



# KINGSCOURT PARISH BULLETIN



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## THIS WEEKEND

### Kingscourt

Vigil 6p.m. Jimmy McCabe 1st Ann.

Muff

Vigil 7.30p.m. Roisin O'Connell

Corlea

9a.m. Patrick, Mary & Robert Boylan

Kingscourt

10.30a.m. Liam Gaynor, M.M.

12noon Paul Carroll & Glen Curtis

## 26TH/27TH DECEMBER

### Kingscourt

St Stephen's Day 12 noon Polish Mass

Vigil 6p.m. Triduum of Masses Ann Monaghan & daughter Caroline

Muff

Vigil 7.30p.m. Jean Smith

Corlea

9a.m. Peter & Eileen Duffy

Kingscourt

10.30a.m. Oliver Nesbitt

12noon Hannah Clarke 1st Ann.

## THE WEEK AHEAD...

Monday: 10a.m. Service

Tuesday: 10a.m. John Smith & dec family

Tuesday: 8p.m. Reconciliation Service

Wednesday: 10a.m. Ted O'Reilly

Christmas Eve: Triduum of Masses

Kingscourt: 6p.m. Family Mass

9p.m. Candlelit Mass

Muff: 7:30p.m. Vigil Mass

## Christmas Day Triduum of Masses

Corlea: Mass 9am

Kingscourt: Mass 10:30a.m.

Mass 12 noon

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Plate: €1,373. With thanks. Development Target €2,000 Received €1,700.



We welcome with joy the recently Baptised: Teagan Bridget McKitterick. Baptisms take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at 4p.m. in Kingscourt Church. The next baptism preparation meeting is on Thurs 7th Jan at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre.



**Requiescant In Pace:** Maurice Holland, Drumbracken. Frank Carolan, Carrickmacross.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday after Mass until 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please consider giving an hour for quiet prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament with special Diocesan intention to pray for Vocations. No adoration over the Christmas period, Adoration will resume on Tues 5th January.

## Please join in singing the Advent Hymn

O Come O Come Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,

And open wide our heavenly home;

Make safe the way that leads on high,

And close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

We welcome St Mary's Brass & Reed Band to our Masses this weekend.



The school plays and concerts are concluding and it is almost time for the Christmas holidays. To those who have to travel for Christmas please do so safely and with care for others on the roads. For those staying at home please kindly check over the Christmas period upon elderly neighbours to see that they are doing ok. Sincere thanks to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society and to all volunteers who so generously contribute to making Christmas a little less stressed and a lot happier for those most in need in our community. I also want to thank the many parishioners who assist with the pastoral, spiritual and financial needs of our parish, especially with looking after the churches, helping at the Masses, sharing in the work at the parish office, the parish grounds, cemetery and in the parish schools throughout the year.

If you haven't already please pick up a parish calendar available in the churches and also the pamphlet on the history and features of the Church of The Immaculate Conception. We are so blessed with the great generosity and support given over recent years to the Parish Restoration Fund and we thank everyone for their contribution. If any visitors or family members home from abroad would like to donate to the Parish Restoration Fund we would be most grateful.

I am personally most appreciative of the kind welcome and support given to me since I arrived in Kingscourt. Special greetings to those home for Christmas, to new parishioners spending their first Christmas here and me. May the Light of Christ bring consolation for those mourning the death of loved ones since last Christmas. Be assured of my prayers and I wish everyone peace and joy as you celebrate our Saviour's birthday.

**Remember to keep the tradition of placing a light in a window of our homes this Christmas Eve to celebrate the birthday of Christ Jesus and to offer the light of God and mercy to all people.**



## RECONCILIATION SERVICE 8PM TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KINGSCOURT:

You are invited to this great sacrament of God's love and mercy as we prepare for Christmas and also begin this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Christ was born to reconcile humanity with God and yet still we so easily stray from the way of God and fail to be like Christ for the people around us. Discuss the precious gift of this sacrament of forgiveness with your family or friends and invite them to join with our parish community for this time of reflection, of confessing, of healing, of embracing God the Father's mercy and love as we get ready to celebrate our Saviour's birthday!

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS:** The donation of poinsettia plants to decorate the churches would be greatly appreciated and may be left at the inside door of the sacristies by Wednesday afternoon. Thanks a million!



**STILL THINKING OF A GIFT!** Perhaps you could give a wee gift to support a family member to travel on pilgrimage during this Jubilee Year of Mercy:

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE 20th –26th September 2016:** Salzburg and Vienna Cost €995 plus taxes, MAP Travel, 36 Upper O'Connell Street Dublin 1, 01 8783111 or [patricia@maptravel.ie](mailto:patricia@maptravel.ie)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup> 2016, with Bishop Michael Smith. Contact Mullingar Travel, Mullingar. Tel 044 9340587 [connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie](mailto:connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW JULY 2016!** for young people (18-35) who wish to deepen, share and celebrate their faith with Pope Francis. Information and booking forms [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/youth)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**HOSPICE COLLECTION:** Thanks to all collectors and contributors, €2,212 was the total raised.

**KINGSCOURT CANCER FUND:** Annual St Stephen's Day walk takes place at 12noon from Clarkes Bar. Sponsorship cards available in charity shop, light refreshments, all welcome.

**KINGSCOURT SOCIAL SERVICES:** Christmas dinner in Cabra Castle on Sunday 10th January 2016 at 2pm, booking at the 'Well'.

**BAILIEBOROUGH BUSINESS CENTRE:** Mince Pie Christmas Walk in aid of Parkinson's Disease, 11am Mon 28th Dec, phone 089 2212956.

**MAGHERACLOONE LADIES G.F.C.:** Couch to 5k starts on the 25th of Jan, a great way to kick start your fitness, men & women welcome, any interest contact Susan 0876592549.

**THE BIG QUIZ OF THE YEAR 2015** takes place in the Jolly Old Cross Cormeen on Sun 27th Dec at 9:30 pm. 40 euro table of 4. In aid of Bailieboro and Kingscourt Cancer Care Cars. If anyone would like to donate a spot prize for the raffle please call 083-3458059.

**AIKLING GROUP COUNSELLING SERVICE** hosting draw for Honda SP1 Motorbike. Draw limited to 450 tickets. Price €50 ea. Phone 0469074300. or buy through our web [www.aiklingroupinternational.ie](http://www.aiklingroupinternational.ie)