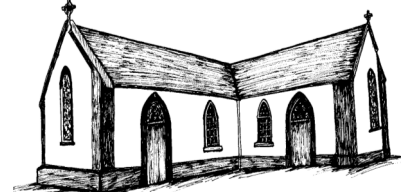
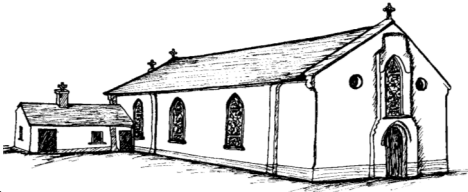


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PRAYER OF THE 50TH INTERNATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Lord Jesus, You were sent by the Father
to gather together those who are scattered.
You came among us,
doing good and bringing healing,
announcing the Word of salvation
and giving the Bread which lasts forever.
Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts,
Enliven our hope and open our minds,
So that together with our sisters and brothers in faith
we may recognise you in the Scriptures
and in the breaking of bread.
May your Holy Spirit transform us
into one body and
lead us to walk humbly on the earth,
in justice and love,
as witnesses of your resurrection.

In communion with Mary,
Whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the
cross,
Through you
may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father
In the Holy Spirit and in the Church,
Now and forever. **Amen.**

PARISH MISSION 2012

The Parish Mission in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress and to celebrate the jubilee of the Church will be conducted by the **Redemptorist Mission Team** commencing on Saturday, 19th May.

- There will be **Morning Mass** in both Muff & Corlea at 7.00a.m. (Monday—Friday)
- There will be **Morning Mass** in Kingscourt at 10.00 a.m. (Monday—Friday).
- The **Evening Novena** commences on Sunday at 8.00 p.m. and continues each night thereafter with a different theme.
- There will be a **blessing of families** on Sunday, 20th May, at 12 noon.
- There will be a special night for **Youth**.
- There will be a **Mass of Healing** with the Blessing of the Sick on Saturday 26th May at 11.00a.m.
- The Team will visit all schools and those on the First Friday List.
- The Team will be available each day to meet people individually.

One of the evenings of the Mission will focus on the great community spirit within the parish. We are requesting that every **voluntary, community, sporting, caring and cultural group** within the parish be represented. If you wish to be involved or partake please contact **087/1736222**.

POPE: EASTER EXPLAINS CREATION

Benedict XVI welcomed Easter with a reflection on the meaning of the creation of light, which "means that God created the world as a space for knowledge and truth, as a space for encounter and freedom, as a space for good and for love."

During his homily at the Holy Saturday Mass, the Pope spoke of the liturgy's presentation of creation: "Easter Day ushers in a new creation, but that is precisely why the Church starts the liturgy on this day with the old creation, so that we can learn to understand the new one aright."

Referring to the first reading that provides Genesis' account of creation, he emphasized two elements as especially important: "On the one hand, creation is presented as a whole that includes the phenomenon of time. The seven days are an image of completeness, unfolding in time. They are ordered towards the seventh day, the day of the freedom of all creatures for God and for one another. Creation is therefore directed towards the coming together of God and his creatures; it exists so as to open up a space for the response to God's great glory, an encounter between love and freedom.

"On the other hand, what the Church hears on Easter night is above all the first element of the creation account: 'God said, "let there be light!"' The creation account begins symbolically with the creation of light. The sun and the moon are created only on the fourth day. The creation account calls them lights, set by God in the firmament of heaven. In this way he deliberately takes away the divine character that the great religions had assigned to them. No, they are not gods. They are shining bodies created by the one God. But they are preceded by the

light through which God's glory is reflected in the essence of the created being."

The Holy Father proposed that the meaning of this is that "light makes life possible. It makes encounter possible. It makes communication possible. It makes knowledge, access to reality and to truth, possible. And insofar as it makes knowledge possible, it makes freedom and progress possible. Evil hides. Light, then, is also an expression of the good that both is and creates brightness. It is daylight, which makes it possible for us to act. To say that God created light means that God created the world as a space for knowledge and truth, as a space for encounter and freedom, as a space for good and for love. Matter is fundamentally good, being itself is good. And evil does not come from God-made being, rather, it comes into existence only through denial. It is a 'no.'"

Easter is a re-creation, a time for God to say again, "Let there be light," the Pope said. "Now it is the first day once again – creation is beginning anew," he reflected. "'Let there be light,' says God, 'and there was light': Jesus rises from the grave. Life is stronger than death. Good is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Truth is stronger than lies. The darkness of the previous days is driven away the moment Jesus rises from the grave and himself becomes God's pure light."

The Holy Father affirmed that this applies not only to the darkness of those days, but means that "light itself is created anew." "He draws all of us after him into the new light of the resurrection and he conquers all darkness. He is God's new day, new for all of us."

