

Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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Priest on Duty: Fr. Gerry.

THE CHURCH HAS CONFIDENCE IN YOUNG PEOPLE

There is an urgent need in the world today to listen to, and enhance, the important role of new generations in the realisation of the common good, and in the affirmation of a just and peaceful social order where fundamental human rights can be fully expressed and realised.

This is according to Pope Benedict XVI who has chosen as the theme for the celebration of the 45th World Day of Peace, Educating Young People in Justice and Peace.

Pope Benedict XVI has stated in his theme that the present generation has a duty to prepare future ones, and creating for them the conditions that will allow them to express freely and responsibly the urgency for a "new world." The Church welcomes young people and sees them as a sign of an ever-promising springtime, and holds out Jesus to them as the model of love who "makes all things new."

The Pope explained that those responsible for public policy are called to work for the creation of institutions, laws and environments of life that are permeated by a transcendent humanism that offers new generations opportunities to fully realise themselves through, for example, work and education, and to build a civilisation of fraternal love directed toward a more profound awareness of truth, freedom, of love and of justice for all persons.

The Pope stated that the family, educational institutions, political leaders and the media have a role to play in the education of young people.

"Education ... calls for responsibility on the part of the learners,

who must be open to being led to the knowledge of reality, and on the part of educators, who must be ready to give of themselves. ;for this reason, today more than ever we need authentic witnesses, and not simply people who parcel out rules and facts. A witness is someone who first lives the life that he proposes to others," said the Pope.

"It is in the family that children learn the human and Christian values which enable them to have a constructive and peaceful coexistence. It is in the family that they learn solidarity between generations, respect for rules, forgiveness and how to welcome others. The family is the first school in which we are trained in justice and peace," he said.

The Pope urged young people not to yield to discouragement in the face of difficulties and do not abandon themselves to false solutions that often seem the easiest way to overcome problems.

"Do not be afraid to make a commitment, to face hard work and sacrifice, to choose the paths that demand fidelity and constancy, humility and dedication. Realise that you yourselves are an example and an inspiration to adults, even more so to the extent that you seek to overcome injustice and corruption and strive to build a better future. Be aware of your potential; never become self-centred but work for a brighter future for all," he said, and reiterated that young people are never alone.

"The Church has confidence in you, follows you, encourages you and wishes to offer you the most precious gift she has: the opportunity to raise your eyes to God, to encounter Jesus Christ, Who is Himself justice and peace," he said.

International Eucharistic Congress Update:

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress are delighted to announce that they have now over 700 registered volunteers from all over Ireland and continue their call to volunteers as more are needed.

The Theology Symposium is a meeting of graduates in theology and academics to reflect on the theme "The Eucharistic Ecclesiology of Communion Fifty Years after Vatican 11". It takes place in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress invites you to join in preparations to the Congress via Facebook.

If you wish to have the Eucharistic Congress Candle & Cross in your home during this new year please contact Annette O'Rourke at 087/1736222.

PARISH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2012 PLANS

Tue. 17th Jan. IEC meeting at 9 p.m.

Fri. 10th Feb. Closing date for Art Competition—Theme—"Together we Grow in Love".

27th Feb. Display of all Art in Church.

Sun. 4th Mar. Launch of Prayer Book 'Pass It On' & judging of Art Competition with Padraig McIntyre.

Sun. 12th Mar. Mass at 12 with Fr. Kevin Doran (Director IEC) & Presentation of IEC Pins and Certificates.

Posture in the Liturgy

Did you ever think about why we stand or sit or kneel at particular parts of the Mass? The Roman Missal puts it like this: 'A common posture, observed by all, is a sign of the unity of the assembly and its sense of community. It both expresses and fosters the inner spirit and purpose of those taking part in it.' The problem lately has been that while everyone in any one assembly might be adopting the same posture at Mass, not all parishes have the same customs. It might help if we looked at the significance of the various postures and gestures.

Standing is the traditional posture for communal prayer in the Christian tradition. It can be a sign of respect. But it also emphasises our dignity as baptised and redeemed people. We are God's beloved children, in whom he is well-pleased, and so we have the courage to stand in his presence as we pray.

Sitting makes us ready for listening. We read in the Bible of how people sat at the feet of rabbis, to listen to their teaching. Likewise, we sit down for the readings and the homily—though respect for the Gospel readings suggests that we stand to hear it—as we listen to the Word of God and seek to discern its message for our lives.

Kneeling is a posture for private prayer, for that direct personal encounter between ourselves and God. Its also a sign of humility and an appropriate way of expressing sorrow.

