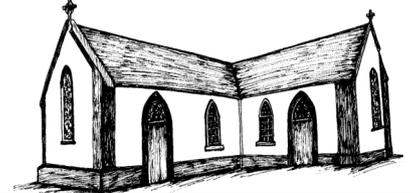
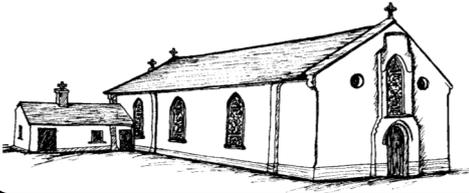


# Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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

## **POPE GIVES 3 KEYS FOR FOSTERING VOCATIONS VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

Benedict XVI today encouraged parish communities and families to be the nourishing soil in which vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life can sprout, and he recommended three concrete means for fostering vocations: Scripture, prayer and Eucharist.

"Dear brother bishops, dear priests, deacons, consecrated men and women, catechists, pastoral workers and all of you who are engaged in the field of educating young people: I fervently exhort you to pay close attention to those members of parish communities, associations and ecclesial movements who sense a call to the priesthood or to a special consecration. It is important for the Church to create the conditions that will permit many young people to say 'yes' in generous response to God's loving call," the Holy Father said.

He clarified that the task of fostering vocations is to "provide helpful guidance and direction along the way."

"Central to this," the Pontiff said, "should be love of God's word nourished by a growing familiarity with sacred Scripture, and attentive and unceasing prayer, both personal and in community; this will make it possible to hear God's call amid all the voices of daily life. But above all, the Eucharist should be the heart of every vocational journey: it is here that the love of God touches us in Christ's sacrifice, the perfect expression of love, and it is here that we learn ever anew how to live according to the 'high standard' of God's love. Scripture, prayer and the Eucharist are the precious treasure enabling us to grasp the beauty of a life spent fully in service of the Kingdom."

Benedict XVI voiced his hopes that local Churches and all the groups within them "will become places where vocations are carefully discerned and their authenticity tested, places where young men and women are offered wise and strong spiritual direction."

And he emphasized that the love in families "is an expression of the love of Christ who gave himself for his Church."

In the family, Benedict XVI affirmed, "young people can have a wonderful experience of this self-giving love. Indeed, families are not

only the privileged place for human and Christian formation; they can also be 'the primary and most excellent seed-bed of vocations to a life of consecration to the Kingdom of God.'"

The Pope's message presented the vocation as a response to divine love.

"We are loved by God even 'before' we come into existence," the Holy Father stated. "Moved solely by his unconditional love, he created us 'not ... out of existing things,' to bring us into full communion with Him. [...]"

"The profound truth of our existence is thus contained in this surprising mystery: every creature, and in particular every human person, is the fruit of God's thought and an act of his love, a love that is boundless, faithful and everlasting. The discovery of this reality is what truly and profoundly changes our lives."

The Bishop of Rome quoted at length St. Augustine's expression of his discovery of God, "supreme beauty and supreme love."

"[...] You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace," the Holy Father quoted.

"With these images," he reflected, "the Saint of Hippo seeks to describe the ineffable mystery of his encounter with God, with God's love that transforms all of life. It is a love that is limitless and that precedes us, sustains us and calls us along the path of life, a love rooted in an absolutely free gift of God."

"Every specific vocation is in fact born of the initiative of God," Benedict continued. "It is a gift of the Love of God! He is the One who takes the 'first step,' and not because he has found something good in us, but because of the presence of his own love 'poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.'"

Yet, the Holy Father said, "the appealing beauty of this divine love, which precedes and accompanies us, needs to be proclaimed ever anew, especially to younger generations."

"This divine love," he said, "is the hidden impulse, the motivation which never fails, even in the most difficult circumstances."

## **PRAYER OF THE 50TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC 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.**

The collection on this Sunday is **for the support of our students** in Rome & Maynooth preparing for the Priesthood.

We extend a very warm welcome to **Bishop Michael Smith** on the occasion of his pastoral visit to the parish for the conferring of the Sacrament of Confirmation. We express a very sincere thank you to our teachers and school communities for their work of preparation for Confirmation. We welcome the many visitors to our parish who join us for Confirmation this weekend. We pray God's blessing on all.

