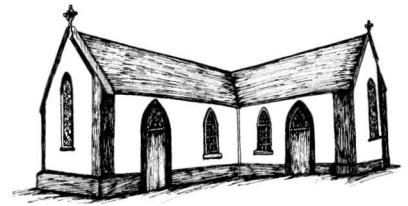
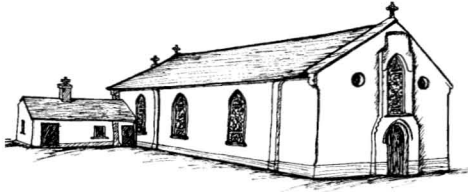


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Priest on Duty: Fr. Gerry.

POPE PRESENTS EUCHARIST AS SOLUTION TO SOCIAL WOES

A person who can kneel before the Eucharist and receive Christ in Communion must be attentive to the needs of his neighbour and ready to share his goods with others, says Benedict XVI.

The Pope affirmed this today when he presented the Eucharist as the key to a person-centred social development. He was speaking at the closing Mass of Italy's 25th National Eucharistic Congress.

"A Eucharistic spirituality is a real antidote to individualism and egoism that often characterize daily life," the Holy Father stated.

He proposed that responsibility in community life is born from the Eucharist, such that the poor, sick and needy are placed at the centre of social development.

"To be nourished by Christ is the way not to remain foreign and indifferent to the fortunes of our brothers, but to enter into the very logic of love and of gift," the Pope said.

"He who is able to kneel before the Eucharist, who receives the Lord's body cannot fail to be attentive, in the ordinary course of the days, to situations unworthy of man, and is able to bend

down personally to attend to need, is able to break his

bread with the hungry, share water with the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned," he continued.

Benedict XVI proposed a Eucharistic spirituality as an antidote to individualism, saying that it leads to giving relationships a central role in life, beginning with family relationships.

A Eucharistic spirituality, he continued, is also at the heart of a Church community that overcomes divisions.

Referring to the problem of unemployment, the Pope also affirmed that a Eucharistic spirituality is "a way to restore dignity to man's days and, hence, to his work."

A Eucharistic spirituality is also an aid in approaching those who are weak, he said, remembering that the "different forms of human fragility" do not diminish the "value of the person," but call for "closeness, acceptance and help."

"There is nothing that is genuinely human," the Pontiff stated, "that does not find in the Eucharist the right way to live it in fullness: Hence, daily life becomes the place of spiritual worship, to live the primacy of God in all circumstances, within a relationship with Christ and as an offering to the Father."

The new Parish Finance Committee held two meetings in recent weeks. Gilbert McCarthy has been appointed co-chairperson with Fr. Gerry, Deirdre Corscadden as Secretary and Kevin Shiels as Treasurer. The new committee acknowledges the work of the previous committee over many years.

The new committee examined in detail the financial standing of the parish. They are currently working on a number of fundraising initiatives. The committee acknowledges the involvement of Kingscourt Super Valu with 'Points for the Parish' and encourages everyone in as far as possible to sign up. The committee acknowledges that over €50,000 has been donated since June 25th.

The weekend of November 12/13 is being assigned as **Slate Sunday** when every family is encouraged to sponsor a slate(s) with their names being held in perpetuity in a special register at the Church.

The committee reviewed the scope of works being carried out and request the fulsome support of the entire parish community. The committee is also working on the draft parish safety statement which is to be finalised shortly.

The committee would welcome all ideas and suggestions for fundraising from all parishioners. A suggestion box is available, or can be sent directly to the Parish Office or e.mail to info@kingscourtparish.ie

The Financial committee will issue regular updates to parishioners to be included in the parish bulletin and web site during its term of office.

POINTS FOR THE PARISH



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Detach and deposit in the designated box in the church or in **Super Valu Kingscourt.**

Name:

Address: Contact No.:

This Week's Collections: Plate: €1,376. Envelopes: €3,631. Many thanks to all.

LITURGICAL NOTES

15th/16th October.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Mass to celebrate 40 years of Kingscourt Credit Union.

Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.: Hughie Farrelly, Cornavan.

9a.m. Corlea: Luke & Ellen Reilly.

10.30: Desmond Regan, Collops.

12.00: The People of the Parish

5 p.m.: Mass in Polish.

22nd/23rd October.

Vigil 6 p.m.: John & Mary McKenna, Bailieboro Rd., & dec. family members.

Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.: Brendan Carolan.

Month's Memory.

9 a.m. Corlea: The People of the Parish.

10.30: Con O'Hagan, St. Mary's Road.

12.00: Helen & Stanley Black, Lisagoan.

Tuesday 10: Thomas & Mary Gargan & dec. fam.,
Lr. Main St.

Wed. 10: Morning Mass.