POINTS FOR THE PARISH



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LITURGICAL NOTES

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.

14th/15th January.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Peter Corrigan, Lisnagrew.
Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.: Richard & Rose Murray, Edenagully.
9 a.m. Corlea: Susan & Patrick Owens, Corglass.
10.30: Eileen Armstrong. First Anniversary.
12.00: Julie Ann Heery.
5 p.m.: Mass in Polish.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord:
Noreen Wakely, Turners Hill, Philip Lynch, U.K.

Reborn through water and the Holy Spirit
Sebastian Mateusz Kubarek, Aoibheann Josephine Hill, Shannon Bridget Farrelly.

Next **Baptism preparation meeting** will take place in the **Parish Centre** on **Thurs., 2nd Feb., at 8.00p.m.**

One in the Sacrament of Marriage:
Congratulations to **Samantha Conway**, Edenagully, and **Gavin McEntee**, Drumbracken, on their recent marriage.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR JANUARY

Vigil: Rose Mary Patterson, Mary Kelly, David O'Reilly, Kathrina Cunningham, Shane Smith, Kathy Gargan.
10.30: Carmel Daly, Eileen Freeman, Eilish Cassidy, Jackie Sexton, Maria Kowalczykowska.
12.00: Killian Farrelly, Mary O'Reilly, Mary Gilsean, Regina Corrigan, Terry O'Reilly.
Muff: Philip Smith. **Corlea:** Henry P. Smith.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR JANUARY

Vigil: Brian Rafferty. **10.30:** Pat Sherlock.
12.00: Muriel Harney.
Muff: 7th: Maureen Lynch. **14th:** Laura Fitzsimons.
21st: Patricia Tierney. **28th:** Frances Reilly.
Corlea: 8th: Sheila Connolly. **15th:** Ann Gargan. **22nd** Phyllis Hughes. **29th:** Bridie Martin.

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.

Parish Statistics for 2011: Weddings 21. Funerals 28. Confirmations 68. Baptisms 60.

All notices for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin should be addressed directly to the Parish Office.

The Meath Diocesan Office & the Garda Authorities advise that Garda permits for all Church gate collections **within the Diocese of Meath** since January 1st, 2012, 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.

Why Not Study Theology?

The Dominican Order is offering a distance learning theology programme, leading to a range of possible qualifications from certificate level up to full honours degree level.

People are enabled to study theology from home, while also attending occasional study days and benefitting from the on-line support of academic tutors. Hundreds of people have completed some or all of the programme. Perhaps you would like to know more? Contact The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. 01/4048124. enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Bishop Michael Smith, Directors. Monday, 15th—Wednesday, 24th October, 2012. Proposed accommodation—4 star—Grand Court Hotel, Jerusalem (5 nights), Royal Plaza Hotel, Tiberias (4 nights). Cost €1,389 per person sharing, + extras incl. taxes and insurance. This price includes: Return flights Dublin—Tel Aviv via Frankfurt. 9 nights accommodation in 4 star hotel (twin sharing) (5 nights Jerusalem/4 nights Tiberias). Dinner, bed and breakfast throughout. Services of an English speaking guide throughout the tour. All entrance fees. Porterage at airport and hotels. For further details contact **Fr. Gerry, 042/9667314**.

MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION FAITHFUL MEET THE POPE IN 2011

VATICAN CITY, 3 Jan 2012 (VIS) - The Prefecture of the Pontifical Household has published a communiqué announcing that, during the course of 2011, 2,553,800 faithful participated in various meetings with Benedict XVI including general audiences (400,000), private audiences (101,800), liturgical celebrations (846,000), Angelus and Regina Coeli (1,206,000). These statistics, which show an increase with respect to the last three years.

This Week's Collections:
Plate: €1,752. Envelopes: €6,860. Many thanks to all.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

The Parish Repository is open after all weekend Masses with religious goods, Confirmation and Holy Communion gifts etc. at cost price.

Kingscourt Social Services Christmas Party in Cabra Castle today at 2 p.m.

Active Retirement Meeting Thursday, 12th January, at 4 p.m. in Parish Centre.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service in Kingscourt Community Centre Thursday next, 12th Jan. from 5—8 p.m.

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band mid week music and theory classes resume this week. Senior band rehearsals resume this weekend.

Family support for addiction group meeting commences on Tuesday, 17th January. Contact 9692510.

Set dancing classes in Muff old school commencing Wed. 11th Jan. at 8 p.m. Contact 087/9616876.