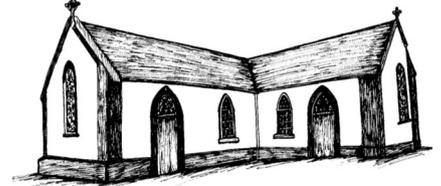
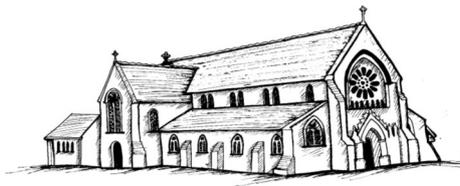
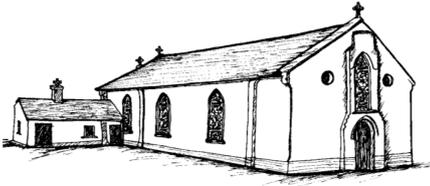


# Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



## **BENEDICT XV1: WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?**

Advent is a season of waiting, says Benedict XV1, and a time to ask ourselves that we are hoping for, what our hearts are longing for.

He noted the season of Advent looks both "to the first coming of the Son of God, when he was born of the Virgin Mary, and to his glorious return, when he will come to judge the living and the dead."

The Pontiff proposed a reflection on this theme of "waiting," noting that "it involves a profoundly human reality in which the faith becomes, so to say, completely one with our flesh and our heart."

"Our whole personal, familial and social existence passes through this dimension of waiting," he noted. "Waiting is something that is present in a 1,000 situations, from the smallest and most banal to the most important, which draw us in completely and in the deepest way."

For example, the Holy Father said, "we think of a husband and wife waiting for a child; of waiting for a relative or friend who is coming from far away to visit us; we think of a young person waiting to know his grade on a major exam or the outcome of a job interview; in romantic relationships, of waiting to meet the beloved person, of waiting for a letter, or receiving forgiveness."

"One could say that man is alive so long as he waits, so long as hope is alive in his heart," he affirmed.

Benedict XV1 continued: "Everyone of us, therefore, especially in this season in which we prepare for Christmas, can ask himself: What am I waiting for?"

"For what, in this moment of my life, does my heart long?"

He added: "And this same question can be posed at the level of the family, of the community, of the nation."

"What are we waiting for, together? What unifies our aspirations, what do they have in common?"

Pointing to the example of Mary, the Pope acknowledged that "in her heart the longing for the Saviour was so great, her faith and hope were so ardent, that he was able to find in her a worthy mother." He added, "After all, God himself had prepared her before all time."

"There is a mysterious correspondence between the waiting for God and the waiting for Mary," the Pope affirmed, "the creature 'full of grace', totally transparent to the plan of love of the Most High."

He concluded, "Let us learn from her, the woman of Advent, to live with a new spirit in our daily gestures, with the sentiment of a profound expectation that only the coming of God can fulfil."

## **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord:**

**Nancy McCaul**, Corragheeran, **Helen Carolan**, Navan.

We congratulate **Brenda McKenna**, Mount St. Joseph and **Gavin Sheenan**, Dunaree Lane and **Rosaleen Carolan**, Bracklin and **Alan Brennan**, Ardee, on their marriage.

**Fr. Gerry** will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound on **Wednesday**, 22nd December.

**St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection is being held this week-end.** **St. Vincent de Paul** is helping many more people to survive particularly at this time. People who were subscribers to funds of St Vincent de Paul in the past are now the ones who need help. Please give any help you can to their annual collection next week-end. If you know of any person or family in the community needing help contact any member of the local Conference.

The rescheduled meeting for the **Parish Eucharistic Congress 2012 Committee** takes place on Monday night at the Parish House.

**Dress rehearsal** for all involved in **Concert of Carols** on Sunday next at 4.30 p.m. in Kingscourt Church. All choir members and musicians are asked to attend.

## **PARISH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER**

- **11th/12th Dec.:** Christmas Giving Weekend.
- **16th Dec.:** Parishioners are invited for refreshments in the Parish Centre after Mass.
- **19th Dec.:** Christmas Concert of Carols in Kingscourt Church at 7.00 p.m.
- **21st Dec.:** Parish Penitential Service 8 p.m.
- **22nd Dec.:** Fr. Gerry will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound for Christmas.
- **24th Dec.:** Christmas Eve: 6 p.m.: Family Christmas Mass. 7.30 p.m.: Christmas Mass in Muff. 9 p.m.: Candlelight Christmas night Mass.
- **25th Dec.:** Christmas Day.  
9.00: Christmas Day Mass in Corlea.  
10.30am & 12 noon: Christmas Day Mass in Kingscourt.
- **26th Dec.:** 9 a.m. Sunday Mass in Corlea.  
10.30 a.m. & 12 noon Sunday Mass in Kingscourt.

