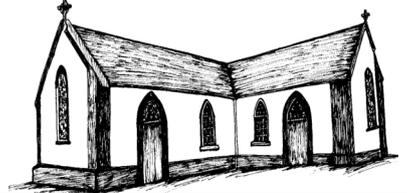
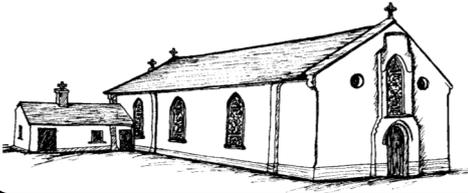


# Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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## POPE: PRAISE ILLUMINES GOLGOTHA; REMEMBERING OPENS FUTURE

The psalm that Jesus likely prayed before he left the Upper Room and went to his agony is a prayer in the form of a litany, marked by the refrain "for his steadfast love endures forever."

And it was this psalm -- Psalm 136, or 135 according to the Greco-Latin tradition -- that Benedict XVI took up for his catechesis. He said that with this psalm, the "horizon of praise" illumined Jesus' "difficult road to Golgotha."

Known as the "Great Hallel," the Pope explained, this psalm is traditionally sung at the end of the Hebrew Passover meal. The Evangelists likely alluded to it when they wrote, "And when they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives."

The psalm enumerates God's "many mighty deeds in human history," as well as his "continual interventions on behalf of his people," the Pontiff noted. "And to each proclamation of the Lord's saving action the antiphon responds with the fundamental motivation for praise: God's eternal love, a love that, according to the Hebrew word employed, involves fidelity, mercy, goodness, grace and tenderness."

The decisive gift in this litany of wonders is the fulfillment of the divine promise made to the Fathers, as seen in Verses 21 and 22: "He gave their land as a heritage, for his love endures forever; a heritage to Israel his servant, for his steadfast love endures forever."

The Pope reflected that the gift of land is remembered as one that "the people must receive without ever claiming it as their own possession -- by living continually in an attitude of grateful acceptance."

"Israel received the land in which they live as an 'inheritance,'" he said, "a word that generally designates the possession of a good received from another; a right of propriety that refers specifically to a paternal inheritance."

"One of the prerogatives of God is that of 'giving'; and now, at the end of the Exodus journey, Israel, the receiver of the gift, enters as a son into the Land of the promise fulfilled. The time of wandering -- under tents, in a life marked by danger -- is over. Now the blessed time of stability has begun."

Benedict XVI went on to ask how we could make this psalm "our own" -- "how can we make this psalm a part of our own prayer?"

He suggested firstly the theme of creation, the frame of the psalm at its beginning and end: "Creation as God's great gift from which we live, in which he reveals himself in his goodness and greatness."

"Therefore," the Pope said, "to regard creation as a gift of God is of interest to us all."

"Then," he continued, "follows salvation history. Naturally we can say: The liberation from Egypt, the time in the desert, the entrance into the Promised Land and then the other problems are very distant from us; they are not part of our history. But we must be attentive to the fundamental structure of this prayer. The fundamental structure is that Israel remembers the Lord's goodness. In its history, there are so many dark valleys, so many passages through difficulty and death, but Israel remembers that God is good, and they can overcome in the dark valley -- in the valley of death -- because they remember. Israel remembers the Lord's goodness and his power; that his mercy endures forever."

The Holy Father emphasized that remembering the Lord's goodness is also important for us. "Remembering becomes the strength of hope," he said. "Remembering tells us: God is; God is good, and his mercy is eternal. And thus, remembering opens the road to the future -- even in the darkness of a day, of a moment in time, it is the light and star that guides us."

"Let us, too, remember the good; let us remember God's eternal, merciful love," he invited. "Israel's history is already part of our memory as well, of how God revealed himself, of how he created for himself a people to be his own. Then God became man, one of us: He lived with us, suffered with us, died for us. He remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament and in the Word. It is a history, a remembrance of God's goodness that assures us of his goodness: His love is eternal."

The Pontiff further suggested remembering our own "personal history of salvation," saying we "must truly treasure this history, keeping always in mind the great things he has also done in my life, so that we might trust: His mercy is eternal."

Benedict XVI concluded with another insight: The psalm ends by returning to creation: "The Lord, it says, 'gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.'" He reflected, "The invisible power of the Creator and Lord, which the psalm extols, is revealed in the littleness and visibility of the bread that he gives us, and by which he makes us live."

"This daily bread," the Holy Father said, "symbolizes and summarizes God's love as Father, and opens before us the New Testament fulfillment of that 'bread of life,' the Eucharist, which accompanies us in our existence as believers, and anticipates the definitive joy of the messianic banquet of Heaven."

## NEW RESPONSES AT MASS

### THE GREETING AND PENITENTIAL ACT

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Or: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or: The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST, PREFACE, SANCTUS

Pray, brethren, (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and**

**glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

The mystery of faith.: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**THE COMMUNION RITE:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### THE FINAL BLESSING

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## POINTS FOR THE PARISH



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## LITURGICAL NOTES

**5th/6th November.**

**Vigil 6 p.m.: Mass of Remembrance.**

**Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.: John Lynch & dec. fam. members and Johnny McKenna, St. Ernan's Hill.**

**9 a.m. Corlea: Elizabeth & Henry Smith, Corlea, and dec. family members**

**10.30: Eileen McKenna. First Anniversary.**

**12.00: Ben Parker. Month's Memory.**

**29th/30th October.**

**Vigil 6 p.m.: Tom Kieran, Corrygarry.**

**Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.: Catherine Reilly, Coravelis.**

**9 a.m. Corlea: Thomas McEnaney, Lisagoan.**

**10.30: James Burns, Kathleen & James Kearney.**

**12.00: May O'Reilly, Cornavan.**

**Tuesday 10: Tony McCullagh, Rocks Road.**

**Wednesday 10: Patrick & Rose Lynch, Copponagh.**

**Thursday 10: Noel Oates, R.I.P., Dublin.**

**Friday 10: Willie Owens, Drums Kerry & Dublin.**

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

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

**Joseph Parker, Shercock, Tom Lynch, Carnaross, Anna Martin, Drumconrath, Rose McDonnell, Bohermeen.**

Next **Baptism preparation meeting** will take place in the **Parish Centre** on **Thurs, 1st Dec., at 8.00p.m.**

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 remaining **Lists of the Dead** to the Parish Office.

