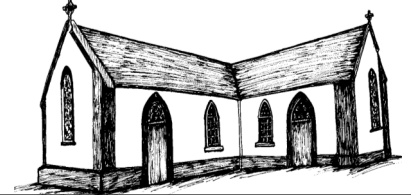
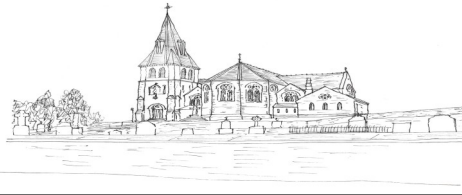
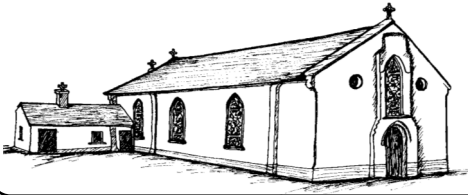


# Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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**Priest on Duty: Fr. Gerry.**

**POPE SPEAKS OF SOMETHING GREATER THAN ANSWERED PRAYERS**  
 Benedict XVI says God's greatest answer to prayer is the gift of His friendship and presence.

The Pope said this as he continued his reflection on Jesus' prayer. He took up two accounts from the Gospel: when Jesus prayed before healing the deaf and mute man, and his prayer at Lazarus' tomb.

After his insightful commentaries on both of these narratives, the Holy Father brought forth lessons for our own prayer.

"Each one of us is called to understand that in the prayer of petition to the Lord, we must not expect an immediate fulfillment of our requests, of our will; rather, we must entrust ourselves to the Father's Will, interpreting each event within the perspective of his glory, of his design of love, which is often mysterious to our eyes," the Pontiff encouraged.

He said that in our prayer, "petition, praise and thanksgiving should coalesce, even when it seems to us that God is not responding to our concrete expectations."

"Abandonment to God's love, which precedes and accompanies us always, is one of the attitudes at the heart of our conversation with him," he reminded.

The Bishop of Rome cited the Catechism of the Catholic Church in its commentary on Jesus' prayer at the raising of Lazarus: "Jesus' prayer, characterized by thanksgiving, reveals to us how to ask: before the gift is given, Jesus commits Himself to the One who in giving gives Himself. The

Giver is more precious than the gift; He is the 'treasure'; in Him abides His Son's heart; the gift is given 'as well'"(Matthew 6:21 and 6:33) (2604).

Benedict XVI commented, "This seems to me to be very important: before the gift is given, to adhere to him who gives; the Giver is more precious than the gift."

He said that beyond the things that God might give us, "the greatest gift he can give us is his friendship, his presence, his love. He is the precious treasure we should ask for and treasure always."

The Pontiff added: "The two prayers of Jesus that we have meditated upon -- which accompany the curing of the deaf-mute and the raising of Lazarus -- reveal that the deep bond between the love of God and the love of neighbor must enter into our prayer also. In Jesus, true God and true man, attention to the other -- especially to the needy and the suffering - - being moved before the sorrow of a beloved family, leads him to turn to the Father, in that fundamental relationship that guides the whole of his life. But the opposite is also true: communion with the Father, constant dialogue with him, drives Jesus to be uniquely attentive to the concrete situations of man in order to bring to them the consolation and love of God. The relationship with our fellow men leads us to the relationship with God, and [our relationship] with God leads us anew to our neighbour."

## Epiphany Announcement

Dear brothers and sisters:

The glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever manifest itself among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms and changes of time let us call to mind and live the mysteries of salvation.

The centre of the whole liturgical year is the Paschal Triduum of the Lord, crucified, buried and risen, which will culminate in the solemn Vigil of Easter, during the holy night that will end with the dawn of the eight day of April. Every Sunday, as in a weekly Easter, holy Church makes present that great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.

From Easter where comes forth and are reckoned all the days we keep holy: Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten spring, the twenty second day of February the Ascension of the Lord, the twentieth day of May; and Pentecost, the twenty seventh day of May; the First Sunday of Advent, the second day of December

Likewise in the feasts of the Holy Mother of God, of the apostles and saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed, the pilgrim Church on earth proclaims the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

To Christ who was, and is, and who is to come, the Lord of time and history, be endless praise forever and ever! Amen.

## FOR THE NEW YEAR

### A THOUGHT WHILE YOU WAIT

**The six most important words .....**

*I am sorry, I was wrong*

**The five most important words .....**

*You did it very well*

**The four most important words .....**

*What do you think?*

**The three most important words .....**

*I love you.*

**The two most important words .....**

*Thank you.*

**The one most important word ....**

*We*

**The least important word ....**

*I*

Friday next is the **Feast of the Epiphany** and a Holy Day . Masses are at 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. in Kingscourt.

Thank you to parishioners living abroad who contacted the Parish during the Christmas period expressing their delight with the new web cam facilities in the Church allowing them to join in for Mass & Services from their home parish. Log onto [www.kingscourtparish.ie](http://www.kingscourtparish.ie) and click on webcam for live streaming.

A very sincere word of thanks to the **Youth Group** for their very dramatic presentation of the Christmas story during the Family Mass on Christmas Eve.