Thursday 10: Joe Clarke, Jnr., Ard Dun.

Friday 10: Morning Mass.

Saturday 1 p.m.: Wedding Mass in Muff.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord:

Edward Burns, Crumlin.

Next **Baptism preparation meeting** will take place in the **Parish Centre** on **Thur., 3rd Nov.**, at **8.00p.m.**

One in the Sacrament of Marriage:

We congratulate **Melissa Cooney**, Dun A Ri, and **Kevin Halpin**, Shercock, on their recent marriage.

We welcome **Kingscourt Credit Union** to Mass this weekend to mark the 40th anniversary of its founding in the parish. We thank all the Directors, past and present, the staff and all who give of their time to the Credit Union movement. Congratulations to all.

Fr. Gerry will commence visitation of the homes of **Shercock Road** this week.

We welcome the **First Holy Communion children** and their families at some of the Masses this weekend for the ceremony of enrolment.

All are welcome to attend the concluding Mass of the **Meath Diocesan Eucharistic Congress** on this Sunday in St. Mary's Church, Navan, at 7 p.m.

We are launching our **Grandparents' Prayers for Grandchildren** in the new year. To help finance the project we are hosting a special sale in the Matt Talbot Hall on weekend of October 29th/30th. **Unwanted "Quality" goods** accepted. Contact Anne at 087/2807982.

Meath Diocesan Pioneer Association **Spirituality Day** Sunday, 23rd October, Franciscan Friary, Multyfarnham. Further information from Fr. Houlihan, P.P., Pioneer Spiritual Director. 046/9052197.

Please note that **the gates to the cemetery will automatically close at 9 p.m.** for the winter period.

At all Masses in the parish during the month of November and on each First Friday we remember those whose names are on the **Parish Altar List of the Dead**. List of the Dead forms are available in your envelope boxes, in the churches, parish centre and community centre. Please return the **new List of the Dead** to the Parish Office by **November 1st**.

Details of the recent **parish pilgrimage** will be available on the Parish website during the week. All returned on Friday after a very busy few days.

Holy Land Pilgrimage from Oct. 28th for 8 nights. Cost €1,249. Call Map Travel at 01/8783111.

The up and coming musical star, **Ellen Tinnelly**, is hosting a special concert in aid of Church restoration at Cabra Castle on Thursday, 10th November. Further details shortly.

We recently marked **National Volunteer Day** on Sept. 30th last. Thank you to all who volunteer and engage in so many different and varied aspects of parish life. Thank you to the Apostolic Society, the Pioneers, The Parish Eucharistic Congress 2012 committee, the Baptismal Team, members of St. Vincent de Paul, The Adoration committee, the Finance committee, the coordinators of Ministers of Holy Communion and Word, the Junior readers, Web design team, the Cemetery Committee, the Enniskeen Cemetery committee, the Altar Society and all who prepare our Churches, the Trócaire Committee, the Parish Safeguarding Children representatives, the members of our Church choirs and musicians, volunteer sacristans, the Stewards, Collectors and Counters, Active Retirement Group, all members of our Catholic Schools Boards of Management. Thanks also to all who engage in the community, voluntary sporting and cultural groups in the parish. The parish community weaves a fine tapestry of engagement and involvement in all aspects of life. Well done to you all.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Kingscourt Social Services Meeting Wed., 19th Oct. at 8.30 p.m. in Matt Talbot Hall.

St. Louis Secondary School Open Night Thur., 20th Oct. 7.30—9.30. All 6th class girls & their families are welcome.

Mary Conlan wishes to thank all who sympathised with her on the death of her mother, Mary Ann Brennan, and her aunt, Jane Marron. Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Thanks from SOSAD to all who supported their recent collection which raised €865.

Bridge Lessons & friendly game Tues 7.30 p.m., Ferdia House, Moorehall Retirement Village, Ardee. Call 086/8059369.

Free Bridge Classes for beginners start on Thur., 20th Oct., at 8 p.m. in Day Care Centre, Kilmainhamwood. No charge or booking required. For information call Ann 087/2886553.

The Columban Ecological Institute, Dalgan Park, Navan, is hosting a seminar with **Dr. Damien Bracken**, Dept. of History, University of Cork, on Saturday, November 19th.

Professional Counselling & Psychotherapy available in the Kingscourt area. Call 086/2629261 or 087/0514394.

Do you have a drink problem? Do you need help? Contact Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office. Tel. 01/8420700. Email: gsoalcoholicsanonymous.ie Website: www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie

Order of Malta Ireland: *Kells Centre for Older People* are looking for volunteers to help operate a new Community Care unit in Kells. Call 086/4089989.

Stars Lotto Result: 03,15, 23, 26. Not won. Next jackpot €9,400.