

Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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December 14 th /15 th Vigil 6p.m. John Lynch & Dec family & Johnnie McKenna Muff Vigil: Kathleen Carolan, Anniversary Corlea 9a.m. Bridie Kennedy Anniv. 10.30a.m. Kevin McArdle, Aniv. 12noon. Patrick O'Connor Months Memory	December 21 st /22 nd Vigil 6p.m. Ted O'Reilly and dec family Anniv Muff Vigil: Jim Carroll, Anniv Corlea 9a.m. Robbie Boylan 1 st Anniv and parents Mary & Patrick 10.30a.m. Paul Carroll and Glen Curtis and dec members of the Carroll Family 12noon Peter Rogers, Months Memory
Tuesday: 10a.m. Joe Clarke Anniv. Wednesday: 10a.m. Daniel & Patrick O'Regan	Thursday 10a.m. John & Brigid Monaghan Friday 10a.m. John Smith & dec family

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord:

Esther McGeever, Dublin Road, Stephen O'Flaherty, Chicago, Fr. Seamus Giles, P.P., Castletown-Geoghan, baby Hope Edel Watters Hill, Drumgill.

Reborn through Baptism & The Holy Spirit:

The next baptism preparation meeting is on Thursday January 2nd 2014 at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre. All baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 4p.m. in Kingscourt Church.

One in the Sacrament of Marriage:

Congratulations to Niamh Foley and Jeffrey Quinlan, Joanne Neary and Tristan McAvinney on their recent marriages. Couples intending to marry in the Diocese of Meath must complete an ACCORD pre marriage workshop. See www.accord.ie or phone 046 9023146. Contact the Civil Registrar at www.crsappointments.ie

Christmas by Candlelight:

Our Family Christmas by Candlelight Concert in aid of the Church Restoration Fund takes place this evening in Kingscourt Church at 7p.m. Admission is €10 and children are free. A Seasonal evening for all the family!

Parish Penance Service for Advent:

Our annual Parish Advent Penitential Service takes place in Kingscourt Church on this Tuesday night at 7.30p.m. All are welcome.

Giving Sunday for the Saint Vincent de Paul:

All families are encouraged to bring one small item of non perishable food to Mass this weekend in aid of the Saint Vincent de Paul 2FM Appeal.

Holy Communion: Monthly Remembrance Mass:

Fr. Gerry will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound of the parish on Thursday
To facilitate the many requests from parishioners, the monthly remembrance Mass will now take place on the First Saturday of each month at the 6p.m. Vigil Mass. This will come into effect from January 2014. The First Friday Evening mass will continue on the Friday evenings and will be exclusively for those whose names are on the new Altar List of the Dead.

Christmas Masses:

If you wish to have the names of your family, living and deceased remembered in our Christmas Triduum of Masses in the Parish, please contact the Sacristans after all weekend Masses. All names will appear next weekend.

Parish Pilgrimage 2014:

Our Parish Pilgrimage 2014 takes place from September 1st – 8th in the footsteps of Blessed Pope John XXIII. Book with MAP Travel 01 8783111.

Holy Land 2014: Fr. Gerry will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 27th to November 3rd –mid term break 2014-. It is the pilgrimage of a lifetime in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Cost € 1190.00 plus taxes. Bookings with MAP Travel, 36. Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1, patricia@maptravel.ie 01 8367111. Enquires to Fr. Gerry.

This week's collection: **Plate: €1177** Many thanks. **Development Target €1850** Received €2105

Community Notices:

Extra prizes at the Christmas Bingo at the Matt Talbot hall each Thursday night at 8.30 pm. Additional hampers and meat hampers available before Christmas, please support. Band lotto now €5600. We welcome the award winning St Mary's Brass and Reed band to our three churches in the lead up to Christmas. Thanks to Lorcan and the band members .We wish them continued success. Kingscourt Stars Lotto: 8/11/12/25. No winner. Good wishes to Phil Smith on his re –appointemnt as Stars Club Chairman. Good luck to all involved in the year ahead. Kingscourt Cancer fund thanks the Kingscourt marathon runners who raised €3871.Their annual 5k walk through Dun A Ri forest park takes place on St. Stephens day at 12 noon sponsorship cards available from the committee. Scouts Disco in Dun a ri House for 6-12 yr olds, 7 to 9pm on Fri 20th. Fit for Life classes in CMX on Dec 19th, contact 0834057011. Kingscourt Credit Union AGM on 18th Dec in Matt Talbot Hall at 8pm. Kingscourt Social Services Christmas Whist in Matt Talbot Hall on 17th Dec at 8.30pm. The Social Services Christmas Party take place in Cabra Castle on 12th January at 2pm, bookings at the Well. Enrolment for pupils for St Joseph's NS will be accepted from Jan 13th 2014, applications available from the school website or the school office.

The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis

Pope Francis focuses “somewhat meticulously, on the homily”, since “many concerns have been expressed about this important ministry and we cannot simply ignore them”. The homily “should be brief and avoid taking on the semblance of a speech or a lecture”, should be a “heart-to-heart communication” and avoid “purely moralistic or doctrinaire” preaching. He re-emphasizes “the profound connection between evangelization and human advancement” and the right of Pastors “to offer opinions on all that affects people's lives”. “No one can demand that religion should be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without a right to offer an opinion on events affecting society”. He quotes John Paul II, who said that the Church “cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice”. “

The Pope urges care for the weakest members of society: “the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned” and migrants, for whom the Pope exhorts “a generous openness”. He speaks about the victims of trafficking and new forms of slavery: “This infamous network of crime is now well established in our cities, and many people have blood on their hands as a result of their comfortable and silent complicity”. “Doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence”. “Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenceless and innocent among us. With regard to the theme of peace, the Pope affirms that “a prophetic voice must be raised” against attempts at false reconciliation to “silence or appease” the poor, while others “refuse to renounce their privileges”. “Evangelization also involves the path of dialogue”, the Pope continues, which opens the Church to collaboration with all political, social, religious and cultural spheres.

The final chapter is dedicated to “spirit-filled evangelizers”, who are those who are “fearlessly open to the working of the Holy Spirit” and who have “the courage to proclaim the newness of the Gospel with boldness (parrhesía) in every time and place, even when it meets with opposition”. “