Warm congratulations to **P.J. & Mary Hanratty** on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee of Marriage and to **Patsy & Philomena Sherlock** on their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

**Fr. Gerry** will bring Holy Communion to the sick and household, on Wednesday, commencing at 8.30 a.m.

**This Week's Collection Plate: €1,598. Envelopes:  
Target: €1,850. Received: €1,985. Many thanks.**

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## **POINTS FOR THE PARISH**

Last year the parish teamed up with Gemma and Kingscourt Super Valu in 'Points for the Parish'. We encourage all parishioners to consider signing up if they have not done so already. Super Valu will match your points for the Parish.

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Detach and deposit in the designated box in the church or in **Super Valu Kingscourt.**

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## LITURGICAL NOTES

<p><b>28th/29th April.</b>  <b>Vigil 6 p.m.:</b> Brian &amp; Eileen Hanratty, Cornavan.  <b>Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.:</b> Brian Tinnelly.  <b>9 a.m. Corlea:</b> Patrick, Catherine &amp; John Freeman.  <b>10.30:</b> Seán Forkan. <b>Month's Memory.</b>  <b>12.00:</b> Fidelma Maguire, Rocks Road.</p>	<p><b>5th/6th May.</b>  <b>Vigil 6 p.m.:</b> Pat Hegarty, Shamrock Drive.  <b>Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.:</b> James &amp; Bridgid Woods.  <b>9 a.m. Corlea:</b> Peter McCabe, Lisagoan.  <b>10.30:</b> Jimmy Muldoon, Collops.  <b>12.00:</b> Ted Sheridan, Corrygarry.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 10:</b> Mary Suski, Lisagoan &amp; U.S.A.  <b>Wednesday 10:</b> Hugh &amp; Kathleen Califf &amp; son, Hugh.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 10:</b> Cissie McCullagh, Collops.  <b>Friday 10:</b> List of the Dead &amp; Anniversaries Occurring.</p>
<p><b>Friday 7 p.m.:</b> L.O.D. &amp; Anniversaries Occurring.  <i>Mary &amp; Jack McEntee &amp; dec. family.</i>  <i>Benny &amp; Stephen McEntee. Bernard &amp; Brigid Shortt.</i>  <i>Michael &amp; Mona Cusack.</i>  <i>John, Margaret &amp; Mattie Greene.</i>  <i>Patrick &amp; Mary Gargan &amp; dec. family, Cornakill.</i>  <i>James &amp; Annie Armstrong &amp; dec. family.</i>  <i>Frank &amp; Eileen O'Connell, England.</i>  <i>Francis &amp; Patrick Clarke, Newcastle &amp; their daughter,</i>  <i>Kathleen McCann, &amp; dec. family.</i>  <i>Nellie &amp; Joe McMahan, Corrygarry.</i>  <i>Owen &amp; Mary Yorke &amp; daughter, Margaret.</i>  <i>John &amp; Kathleen Tierney, Mount St. Joseph.</i></p>	<p><i>Killian &amp; Denis Farrelly. Madie Allen, late of Church St.</i>  <i>Barney Clarke, Coroneary.</i>  <i>Jack &amp; Eileen Sheenan, Cornagee.</i>  <i>Kathleen &amp; Eugene Lambe. Anna Bennett.</i>  <i>Patrick &amp; Teresa Tierney, Coroneary &amp;</i>  <i>Patrick, Charles &amp; Elizabeth Clarke, Laragh.</i>  <i>Terence &amp; Ellen Tierney, Collops.</i>  <i>Joe &amp; Josephine McCabe, Muff.</i>  <i>Norah, Phil &amp; Teddy McDaniel.</i>  <i>Tony Lee. Frank &amp; Molly Donagh.</i>  <i>Seamus McCabe, Main St. Joseph O'Reilly.</i>  <i>Patrick, Elizabeth &amp; Matthew Burns.</i></p>

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord**  
**Eddie Fleming**, Cordoagh, **Seamus McCabe**, Waterford, **Bridget Doran**, Ballinagernan, **Gerald Armstong**, Nobber, and **Patrick McCabe**, late of Main St.

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

**One in the Sacrament of Marriage:** Congratulations to **Jenny Burns**, Cortubber, and **Ciaran Boylan**, Lisagoan, on their recent marriage.