## POINTS FOR THE PARISH

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## LITURGICAL NOTES

**31st December/1st January.**

**Vigil 6 p.m.:** Paul Carroll, Dunheeda. First Anniversary.  
Frances O'Brien & dec. family members.

**Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.:** James Tully, Moyar.

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

**10.30:** Kitty & Benny Curtis, Edenagully.

**12.00:** Laurence & Rosemary Cleary.

**7th/8th January.**

**Vigil 6 p.m.:** Terry Clarke, Newcastle.

**Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.:** Aidan Curtis, First Anniversary & dad, Hugh Curtis.

**9 a.m. Corlea:** Owen & Annie Martin, Corlea.

**10.30:** Chris Cullen, Dublin Road. 25th Anniversary

**12.00:** Arthur McGinley. Anniversary

**Monday 1 p.m.:** Wedding Mass.

**Tuesday 10:** Eugene Clarke, Ballinaclose & dec. family.

**Wednesday 10:** Peter Hegarty & deceased family.

**Thursday 10:** Patsy, Kate & John Clarke, Ballinaclose.

**Friday 10:** List of the Dead.

**Friday 7 p.m. L.O.D. & Anniversaries Occurring.**

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**Rose Donnellan. Thomas Wakely.**

**Joseph, Mary & Patrick O'Reilly.**

**Paul Carolan, Boynabought. James & Paul Gillick.**

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

**Pat Kieran, Magheracloone, Ann Monaghan, Rathloghan, Jean Smith, Drumcrin, Paddy Keogan, Castlerahan.**

**A sincere word of thanks** to all involved in parish ministry during the last year. Thank you to the Parish Staff, the various working parish committees including Finance Committee, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of the Word, youth readers, all choirs, organists, cantors, members of the Parish Baptismal Team, The Parish Website team, the Bereavement Team, The Adoration Committee, the Grounds/Cemetery Committee, Enniskeen Cemetery Committee, Eucharistic Congress 2012 Committee, members of St. Vincent de Paul, our Sacristans, Servers, Stewards, those who clean our churches and prepare the linens and flowers. Thank you to our counters and collectors. Thank you to all who worked so hard in preparation for Christmas in our three Churches. Thank you to the Chairpersons and voluntary members of all school boards who give so very generously to the schools and education in our parish.

I commend all involved in the various sporting, cultural and voluntary groups within the parish, without whose leadership and generosity of spirit our parish and community would be much the poorer.

Thanks to all for your Christmas Offerings in support of your Priests.

Thanks to all for your great personal support and constant encouragement which is deeply appreciated.

Wishing all Parishioners at home and abroad a Happy New Year.

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May God give you the grace not to sell yourself short,  
Grace to risk something big for something good,  
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous

for anything but the truth, and too small for anything but love.

May God take your eyes and see through them

May God take your lips and speak through them

May God take your hands and work through them

May God take your heart and set it on fire.

*Fr. Genny.*

The Meath Diocesan Office & the Garda Authorities advise that Garda permits for all Church gate collections within the Diocese of Meath from January 1st, 2012, now require that collections take place **after** Mass only. All organisations are requested to observe this requirement.

Any voluntary group wishing to advertise a forthcoming collection can contact the Parish Office the previous week for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin.

Next **Baptism preparation meeting** will take place in the **Parish Centre** on **Thurs. , 5th Jan.,** at **8.00p.m.**

**One in the Sacrament of Marriage:**

Congratulations to **Kenneth Furlong, & Caroline Dunne,** Dublin, on their recent marriage.

### 2012 JUBILEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 25th Jan. Ecumenical Service led by Very Rev. Archdeacon Lesley Stephens in Church of the Immaculate Conception at 7 p.m.
- 5th Feb. Rededication ceremony to mark the Recent refurbishment of Kingscourt Church with Bishop Michael Smith at 3 p.m. All welcome
- 4th Mar. Launch of Grandparents Book of Prayer, "Come and See." by Padraig McIntyre.
- 11th Mar. Visit by Fr. Kevin Doran, Director of The International Eucharistic Congress.
- Lenten Novena on Tuesdays of Lent:  
Speakers include—Micheal O Muirthceartaigh, Broadcaster,  
Ger Brennan, Dublin and All Ireland footballer.  
Sean Boylan, ex Meath football manager.  
Bishop Michael Smith, Bishop of Meath.  
Christy Cooney, G.A.A. President.
- 7/14/21 Mar. Lenten Faith Development at 8 p.m. in Parish Centre.
- 8th Apr. Easter Sunday.
- 29th Apr. Confirmation at 3 p.m.
- 12/13/19th May Celebration of First Holy Communion.
- 19th—26th May Jubilee Mission led by The Redemptorist Mission Team.
- 10th -17th June. International Eucharistic Congress.
- 18th July Annual Mass of Healing.
- 5th Aug. Cemetery Sunday. Mass at 12 noon.
- 26th Aug. Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving at 12 noon.
- 27th Aug—Sept 4th Parish Pilgrimage to Venice, Ravenna & Padua.
- 14th Oct. Harvest Thanksgiving.
- 3rd Nov. Special Mass of Remembrance for all our Deceased.
- 8th Dec. Parish Youth Day Retreat with Elation Music Ministries
- 16th Dec. 140th Jubilee Christmas Concert.

**This Week's Collections: Plate €3,991. Envelopes €7,094.**