



KINGSCOURT PARISH BULLETIN



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THIS WEEKEND	2ND/3RD JANUARY
Kingscourt	Kingscourt
St Stephen's Day	Vigil 6p.m. Anniversaries Occurring
Vigil 6p.m.	Muff
Ann Monaghan & daughter Caroline Carry	Vigil 7:30p.m. Richard & Rose Murray
Muff	Corlea
Vigil 7:30p.m.	9a.m. Susan & Patrick Owens
Corlea	Kingscourt
9a.m. Peter & Eileen Duffy	10:30a.m. Kathleen Reilly M.M.
Kingscourt	12noon Mass
10:30a.m. Oliver Nesbitt	
12noon Hannah Clarke 1st Ann.	

THE WEEK AHEAD...	FEAST DAYS...
Monday: 10a.m. Service	<i>The Holy Innocents</i>
Tuesday: 10a.m. John & Bridget Monaghan	<i>St Thomas a Becket</i>
Wednesday: 10a.m. Deceased members of the Tinnelly family, Kilnalun	
New Years Eve: 10a.m. Frances Hickey	<i>Mary, Mother of God</i>
New Years Day: 10a.m. Mass for Peace	<i>Confessions after Mass Saturday 6pm</i>

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Plate: €1,730. With thanks. Development Target €2,000 Received €3,690.
Christmas Offerings: Thank you for your generous support also €542 raised to date in coin donations, thank you.

 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. Adoration resumes on Tuesday 5th Jan 2016.

 **Requiescant In Pace:** Mary Smith, Shercock.

 We welcome with joy the recently Baptised: Cian Brendan McMahon. Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th 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.

Wishing all our parishioners at home and abroad a very happy and peaceful New Year

A huge thank you! Expressing sincere gratitude to the sacristans, choirs, Ministers of the Word, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, collectors, cleaners, florists, stewards, servers, parents and all who helped out with preparing and celebrating our Christmas Masses. May God bless and protect our parish and provide us with the graces we need throughout 2016.



MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE XLIX WORLD DAY OF PEACE *OVERCOME INDIFFERENCE AND WIN PEACE*

Jesus taught us to be merciful like our heavenly Father (*Lk 6:36*). In the parable of the Good Samaritan he condemned those who fail to help others in need, those who “pass by on the other side”. By this example, he taught his listeners, and his disciples in particular, to stop and to help alleviate the sufferings of this world and the pain of our brothers and sisters, using whatever means are at hand, beginning with our own time, however busy we may be.

Indifference often seeks excuses: observing ritual prescriptions, looking to all the things needing to be done, hiding behind hostilities and prejudices which keep us apart.

Mercy is the heart of God. It must also be the heart of the members of the one great family of his children: a heart which beats all the more strongly wherever human dignity – as a reflection of the face of God in his creatures – is in play. Jesus tells us that love for others – foreigners, the sick, prisoners, the homeless, even our enemies – is the yardstick by which God will judge our actions. Our eternal destiny depends on this. It is not surprising that the Apostle Paul tells the Christians of Rome to rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep (*Rom 12:15*). And Saint John writes: “If anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother or sister in need, yet refuses help, how does God’s love abide in him? (*1 Jn 3:17*).

This then is why “it is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father. The Church’s first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.” *see www.vatican.va for full text*

10am New Years Day Mass for Peace - Feast of Mary, Mother of God
AN EXTRACT FROM THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF MOST REVEREND MICHAEL SMITH, BISHOP OF MEATH: Christmas shines the light of God’s mercy. Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis invites us to open the door to the mercy of God and to become beacons of God’s mercy in the world around us. Our response in faith to the suffering of humanity we have seen these past 12 months is to reach out to offer the gift of God’s mercy and compassion to others. There is no other way. Peace can only be born when we respect the God-given dignity of every human person. Unless we shine the light of God’s mercy, even the crib is a darker place. But when we pray and gaze upon the crib with eyes of faith, then we see what is truly at the heart of Christmas. Here is God, in the form of a child, who never abandons His people. He was born for us 2000 years ago and, what is more, He is born again in our lives each day when we open the door to His mercy. I hope that the families who are reunited this Christmas time will enjoy the warmth and love they so desire. And I pray that, in the year ahead, our faith will remind us that the darkness of human suffering need not go unchallenged. God’s mercy at work in us has the power to shine a light of compassion and peace for all who suffer – but He needs us to put it into practice. *See full version on www.dioceseofmeath.ie*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- KINGSCOURT CANCER FUND:** Annual St Stephen’s Day walk at 12noon from Clarkes Bar.
- KINGSCOURT SOCIAL SERVICES:** Christmas dinner in Cabra Castle Sun 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, interested?, contact Susan 0876592549.
- THE BIG QUIZ OF THE YEAR 2015** Jolly Old Cross Cormeen Sun 27th Dec at 9:30 pm. 40 euro table of 4. In aid of Bailieboro and Kingscourt Cancer Care Cars.