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

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 soon as possible** as we need to forward these completed forms to Revenue. Sincere thanks for your kind co-operation.

**Fr. Gerry** will begin visitation to the homes of Mill Road this week.

**The Parish Eucharistic Congress Committee** meet on Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

The annual Mass for deceased employees of **Gypsum Industries** and their families takes place on **Friday, 11th May, at 7.30 p.m.** All welcome.

**Bereavement Support Group** meet in the Parish Centre after 10 a.m. Mass on Fri., 4th May. Confidentiality assured.

**Pioneers:** Presentation of pins and certs and Silver Jubilarians at First Friday Mass, May 4th, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

All notices for inclusion in the Parish bulletin should be addressed for the **attention of the Parish Office.**

<b><u>DATES FOR THE DIARY IN MAY</u></b>	
2nd May	Fr. Gerry will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, commencing at 8.30 a.m.
3rd May	Baptismal team meeting in Parish Centre 8 p.m. IEC Meeting at 8p.m. at Parish House.
7th May	Cavan ploughing championship at Cabra. All funds in aid of St. Ernan's Church, Ervey Presbyterian Church & the Church of the Immaculate Conception Restoration funds.
11th May	Remembrance Mass for deceased employees of Gypsum Industries at 7.30 p.m.
12th May	First Holy Communion for pupils of Carricleck N.S. and St. Joseph's, Kingscourt.
13th May	First Holy Communion in Corlea.
18th May	Retreat for the sixth class pupils of the parish.
19th May	First Holy Communion for the pupils of Laragh Muff N.S.
19-26 May	Parish Mission in preparation for the forthcoming Eucharistic Congress.
27th May	Exam Mass for Junior & Leaving Cert students. Feast of Pentecost.
27th May	Meath Diocesan Retreat.

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR MAY**

**Vigil:** R.M. Patterson, Mary Kelly, David O'Reilly, Kathrina Cunningham, Shane Smith, Kathy Gargan. **10.30:** Carmel Daly, Eileen Freeman, Eilish Cassidy, Jackie Sexton.  
**12.00:** Killian Farrelly, Mary O'Reilly, Mary Gilsean, Regina Corrigan, Terry O'Reilly. **Muff:** Philomena Donnellan.  
**Corlea:** Helen Boylan.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR MAY**

**Vigil:** Eileen Hanratty. **10.30:** Maureen Roddy.  
**12.00:** Nuala Mackin. **Muff:** 5th Aine Smith. 12th Johnny Fleming. 19th Jackie Lynch. 26th Colette Reilly. **Corlea:** 6th Bridie Martin. 13th Helen Boylan. 20th Fionnuala Marron. 27th Leanne Smith.

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** 12th —17th September, led by Bishop Michael Smith. Fare €699 inclusive of 5 nights full board, taxes and travel insurance. For booking telephone 01/6359300.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES:

**Volunteers** required for flower arranging in Corlea Church. Please contact the Parish Office. **Kingscourt Credit Union:** Congratulations to Margaret McArdle, Drumconrath, on winning the members' car draw. **Kingscourt Alzheimer Society** are hosting a Tea Day on 3rd May, in Super Valu & at Bingo, and at the home of Sadie O'Reilly from 10 a.m.—6 p.m. **Kingscourt Festival** is urgently requesting new committee members. Anyone interested contact Michael on 087/2391393. **Shercock Bingo** Wed., 2d May. 8.45 p.m. €3,000 must be won. €1,000 jackpot must be won. **Emer's Evening for Temple Street:** Emer McIntyre's Fundraising Evening for Temple Street Children's Hospital in Hotel Bailie, Sun. 29th April, with cabaret at 7.30 sharp. €20. Ticket only. Dance 10.30 p.m. €10—pay at the door. Congratulations to **Charlotte Fleming** from Cordoagh who was recently selected as Miss Cavan to represent the county at the Miss Ireland pageant. **Beginners** E.mail & Internet Course starts Wed. 16th May. 7 week course €10. Call 049/4361881, ext. 251. **Bright Stars Mobile Phone Appeal:** Donate your old phone (working or broken) at O'Connells Newsagency, Pat's Shop or directly to Maeve Leahy. You could win a prize of "Mortgage paid for a year!" **Stars Lotto:** 18, 22, 23, 24. Next jackpot €2,800.