

KILCOCK & NEWTOWN PARISH BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 23rd MAR 2025

PARISH DIARY

Readers for this weekend: Sat 6pm –Helen Noonan; Sun 9am Dermot Sheehan– & 12 noon – Fiona Loxley.

Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend - Sat 6pm - Joe McFadden & Michael Minogue; Sun 9am – Margaret Macken & Dermot Sheehan & 12 noon – Claire Dunne & Mary Forde.

Congratulations to our students from Scoil Uí Riada, Newtown, Tiermohan, St Joseph's and Scoil Choca Naofa Schools who made their Confirmation 22nd of March.

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

On the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C, the Gospel reading from Luke 13:1-9 teaches that suffering and evil are not punishments from God. Jesus uses recent tragic events to explain that bad things happen, but they are not a result of sin. He urges us to stay in a right relationship with God, repent, and bear fruit in our lives.

When we encounter suffering, we should take action if possible, forgive others, and seek God's help to turn our sorrow into something good for His Kingdom. This lesson helps us understand how to respond to suffering with faith and compassion.

IN MEMORIAM

We remember in our prayers Gerry Kidd, whose funeral took place during the week. May he rest in peace.

DAFFODIL DAY 2025

Daffodil Day Takes Place This Friday, March 28th, and our volunteers will be collecting at various locations around the town. Please support this worthy cause.

• Lenten Retreat in Daily Life, Encountering Hope, Clane and Rathcoffey Parish

The Lenten Retreat takes place from Sunday 23rd March to Friday 28th March 2025.

This retreat offers you an opportunity to do something special for yourself and your family during Lent. Through Prayer and Scriptures, you will find help to understand in a deeper way the greatness of God's love for you.

You can meet a Prayer Guide each day from Monday 24th to Friday 28th of March at a time that is convenient to you and reflect together on your search for God in the bits and pieces of your daily life.

There is no charge for the retreat but donations, however small, will be welcome.

There will be an opening meeting on Sunday 23rd March at 7pm and a closing session on Friday 28th March at 8pm, both in Clane Parish Centre.

PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, Come to Me in Confirmation,
Bless me with knowledge to know right from wrong,
Courage to stand up and be strong,
Understanding to follow God's way,
Reverence to worship and pray,
Right judgement to enlighten and guide me,
Wisdom to feel your presence beside me,
And Wonder and Awe always to marvel at the greatness
of God.
AMEN

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.

It isn't the things you do, It's the things you leave
undone, which give you a little heartache
At the setting of the sun.
The gentle word forgotten, the letter you didn't write;
the flowers you might have sent, are your haunting
ghosts tonight.
The stone you might have lifted Out of your brother's
way; The little heart-felt counsel
You were hurried too much to say.
The tender touch of hand,
The gentle and kindly tone; Which we have no time or
thought for, With troubles enough of our own

PARISH LOTTO –TUE, 18th MAR 2025

Lotto Nos. 4-13-15-20

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €11,900

(3x€50) Winners: Sarah Walsh, Newtown Choir, Helen & Saoirse.

(2x€50) Promoters: Bridget Pidgeon, Bridget Healy.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

GAA LOTTO – SUN, 16 TH MAR 2025

Lotto Nos. 11-16-19-23

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €20,000

(5x€25) Winners: Willie Malone, Sean & Charlie, Kevin Behan, Brian Connaughton, Sonny Boyd.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAPPAGH LOTTO – TUE, 11th MAR 2025

Lotto Nos. 2 -8 -22

NO Winner

Next Jackpot: €1,200

(5x€20) Winners: Jack O'Connell, Dean Mulligan, Mary & Gareth, Paul Wynne, Des Houlihan.

Thank you for your continued support.

"Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up the cross each day, and follow in my steps."

Kilcloon Drama Group presents the Comedy play 'Big Splash, Small Fish in the G.A.A Hall, Batterstown on 21st, 22nd, and 23rd March.

Doors open 7.15pm Show at 7.45pm Admission: €15 Proceeds to First Responders.

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.

Graigucullen Bingo, Tuesday 25th March
St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2260, Double number €810
Lotto €600

Clane Staplestown Bowls Club have an open night next Monday 24th Match. Try your skills at bowls. Afterward join us for a cuppa, meet the members. Contact Catherine 0874144639 or John 0863039505 for more information.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

St. Coca's, Kilcock

Sat, 22 nd Mar	6pm	Martin Kelly (10 th Anniv) David Horan (Anniv)	
Sun, 23 rd Mar	9am	Jim Montgomery (35 th Anniv) & Remembering his wife May and deceased family members	
	12 noon	Ellen & Richard Leavy (Anniv) & remembering Anthony Latimer Michael Higgins (9 th Anniv) & Bernie Higgins (4 th Anniv) Patsy Quinn Nelly Cummins, Courtown (Anniv) & her daughter Nuala (Anniv) Anthony Latimer (Anniv)	
Mon, 24 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Living	<u>ADORATION 10.30am-11.30am</u>
Tue, 25 th Mar	10am	Shared Mass for the Deceased	
Wed, 26 th Mar	10am	Pat & Ellen Hughes (Anniv)	
Thu, 27 th Mar	10am		<u>ADORATION 6.30pm – 7.30pm</u>
Fri, 28 st Mar	10am		
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 Fowlwe and his Dad Seamus & remembering deceased family members Brian Taylor (6 th Anniv)	

Church of the Nativity, Newtown

Sun, 23 rd Mar	10.30am	Jack Sloane (M.M) Dorothy Doran (Anniv)	
Wed, 19 th Mar	11am	Adoration	
Sun, 30 th Mar	10.30am	Delia Walsh (Anniv) & remembering her husband John Nicholas & Teresa Butler (Anniv)	