



# KINGSCOURT PARISH BULLETIN



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## THIS WEEKEND

Kingscourt  
Vigil 6p.m. Johnnie Rogers, 1st Ann.  
Muff  
Vigil 7.30p.m. Mary & Paddy Fitzsimons & dec family members  
  
Corlea  
9a.m. Pat Finnegan  
Kingscourt  
10.30a.m. James Muldoon, M.M.  
12noon Maureen Wakely

## 20TH/21ST FEBRUARY

Kingscourt  
Vigil 6p.m. Patsy McCabe and Philip Finnegan  
Muff  
Vigil 7.30p.m. James Farrelly  
Corlea  
9a.m. Mass  
Kingscourt  
10.30a.m. J.J. Gorman  
12noon Kitty & Bernie Curtis

## THE WEEK AHEAD...

Monday: 10a.m. Service  
Tuesday: 10a.m. Donor's Intention  
Wednesday: 8p.m. Lenten Novena  
Thursday: 10a.m. William & Bridget McKenna & dec family  
Friday: 10a.m. Daniel & Patrick O'Regan and John McCormack

## FEAST DAYS...

Confessions after Mass Friday 10am and Saturday 6pm

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Plate: €1,855. With thanks. Development Target €2,000 Received €2,225.



**Requiescant In Pace:** Raymond Byrnes, Ard Dun.



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 March at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday after Mass until 7.30pm 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.

## THE SEASON OF LENT

**A time for prayer** – set aside space each day of Lent for an extra prayer e.g. the rosary or some reading from your Bible or to visit the church and our Lenten garden.

**A time for fasting** – we have so much that we take for granted that this time of fasting or doing without some favourite food and/or other things we really like, such as switching off the TV, iPad or iPhone can enable us to be still for the presence of God and to think of others in our lives.

**A time for giving** – even when money is tight we must still think of those less fortunate in our world. Giving to the Trocaire collection shows our support for these people. Please take a box from the Church to bring home. Boxes have been distributed through the schools.

“I desire mercy, and not sacrifice” (Mt 9:13) The works of mercy on the road of the Jubilee. This is the theme which Pope Francis has chosen for his message for Lent 2016 in which he writes..... God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.” [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) for full text.

**LENTEN NOVENA:** This coming week we welcome Andrew O'Connell as guest speaker.

**PETITIONS:** may be placed in the Novena Petition Box at Our Lady's altar as we seek the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

## The Corporal Works of Mercy:

To feed the hungry  
To give drink to the thirsty  
To clothe the naked  
To welcome the stranger  
To heal the sick  
To visit the imprisoned  
To bury the dead

## The Spiritual Works of Mercy:

To counsel the doubtful  
Instruct the ignorant  
Admonish sinners  
Comfort the afflicted  
Forgive offences  
Bear patiently those who do us ill  
Pray for the living and the dead

**THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** This weekend we congratulate many couples who this year celebrate significant Jubilees of the Sacrament of Marriage. Over 400 years of marriage between them! In this Jubilee Year of Mercy we can appreciate how it takes much love and mercy to achieve these milestones of Sacred Marriage as we marvel at the daily living out of the vows committed years ago! We pray the Lord to bless these couples and their families. We keep in prayer also those engaged couples who are busy preparing for the exchange of sacred vows of marriage during 2016.

## On Your Anniversary

You have come along way together, you have walked in sunshine and in shadows, you have faced life's storms and shared the rainbows, you have climbed your mountains, dreamed your dreams, faced your fears, cried your tears, sung your songs and reached for the stars. You have done it all with faith and love together, and as you journey on to find tomorrow, go with love and always go with God. Happy Anniversary xxxx



## SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH 2016:

**First Penance** 1st March for Muff at 7 p.m., Corlea at 8 p.m. 3rd March for Kingscourt and Carrickleck at 7.30 p.m.  
**First Holy Communion** 30th April for Kingscourt and Carrickleck at 11 a.m., 1st May for Corlea at 9 a.m. and 14th May for Muff at 11 a.m. **Confirmation** 22nd May at 3 p.m.

**PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES:** if you have not yet received a Parish envelope box, please contact the office this week. Thanks again to all who contributed to the development fund.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**THANK YOU:** to all who supported and helped at the recent Motor Neuron Coffee Morning in Corlea realising €620.

**BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** A 5 week healing programme will commence in the Parish Centre on Mon 15th Feb at 8pm and on each Monday until 14th March. This programme is open to all especially those who are bereaved. Please contact the Parochial House 042 9667314 or 042 9667186 for further information.

**DUN A RI GOLF SOCIETY:** AGM of the takes place in Clarkes Bar on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9pm. A draw will take place for one year's free membership, for all in attendance. Everyone welcome.

**FRIDAY LENTEN CHARITY SOUP LUNCHESS:** starting on Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb and every Friday until 18<sup>th</sup> March, from 12 noon to 2pm in the Red Hall. Proceeds to Kingscourt Cancer Fund (local) and Bishops' Appeal (overseas). All very welcome.

**ST. LOUIS SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION YEARS:** present *The Addams Family* on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the school hall. Tickets (€12) available from O'Rourke's Oil, Keegan's Newsagents and the school.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE 1916 EASTER RISING:** CMETB are holding a free information night in the Carrickmacross Workhouse on 25<sup>th</sup> February from 7pm-10pm. For Booking please contact Kathy on 047-30888.

**ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND:** are proud to present this spring concert with the 2014 Winner of 'The Voice of Ireland' - Brendan McCahey! This is a concert not to be missed on Sunday 21st February at 7.30pm in Cabra Castle. Tickets are €10 and available from any band or committee member. If you have any other enquiries, please contact the band via the Facebook page or on 087 6546815. We are looking for Majorettes/Cheerleaders for St. Patrick's day ages 8 yrs+ no previous experience necessary, full training and equipment are provided. Contact Ashling 0858472018 after 6pm.

**DRUMCONRATH/LOBINSTOWN CULTURAL & HERITAGE SOCIETY:** Lecture by Dr. Richard McElligot - The GAA and the role of Richard Blake of Ladyrath, Rathkenny, in its survival and ultimate resurrection into the powerful force it is today. Sunday 14th Feb at 3 p.m. in Muldoon's Function Room, Drumconrath. Admission is free. Donations gratefully accepted.

**LEARN TO JIVE:** 6 weeks of Jiving Lessons starting Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> of February, in Kingscourt Community Centre at 8pm. Lessons for Beginners and Advanced dancers. Great exercise and no partner required. For more details, contact Declan on 087 7557163.

**KILLANNY ULTAN DRAMA CIRCLE:** presents Grainne Jordan's An Hour From Dublin on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th of February in Killanny Parish Hall at 8 o'clock - admission €10.00.