**The Parish Congress Committee** meet on Tuesday night at 9 p.m. at the Parish House.

A meeting of all **Boards of Management** of our Parish Schools takes place on Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. at the Parish House.

**Fr. Gerry** will commence visitation to the homes of the Drumconrath Road these weeks.

Next Sunday is **Slate Sunday** and we are appealing to every parishioner to sponsor some slates. Every name will be recorded in a special register which will be kept in the Church for posterity.

We welcome the School communities who will join us at **Remembrance Liturgies** in memory of deceased parents, pupils, staff and friends at Masses next weekend.

We welcome the well known Cavan Actor and Artistic Director of the Livin Dred Theatre Company, Padraig McIntyre, who will be visiting the schools of the Parish on Thursday next. He will read from the Grandparents' Book of Prayer for the school children which is planned for publication in the new year. The book will be launched by Padraig in early spring.

A sincere word of grateful thanks to all involved in last weekend's **Bring and Buy** in support of our **Grandparents Prayer Book for Grandchildren** fundraising. Thanks to the organising committee, all who donated items and supported the event in any way. It realised €4,580.

**Ellen Tinnelly with Martin O'Donoghue, Ray Murtagh, Trevor McGuinness, Tony Reilly, Evelyn Holland and The Smith Family Muff** are starring in a special **dance** at **CABRA CASTLE** on this **Thursday night** commencing at **9p.m.** Admission including light refreshments is €10. **All proceeds to Kingscourt Church Restoration Fund. PLEASE SUPPORT!!!!**

**A five week healing course** commenced in the Parish Centre and continues on each Wednesday until Wednesday, 30th November. This programme is open to all, especially those who are bereaved, even if loss of a loved one was many years ago. You are most welcome to attend this Healing Programme. Please contact 042/9667186. Confidentiality assured.

**Safeguarding Children** training takes place in Edmund Rice Centre, Kells, on Nov. 10th at 8 p.m.

The **Meath Lourdes Hospitalite** are hosting a special Mass and reception in Athboy Church on Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

**Splendours of Venice & Northern Italy:** The 2012 Parish Pilgrimage will take place from August 28th—September 4th based at the comfortable 4 star Hotel Bristol in Chioggia, the old and picturesque port town on the Venetian Lagoon. The cost is €895 per person sharing on a half board basis with direct flights (early booking advisable as later bookings may incur a surcharge), with insurance and taxes as extra. Day trips included to Venice by boat, Padua and Ravenna with a full religious programme. Booking with Fr. Gerry including €250 deposit by Dec. 8th.

### MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR NOVEMBER

**Vigil:** Olive Rooney, Bernadette Crosby, Anna Carolan, Anne Reilly, Clare Patterson. **10.30:** Declan McMahon, Josephine Rooney, Aine Gogarty, Bridie McDaniel, Deborah Morris. **12.00:** Dick Mahon, Lucy McCabe, Loretta Sheenan, Ciara Walsh, Jackie McKenna. **Muff:** Pat Farrelly. **Corlea:** Henry P. Smith.

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR NOVEMBER

**Vigil:** Eileen Hanratty. **10.30:** Maureen Roddy. **12.00:** Muriel Harney. **Muff:** 5th Kathleen Gorman. 12th Miriam Tierney. 19th Maura Raymond. 26th Colette Reilly. **Corlea:** 6th Sheila Connolly. 13th Leah Gray. 20th Phyllis Hughes. 27th Bridie Martin.

**This Week's Collections: Plate: €1,360. Envelopes: €2,470. Many thanks to all.**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES:** **St. Vincent de Paul** clothes & shoes appeal: Unwanted wearable ladies, gents' & children's clothes and shoes can be placed in the receptacle in the car park of the Community Centre or in the car park of Super Valu. **Professional Counselling & Psychotherapy** available in the Kingscourt area. Call 086/2629261, 087/0514394. **Gardening Club** meeting in Blake's Wed., 9th Nov. at 8 p.m. Stephen Cooney will give a demonstration and talk on winter planting. **Thanks** from Hospice Coffee Day for €689 raised and for anonymous donation of €100.

**Thanks** from Holy Family School for €914 raised last week. **Stars Lotto Result:** 4/6/15/16. Next jackpot €10,000.

The Parish congratulates **Noaise McDaniel** who will be representing Ireland in the World Irish Dancing championships in 2012. **Corlea Parents' Association** are holding their annual raffle this weekend. Please support.

**The Columban Ecological Institute**, Dalgan Park, Navan, is hosting a seminar on Saturday, November 19th.

**Table Quiz** in aid of Saint Ernan's Church of Ireland in Murtaghs on 11th November. All welcome.

**Kingscourt Community Council** Food & Trade Fair in association with Super Valu & Kevin Dundon on Nov 26th/27th.