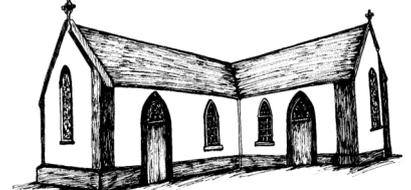
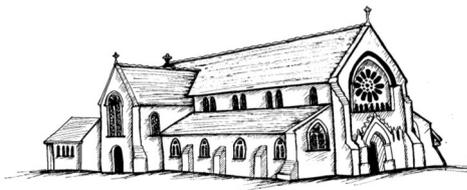
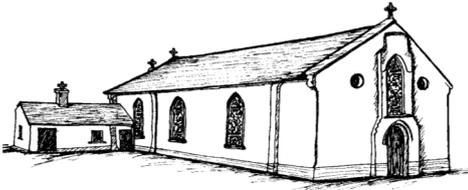


# Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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**POPE SAYS PRAYER MUST START WITH A CERTAINTY:  
GOD IS HERE**

**Offers Reflection on Psalm 3**

In prayer, there must be a certainty of God's presence, says Benedict XVI.

The Pope stressed this fundamental point when he continued his catechesis series on prayer.

The Holy Father took up Psalm 3 for a reflection on faith in God's presence as the basis of prayer.

The psalm, attributed to David fleeing for his life, presents the psalmist in a "condition of extreme difficulty," as his foes taunt him with the assertion that God is unable to save him.

"This is the great temptation to which the believer is subjected -- the temptation to lose faith, to lose trust in the nearness of God," the Pontiff reflected. "The just man overcomes this ultimate test; he remains steadfast in the faith, in the certainty of the truth and in full confidence in God, and it is precisely in this way that he finds life and truth."

Benedict XVI suggested that in this respect, Psalm 3 has a personal lesson for today: "In so many problems we are tempted to think that perhaps not even God can save me, that he doesn't know me, that perhaps it is not possible for him; the temptation against faith is the enemy's final assault, and this we must resist -- in so doing, we find God and we find life."

The psalmist, the Pope noted, calls out to God, calls on his name, "Lord."

"[The psalmist] then turns to [God] with an emphatic 'You' that expresses an unshakeable, solid relationship, and within himself he holds on to the certainty of a divine response," the Holy Father explained.

This faith brings the vision of the psalmist's enemy to disappear, he observed. "They have not defeated him because he

who believes in God is certain that God is his friend: There remains only the 'You' of God -- the 'many' [foes] are contrasted now by one alone, who is far greater and more powerful than many adversaries."

The Pope affirmed: "The Lord is help, defense, salvation; as a shield he protects the one who entrusts himself to him, and he raises up his head in a gesture of triumph and of victory. The man is no longer alone, his enemies are not as invincible as they once seemed, because the Lord hears the cry of the oppressed and responds from the place of his presence, from his holy mount. The man cries out in anguish, in danger, and in pain; the man asks for help, and God responds."

The Holy Father presented the "interweaving of the human cry and the divine response" as the "dialectic of prayer and the key to reading the whole of salvation history."

"To cry out means to express faith in the nearness of God and in his readiness to listen," he said. "Prayer expresses certainty in a divine presence already experienced and believed in, [a presence] manifested most fully by God's saving response."

The Pope highlighted this certainty as important for prayer. "The person praying, even amid danger and battle, can lie tranquilly in an unequivocal attitude of trustful surrender," he said. "His adversaries encamp around him, they beleaguer him, they are many, they rise up against him, they deride him and attempt to make him fall; but he instead lies down and sleeps in tranquil serenity, assured of the presence of God."

"And when he awakes, he finds God still beside him, as a guardian who will neither slumber nor sleep (cf. Psalm 121:3-4), who sustains him, who holds his hand, who never abandons him."

**POINTS FOR THE PARISH**

Kingscourt Parish is delighted to announce an exciting new initiative in association with **Kingscourt Super Valu**. Every time you scan your Super Valu Loyalty card at the till, **Super Valu Kingscourt** will match those points. These 'matched' points will go into a special Parish fund which will then be converted to cash. It is important to emphasise that the customer will continue to receive **all** their points/benefits from their card as normal. The **customer is not giving** their points to the Parish but rather **Super Valu are matching** whatever points they earn each time they scan their loyalty card.

**How do I get started?** Sign up to the "Points for the Parish" Scheme by providing the 11 digit barcode number on the reverse of your "Loyalty Card" and place in the designated box at the back of the church or in store. Alternatively, complete a registration form, provide the 11 digit barcode number at the back and start using their card every time you shop. Just remember to bring your Super Valu Loyalty Card with you and scan it every time you shop in **Super Valu Kingscourt** (no matter how small your shopping is). Both you and the parish will accumulate points!



