remembering her son Freddie & all deceased family members	
Sun, 19 th Jan	9am		
	12 noon	Carmel Lavelle (2 nd Anniv) & remembering her husband Padraig Patrick "Paddy" Kiely, Connaught St. (Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 12 th Jan	10.30am	Do This in Memory – Tiermohan	
		John Grogan (Anniv) & remembering his daughter Kathleen Norton	
Wed, 15 th Jan	11am	Adoration	
Sun, 19 th Jan	10.30am	Do This in Memory – Newtown	
		John Mannion (Anniv)	
		Joe & Brigid Harris (Anniv) & remembering all deceased family members	

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund – 4th/5th Jan 2025: €1,902.00; Offertory Collection: €1,750.00. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475; Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!