**This Week's Collections: Plate 1,535. Many Envelopes: €1,535. Many thanks.**

## LITURGICAL NOTES

**11th/12th December.**

**Vigil 6 p.m.:** Ricky Carolan, Carrickleck Road.

**Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.:** Anne & Patrick Murray.

**Corlea 9 a.m.:** Dec. mems. Ward family, Taghart.

**10.30 a.m.:** John & Catherine Finnegan,  
Turner's Hill.

**12.00:** Eileen McKenna. Month's Memory.

**18th/19th December.**

**Vigil 6 p.m.:** Kevin McArdle, Annagh.

**Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.:** Kathleen Carolan & son, Tom.

**Corlea 9 a.m.:** Bridie Kennedy, Drumiller.

**9 a.m. in Kingscourt:** Polish Mass. (Note change.)

**10.30:** Stephen Malone, Drumgill.

**12.00:** Josie Markey. Month's Memory.

**Tuesday 10: Morning Mass.**

**Wednesday 10: Joseph & Florence Brennan.**

**Thursday 10: Eugene Melady & dec. family.**

**Friday 10: Tommy Carolan, Fairymount.**

This weekend is **Giving Sunday**

We welcome the children from our schools who will present non perishable food for blessing at Masses today. All gifts will be used in Christmas Hampers by St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you to the members of the local Conference who work with such dedication and commitment in the interests of others. Let us give some hope this Christmas.

### Trócaire

This Advent **Trócaire** is asking us to remember children in Somalia. Somalia is desperately dangerous with only 30% of children able to attend school and many are forced to become child soldiers. This Christmas through its Global Gifts **Trócaire** is hoping to keep 15 primary schools open giving 3,500 children the chance to go to school for a year and stay safe. [www.trocaire.org/globalgift](http://www.trocaire.org/globalgift)

*The world has witnessed the vast resources that governments can draw upon to rescue financial institutions deemed "too big to fail". Surely the integral human development of the world's peoples is no less important: here is an enterprise ... that is truly "too big to fail".*

*Address of Pope Benedict XV1, Westminster Hall,  
City of Westminster, Friday, 17th Sept., 2010.*

**It has been requested and it is now planned to organise a pilgrimage next October, 2011, for 7 days visiting Rome, Castelgondolfo, Assisi, Orieveto, Florence, Fiosele, and Siena. If you are even vaguely interested in travelling please leave your names and contact details to the Parish Office in the coming weeks.**

### CEMETERY SUNDAY 2011

**THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT THE ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS WILL BE ON THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND WITH MASS CELEBRATED AT 12 NOON ON SUNDAY 31ST JULY 2011**

We welcome the **Castletown Accordion Band** who will perform at some of our weekend Masses.

A **Servers' Practice** for Kingscourt Church takes place on Wednesday at 1 p.m. in preparation for Christmas Masses.

Next Sunday we will host the parish's first **Concert of Carols at 7 p.m. in Kingscourt Church.** It is an occasion for all the family to come and gather in the spirit of Christmas.

Parishioners are invited to join **Fr. Gerry** for a festive cuppa and chat in the Parish Centre on Thursday after Mass.

Members of **St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band** will play at some of the Masses next weekend.

The **Parish Website** will now be launched on Thursday, 16th December at 8 p.m. in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Thursday, 16th December, at 8.30 p.m.

**Muff Readers List** for 2011 is being compiled. Those interested please give names to Alacoque McMahon.

**Christmas Youth 2000 Retreat:** A National Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat for Young People aged 16–35 takes place at Newbridge College, Co Kildare, Friday 17th - Sunday 19th Dec. An opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends! Contact Youth 2000 office 01/6753690 or 085/8289231 for info. No charge—donation only.

Copies of the **2011 Parish Calendar** are now available in all Churches. Please bring one home.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Congrats to **Carrickleck N.S.** who were runners up in their Meath Schools Division Football Final.

Congrats to **Ann Burns & Michael Ward** on completing the Dublin marathon, raising €1,800 for Cystic Fibrosis, Cavan Branch and Muscular Dystrophy.

**Westie Dog** missing in Laragh Muff. 087/9947720.

**Thanks to all** who helped or supported Angela Malone in fundraising events for St. John's Cancer Ward, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin, The Children's Ward, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and The Make a Wish Foundation. To date €7,052 has been raised. A presentation night will be held in the New Year.

**Stars Lotto Result: 05, 18, 26, 27.** Next jackpot €5,800. Rearranged A.G.M. **today** at 3 p.m. in club pavilion.

**Handball & Racquetball Lotto Result: 05, 15, 23, 28.** Next jackpot €4,000.