

Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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December 7th/8th

Vigil 6p.m. Andy Smith, Kathleen & Bridie Gartlan, Anniv.
Muff Vigil: Bernard & Margaret Fleming and son Edward
Corlea 9a.m. Brian Ward, Anniv
10.30a.m. Roisin O'Connell, Months Memory
12noon. Hugh Clifford 1st Anniversary

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday 7p.m. Paddy Ormonde Months Memory.
Wednesday: 10a.m. Michael & Catherine Hand & dec family

December 14th / 15th

Vigil 6p.m. John Lynch & dec family & Johnnie McKenna
Muff Vigil: Kathleen Carolan, Anniv.
Corlea 9a.m. Bridie Kennedy Anniv
10.30a.m. Kevin McArdle, Anniversary
12noon Patrick O'Connor, Months Memory

Thursday 10a.m. Mass
Friday 10a.m. Mass
Friday 1p.m. Wedding
Saturday 1p.m. Wedding

Eternal rest grant
unto them O Lord:

Sheila McCarron, Glenbeigh, Ryan Carolan, Meathill, Tony O'Hagan, Kells Road,

Feast of the
Immaculate
Conception:

Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass in Kingscourt at 7p.m. to mark the feast day of our Parish Church in Kingscourt. It is not a Holyday

Christmas by
Candlelight;

Our Christmas Concert by Candlelight – a treat for all the family – takes place on Sunday next, December 15th at 7p.m. in Kingscourt Church in aid of the restoration Fund. Admission is €10 and children are free.

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.

Saint Vincent de
Paul:

We are keenly aware of the hardship that many families and people are facing. This year more than ever these people will rely on Saint Vincent de Paul. Please support the national collection this weekend.

Parish Calendar:
The Family:

Please bring home a 2014 Parish Calendar with our compliments.
Pope Francis has announced a meeting on "The Pastoral challenges for the family in the context of evangelisation" for 2014 and seeks consultations. If you wish to complete the survey, please download it from www.vatican.va and return to Bishops House, Mullingar by December 20th. The following website may be of assistance
www.catholicbishops.org.uk/Home/Featured/Synod -of- Bishops-on-the-Family-2014/Questionnaire

Monthly
Remembrance
Mass:

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.

Invitation;

Fr. Gerry invites parishioners to join him for some seasonal refreshments in the Parish Centre on Wednesday morning following the Morning Mass.

Giving Sunday for
the Saint Vincent
de Paul:

As is tradition, we invite and encourage all parishioners to bring one small item of non perishable food for the annual Saint Vincent de Paul 2FM Christmas Food Appeal at all Parish Masses next weekend.

Eucharistic
Adoration:

All are welcome to join in the weekly Adoration in the Parish Centre on Tuesday from after Mass. Please pray for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

This week's collection: **Plate: €1441** Many thanks. **Development Target €1850** Received €3200

Community Notices:

Our Christmas Candle Light Concert takes place on next Sunday in Kingscourt Church at 7p.m. Doors open at 6.30p.m. Admission is €10 in aid of the Church Restoration Fund and usual kind support would be appreciated. We welcome the award winning Castletown Band at some of the Masses this weekend. Christmas Cards with a seasonal picture of Kingscourt Church are available from the Parish Repository at €5 for six cards. It also stocks all religious goods, cribs and Christmas religious gifts at COST PRICE. Boyne Valley/Lakelands Greenway Project meeting in The Newgrange Hotel on Dec 16th at 8p.m. The Polish Community thank all who supported their fundraising in aid of OLKA realizing €700. Garden Club meeting in Blakes on December 11th with Chris kindle at 8p.m. Betty Ormonde extends thanks to all who supported her and the family at Paddy's recent death. Mass has been offered for your intentions. Handball Lotto 5/12/17/22. No winner. Killanny Christmas Market on Dec 15th from 2p.m.

Synthesis of the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis.

"The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus"; thus begins the Apostolic Exhortation "Evangelii Gaudium", by which Pope Francis develops the theme of the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. The Pope invites the reader to "recover the original freshness of the Gospel", finding "new avenues" and "new paths of creativity", without enclosing Jesus in our "dull categories". A sign of God's openness is "that our church doors should always be open" so that those who seek God "will not find a closed door"; "nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for simply any reason".

The Eucharist "is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak". These convictions have pastoral consequences that we are called to consider with prudence and boldness". He repeats that he prefers "a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church ... concerned with being at the centre and then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures. If something should rightly disturb us ... it is the fact that many of our brothers and sisters are living without ... the friendship of Jesus Christ".

He appeals to ecclesial communities not to fall prey to envy and jealousy: "How many wars take place within the people of God and in our different communities!". "Whom are we going to evangelize if this is the way we act?".

He highlights the need to promote the growth of the responsibility of the laity, often kept "away from decision-making" by "an excessive clericalism". He adds that there is a need for "still broader opportunities for a more incisive female presence in the Church", in particular "in the various settings where important decisions are made". "Demands that the legitimate rights of women be respected ... cannot be lightly evaded". The young should "exercise greater leadership". With regard to the scarcity of vocations in many places, he emphasizes that "seminaries cannot accept candidates on the basis of any motivation whatsoever". To be continued next week.....