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**This Week's Collections: Plate: €1,905. Envelopes: €6,865. Many thanks to all.**

## LITURGICAL NOTES

<p><b>8th/9th October.</b>  <b>Vigil 6 p.m.:</b> Paddy Finnegan, Ballinaclose.  <b>Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.:</b> Peter Clarke, Corryholman, John &amp; Annie McKenna, Cornakill &amp; Mary Reilly.  <b>9 a.m. Corlea:</b> The People of the Parish.  <b>10.30:</b> Tommy Caffrey &amp; dec. family members.  <b>12.00:</b> Gayle Gaynor, Ervey.</p>	<p><b>15th/16th October.</b>  <b>Vigil 6 p.m.:</b> Mass to celebrate 40 years of Kingscourt Credit Union.  <b>Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.:</b> Hughie Farrelly, Cornavan.  <b>9 a.m. Corlea:</b> Luke &amp; Ellen Reilly.  <b>10.30:</b> Desmond Regan, Collops.  <b>12.00:</b> The People of the Parish.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 10: Eucharistic Service.</b>  <b>Wednesday 10: Eucharistic Service.</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 10: Eucharistic Service.</b>  <b>Fri. 10: Eucharistic Service. 1 p.m. Wedding Mass in Muff.</b></p>

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

**Kathleen Carmody**, London, **Anthony McCormack**, Cootehill, **Nora Kenny**, Kerry.

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

**One in the Sacrament of Marriage:**

We congratulate **Michelle McDaniel**, Dublin Road and **Clive Martin**, Drogheda, on their recent marriage.

On this Sunday **Kevin Heery** from Mullingar is being ordained a priest for the Diocese of Meath by Bishop Michael Smith. Kevin is the only student for ordination in our diocese this year. Please remember him in your prayers.

We welcome the **First Holy Communion children** and their families at some of the Masses next weekend to mark a ceremony of final enrolment for their First Holy Communion.

This week **40 pilgrims** and **Fr. Gerry** are in Rome and Assisi. During the pilgrimage they will celebrate Mass in St. Peter's, visit the Vatican museum, attend the Angelus with Pope Benedict, visit Castelgandolfo, tour the sites and travel to Assisi, Siena and Florence during the week. They will meet Fr. Joseph O'Reilly and Fr. Fernando during their stay in Rome. While in Rome they will reside at the Irish College.

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.

A course in **Ministry and Evangelisation** is being offered in the diocese during the coming year. It is a one year course which begins in October and ends in July, 2012. It is a distance learning course i.e. students study at home, using materials provided by Maryvale Institute. Information and Registration forms from Fr. Seamus Heaney P.P., Parochial House, Delvin, Co Westmeath. (Tel. 044-9664127) or Geraldine Fallon, Balrath South, Delvin, Co Westmeath. (Tel. 044-9664016). Closing date for registration: Oct 15th.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES:** Church gate collection for Sr. Consilio's next weekend, 15/16 Oct.

**Ervey Church Harvest Service** Sunday, 9th Oct. 3.30 p.m. All welcome. **Active Retirement Meeting** Thursday, 13th Oct. at 8 p.m. in Parish Centre. **Flower Arranging** Friday, 14th Oct. 2-4 p.m. in Community Centre. **Holiday:** Trip to Kilkenny, 3 nights, 6th Nov. Book with Eilish 087/6668735. **Garden Club** meeting in Blake's Oct. 12th at 8 p.m. Floral demo by June Leeach. **Carrickmacross Lace Classes** starting in Carrickasedge Social Centre (upper Magheraqqloone) Wed. 12th Oct. at 8 p.m. For information call 087/6276447. **Professional Counselling & Psychotherapy** available in the Kingscourt area. Call 086/2629261, 087/0514394. **The Columban Ecological Institute**, Dalgan, Navan, is hosting a seminar with **Dr. Damien Bracken**, Dept. of History, University of Cork, on Saturday, November 19th. **Do you have a drink problem?** Do you need help? Contact Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office. Tel. 01/8420700. Email: [gsoalcoholicsanonymous.ie](mailto:gsoalcoholicsanonymous.ie) Website: [www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie) **Flexibus** are having their annual celebration day in Navan shopping centre on Friday, 14th Oct., between 10.30 a.m. & 13.30, launching the new hospital service. For info. call 046/9074830. **Dundalk Institute of Technology** Open Day 2011 Fri., 14th Oct. 9 a.m.—2.30 p.m. Open Information Morning Sat. 15th Oct., 10 a.m.—1 p.m. **Bridge Classes for beginners** start on Thur., 20th Oct., at 8 p.m. in Day Care Centre, Kilmainhamwood. No charge or booking required. For info call Ann 087/2886553. **Stars Lotto Result:** 4, 7, 15, 26. Next jackpot €9,200. Senior league replay V Mullahoran Sat. 15th 3 p.m. Junior league semi final V Mullahoran Sun., 16th 12 noon.

The **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress** takes place in Navan from Oct. 14th—16th. Would you like to represent our parish at this historic event? To book a place please contact Annette at 087/1736222 before Oct 10th.

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.

Next weekend we mark the **40th anniversary of Kingscourt Credit Union** with a special Mass on 15th October. We commend the current directors, staff, and past directors for their dedication to the Credit Union in our community.

**Ellen Tinnelly** is hosting a concert with various artists at Cabra Castle on November 10th next in aid of the Church Development. Further details later.

**Thank you** for your generous contribution to last weekend's Mass collection for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese who are in Nursing Home care. The amount realised was **€1,905**.

**Living Links** is National organisation dealing with families and individuals bereaved by suicide. For the last 10 years trained personnel in the Diocese of Meath have supported people in the aftermath of suicide. Contact 046/9021407, 087/2731001.

**Parish Safeguarding Children:** A diocesan meeting for all adults working with children in our parish are requested to attend a deanery meeting to be held at Nobber N.S. on Tuesday, 11th October, at 8 p.m.

**Bereavement Support Group:** Through a team of volunteers the parish reaches out to support, to comfort and console those whose loved one has died. One to one service available on request.