

# KINGSCOURT PARISH BULLETIN



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<p><b>THIS WEEKEND</b> Kingscourt Vigil 6p.m. Anniversaries Occurring. Muff Vigil 7.30p.m. Bernard, Margaret &amp; son Eddie Fleming Corlea 9a.m. Dec members of the Ward family Kingscourt 10.30a.m. Jim Carroll 12noon Hugh Clifford</p>	<p><b>12TH/13TH DECEMBER</b> Kingscourt Vigil 6p.m. Tom Leahy, 1st Ann. Muff Vigil 7.30p.m. Thomas &amp; Kathleen and sons Tom and Brendan Carolan Corlea 9a.m. Mass Kingscourt 10.30a.m. Ann Johnston, Months Mem 12noon Peadar Kieran, 1st Ann.</p>
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<p><b>THE WEEK AHEAD...</b> Monday: 10a.m. Service Tuesday: 10a.m. &amp; 7pm Mass Wednesday: 10a.m Joseph Clarke Junior Thursday: 10a.m. Frances Hickey Friday: 10a.m. Bridget &amp; Thomas O'Reilly and daughter Noeleen <i>Confessions after Mass Friday 10am and Saturday 6pm</i></p>	<p><b>FEAST DAYS...</b> <i>St. Ambrose</i> <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i></p>
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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Plate: €1,385. With thanks. Development Target€2,000 Received €1,750.

 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 3rd Dec at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre.

 **Requiescant In Pace:** Kathleen Reilly, Drumsallagh.

 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.

**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.

**MASS CARDS:** Signed Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office and Kingscourt Church Sacristy



**OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY:**

“Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive. I will have the joy of opening the Holy Door on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On that day, the Holy Door will become a *Door of Mercy* through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope”. *Misericordiae vultus*  
Pope Francis’ Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Next weekend Gaudete Sunday we will inaugurate in the parish this Holy Year of Mercy which Pope Francis has proclaimed for the Church. You can follow events on www.vatican.va, EWTN television and www.dioceseofmeath.ie to mark the Opening of the Holy Door.



Pope Francis prayed these words at the statue of Our Lady in Piazza di Spagna, Rome on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception 2014:  
*Mary, today the People of God venerate you as Immaculate. Knowing that you, who are our Mother, are totally free from sin, is of great comfort to us. Knowing that evil has no power over you, fills us with hope and strength in the daily struggle we have to face against the threats of the evil one. During this time leading to the celebration of Jesus’ birth, teach us to go against the flow: to strip ourselves, to be humble and giving, to listen and be silent, to go out of ourselves, giving space to the beauty of God, source of true joy.*

**PARISH SCHOOLS:** On 1st December the new Board of Managements for our parish schools came into effect for the next four years. We assure all who have been nominated and elected to the Boards of our prayers and support as we thank them for their voluntary commitment . We also owe a deep appreciation and gratitude to the out going Boards and acknowledge again the voluntary contribution they have made to the parish community, especially to the children and staff of our parish schools.

**ORDINATION:** Today at 3pm Rev. Noel Weir will be ordained priest in Tullamore. All are welcome to attend see www.tullamoreparish.ie for more details. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

**BABY JESUS IN THE CRIB:** Special invitation to all the children to bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from their family crib for a blessing at Masses in two weeks time, the 4th Sunday of Advent

**PARISH REPOSITORY:** Parish Christmas cards pack of 10 on sale for €5, lots more to think of as wee sacred gifts for family and friends; all available at the Repository in Kingscourt Church.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** Please support the National Collection for St Vincent de Paul next weekend 12th/13th Dec. We encourage all families to bring a non perishable item to Mass for the Christmas Appeal.  
**WINTER SONG:** Sunday 6 & 20 December @ 6pm. 2 evenings of Carols with Deirdre Gilshan Shannon & harpist/pianist Aileen Deely in the beautiful setting of the Orchard Room at Clonabreany Hse. Cross-sakeil. Call [046 9243814](tel:0469243814). Tickets avail from Tommy the butcher Kells, €25pp inc refreshments on arrival.  
**ACTIVE RETIREMENT** Meeting in Parish Centre 10th Dec at 2pm.  
**GARDEN CLUB** Meeting in Parish Centre Wed 9th Dec @8pm. Kriss Kindle night.  
**CHRISTMAS MEMORIES,** a nostalgic look back at Christmas in rural Ireland will be performed by Spiders Ankles theatre group in Solstice Arts Centre Tues Dec 8th .Contact 046-9092300 or [www.solsticeartscentre.com](http://www.solsticeartscentre.com)