

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 30th MAR 2025

PARISH DIARY

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm Ashling Bracken –; Sun 9am John Tighe – & 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.

Congratulations to all the children from our schools who celebrated their Confirmation last Saturday.

Healing Mass March 29th 2pm Church of the Nativity Newtown.

THANK YOU

Jane, Seamus, Marion and family of L'Horizon wish to thank all in the Community for the wonderful support and custom over the years.

We are lucky to have made many great friends and really enjoyed our time in the shop. We miss all of the friendly faces but look forward to meeting you all around the town.

Thanks for joining us and all of the kindness, generosity, prayers and the well wishes shown to us over our final weeks and days in the shop. It's a big change for us but we're looking forward to all the future has in store for us all please God.

“GOD’S MASTERPIECE”

*God took the fragrance of a flower,
The majesty of a tree,
The gentleness of morning dew,
The calm of a quiet sea.*

*The beauty of the twilight hour,
The soul of a starry night,
The laughter of a rippling brook,
The grace of a bird in flight.*

*Then God fashioned from these things,
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was through,
He called it simply - Mother.*

by Herbert Farnham

Kildare Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage Kildare Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place Sep 24th to Sept. 29th 2025. People wishing to travel can avail of our savings club. Monies can be paid in after Sunday masses, 10 & 12 am in the Carmelite church, committee members will be on duty. Contact: Esther 087 6732848/Martin 087 2553582

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you” – so said the prodigal son whose story we hear in today’s Gospel. At the start of this Eucharist we are invited to call to mind our sins, which means we are invited to make our own the words and the sentiments of the prodigal son. Fortunately, God is prodigal with his forgiveness.

The prodigal son came home empty-handed. He had no trophies to show his father, no achievements with which to earn his praise, his welcome and his love. He was a failure. Worse – he was a sinner. He deserved to be punished - and he knew it. Yet punishment was the last thing he needed. To punish him would be like pouring water on a dying fire. What happened? When the father saw his lost son come towards him, his heart went out to him, and next minute they were in each other’s arms. It is an extraordinary experience to be loved in one’s sinfulness. Such love is like a breeze to a dying fire, or rain falling on parched ground. Those who have experienced this kind of love, know something about the heart of God.

A MOTHERS DAY PRAYER TO HONOR AND BLESS MAMS

Heavenly Father, I speak this prayer to you now in gratitude and praise for the gift of mothers. My mother, those of my friends, relatives, those I’ll never know, all mothers. Thank you for the role they play in the family unit. Thank you for their teachings, wisdom, patience, and understanding. Thank you for the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts they possess.

I pray that you help mothers all across the world to be a blessing to their children. Whether delivering affirmation or discipline, I pray that you help every word and action to be done in love. And I pray that children worldwide will take time to honor their mothers and that you will show them how to do so uniquely.

I pray that these mothers also act as a blessing beyond their households, reaching into their extended families, communities, churches, and schools. I pray that the impact of motherhood is revered throughout society and that these women are acknowledged for their everyday impact on the world. May you guide each of them into fulfilling their purpose here on Earth. Amen.

Kilcock Men’s Shed “Voices of the Shed” – an evening of music, stories, and celebration, featuring the Men’s Shed Choir and Suso Refired Choir this Sunday, March 30th at 6pm in St Coca;s Church. Tickets are €15 and available at the door (€10 for unwaged, pensioners, students, and children). All proceeds go to the Men’s Shed. Support the men, Shed. Support the men, support our community.

PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 25th MAR 2025

Lotto Nos. 5-12-15-31

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €12,000

(3x€50) Winners: Frances Fagan (Yearly (, Anne Devine, Martin Saultsz.

(2x€50) Promoters: Anne Devine, John Montague.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Adult Art Classes in Staplestown Hall, Donadea – Art for Adults on Monday mornings, 10.30am-12.30pm & evenings 7pm-9pm. All levels welcome. Enjoy painting in a friendly and relaxing environment with small groups, have a chat & a cuppa. Try sketching, acrylics, watercolours & oils. Call Joan on 085 8466020 for details.

Solemn Novena – Monasterevin Takes place in Saints Peter and Paul Church, Monasterevin over 5 nights, commencing on Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April 2025 at 7.30 p.m. There will be a number of guest speakers over the 5 nights including Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin and Bishop Paul Dempsey, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin.

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 23rd MAR 2025

Lotto Nos. 2-4-7-11

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Denis Fagan, Willie Malone, Michelle O Connor, Martin Delaney, Una Magourty.

(2x promoters) Ellen Cahalin, Bridget McSweeney.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO – TUE, 25th MAR 2025

Lotto Nos. 15-22-30

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,500

5 x €20 Winners Tony & Seam, Dora Grogan, Hazel Mulligan, Ena O Hora, Paul Sweeney.

Thank you for your continued support.

GIVEBLOOD Support your local blood clinic!

Kilcock GAA Sports Centre, Kilcock Monday 7TH April, 2025 3:45pm – 8:00pm Give blood, save lives.

Call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 1st April, St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €2390 Double number €880 Lotto €650

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 29 th Mar	6pm	Raymond Lynch (M.M) James Cumiskey (1 st Anniv)	
Sun, 30 th Mar	9am	Betty Lynch (5 th Anniv)	
	12 noon	Darina Brien (M.M) Marie Cahalin, Clonfert (1 st Anniv) & her husband Paddy Cahalin & their daughter Finola Mark Fowler and his Dad Seamus & remembering deceased family members Brian Taylor (6 th Anniv)	
Mon, 31 st Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<u>ADORATION 10.30am-11.30am</u>
Tue, 1 st Apr	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 2 nd Apr	10am	James Lube (Anniv) and remembering his son Joseph and wife Mary Francis	
Thu, 3 rd Apr	10am		<u>ADORATION 6.30pm – 7.30pm</u>
Fri, 4 th Apr	10am		
Sat, 5 th Apr	6pm	Paddy Fitzsimons (M.M) Maureen Fagan (Anniv) Marie Devine (Anniv) John & Margaret O'Neill (Anniv)& their sons Tim & Francis and Mary also remembering John Barrett & Garry Byrne & great great granddaughter Emily Barrett, also remembering Kit Dignam recently deceased Mick & Kate Ward (Anniv) Nerijus Garbenis (1 st Anniv) Eugene O'Sullivan, Laragh(Anniv) & remembering his wife Sarah & deceased family members	
Sun 6 th Apr	9am		
	12 noon		

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 30 th Mar	10.30am	Delia Walsh (Anniv) & remembering her husband John Nicholas & Teresa Butler (Anniv)
Wed, 2 nd Apr	11am	Adoration
Sun, 6 th Apr	10.30am	

Kilcock & Newtown Parish Development Fund €1633.00 15th/16th Mar: €967.00 Offertory Collection: €. Thanks to all who contributed, collected and counted. Kilcock & Newtown Benevolent Fund: A/C 4475: Kilcock Credit Union. All donations welcome!