TRÓCAIRE: You are kindly asked to return your Trócaire boxes to Kingscourt Church . It is of great assistance if you could exchange your coins for paper notes. Please make cheques payable to Kingscourt Parish and they will be forwarded in your name to Trócaire. Special Trócaire envelopes are also available in your box of envelopes.

LITURGICAL NOTES

21st/22nd April.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Maureen Shekleton, Mt. St. Joseph.
Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.: Adrian Lambe. 1st Anniv.
9 a.m. Corlea: Roseann & Michael Lynch, & dec. fam.
10.30: Seamus Carolan, Bailieboro Road.
12.00: Kathleen Gartlan, Mohercrum.

28th/29th April.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Brian & Eileen Hanratty, Cornavan.
Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.: Brian Tinnelly.
9 a.m. Corlea: Patrick, Catherine & John Freeman.
10.30: Seán Forkan. Month's Memory.
12.00: Fidelma Maguire, Rocks Road.

Tuesday 10: Deceased members of the Murphy & Mc Enteggart families.
Wednesday 10: Pappy Corscadden.

Thursday 10: Kevin Daly, Church St.
Friday 10: P.J. & Veronica Martin, Drumsallagh & dec. fam.
Friday 1p.m. Muff: Wedding Mass.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord:
Brigid Luddy, London.

Reborn through water & the Holy Spirit:
Mollie Kate Hand, Alex Michael Hand.

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

The Parish Repository is open on Saturdays from 2 p.m. and **after all weekend Masses** with a wide selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts, candles and religious goods at **COST PRICE.**

Thanks to the **Parish Eucharistic Congress Committee** who have worked very hard in preparation for the forthcoming Congress in June. Among the number of successful initiatives organised this year included the following:

- 32 community Masses.
- Visit of the Congress Bell to the Parish.
- Congress Candle & Cross in homes of the parish.
- Launch of Grandparents' Book 'Pass it On'.
- Art competition for the Primary Schools of the Parish.
- Presentation of IEC pins & certificates to those born in 1932 or living during the last Congress.
- Parish Mission.

Parish Finance Committee meeting on Thursday night at Parish House.

All notices for the bulletin should reach the Parish Office not later than 10.00 a.m. on Thursdays to ensure inclusion.

Kingscourt Parish Folk Choir are seeking additional singers and musicians to join with them. If you have an hour to spare please contact 087/2807982.

In the recent weeks parishioners who have made a donation to the parish in excess of €250 will have received a Revenue CHY 2 form. You are asked to ***complete and return it to the Parish Office*** as we will then be forwarding these completed forms to Revenue.

We welcome the boys and girls of the **First Holy Communion classes** and their families to their final preparation Mass on this Sunday.

Please remember in your prayers the **Confirmation candidates** who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Michael Smith on Sunday next at 3 p.m. All are asked to be seated by 2.50 p.m. at the latest.

First Holy Communion Dates:

Carrickleck and St. Joseph's N.S.—12th May.
Corlea N.S.—13th May. Muff N.S.—19th May.

The **annual exam Mass** will take place at 12 noon on Sunday, May 27th. All exam students and their families are very welcome to attend.

A meeting of all young people who wish to be involved in the **Youth Night of the Mission** are invited to the Parish Centre on Friday, April 27th, at 6.30 p.m. The Meath Diocesan day at the **Eucharistic Congress** is Tuesday, 12th June.

The **collection** on next Sunday is for the education of our Meath Diocesan seminarians currently studying in Maynooth and Rome for the Priesthood.

Cardinal Sean Brady has announced that the Mass collection on the weekend of 4th/5th May is to help finance the International Eucharistic Congress. Your support would be appreciated.

A sincere word of thanks to all who supported **Easter Offerings** in support of the priests.

A sincere word of thanks to all who contributed to the Church Collection on Holy Thursday in aid of the **Saint Vincent de Paul**. It realised €687. Many thanks

The following are the **parish web statistics for March:** 31,000 pageviews, over 4,000 hits on the parish webcam., nearly 1,800 hits on the St. Patrick's Day page. There were 2,700 hits on 'Parish Update'. The largest visitor numbers are from Ireland, England, United States and Australia.

This Week's Collections Plate: €1,302. Envelopes: Target: €1,850. Received: €3,979.
Many thanks.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Ladies mini marathon for Steadfast House, June 4th. **Steadfast House** is looking for unwanted items. 086/0860933.

Kingscourt Social Services Committee meeting in Matt Talbot Hall on Wednesday, 25th April, at 8.30 p.m. **Family Support** is willing to listen to families living with addictions on either one to one basis or in a group setting. For more information call 9692510 or e.mail renewedlivingfsn@gmail.com

Stars Lotto Result: 01, 19, 20, 25. Next jackpot €2,600. **Handball Lotto:** 10, 13, 15, 17. Next jackpot €3,100. **St. Mary's Band Lotto Result:** 03, 12, 15, 18. Next jackpot €7,800.