



KINGSCOURT PARISH BULLETIN



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THIS WEEKEND		27TH/28TH FEBRUARY	
Kingscourt		Kingscourt	
Vigil 6p.m.	Patsy McCabe and Philip Finnegan Muff	Vigil 6p.m.	James & Elizabeth O'Reilly Muff
Vigil 7.30p.m.	James Farrelly	Vigil 7.30p.m.	Patrick, Mary & Joseph Reilly
Corlea		Corlea	
9a.m.	Mass	9a.m.	Eugene, Martha & Jimmy Boylan
Kingscourt		Kingscourt	
10.30a.m.	J.J. Gorman	10.30a.m.	Peter & Mary Smith
12noon	Kitty & Bernie Curtis	12noon	Teasie Connolly

THE WEEK AHEAD...		FEAST DAYS...	
Monday: 10a.m.	Service	See of St Peter	
Tuesday: 10a.m.	Margaret & Patrick Johnston & Patrick Jnr		
Wednesday: 8p.m.	Lenten Novena		
Thursday: 10a.m.	Margaret Duffy		
Friday: 10a.m.	Terry, Alice & Francie Kane		
<i>Confessions after Mass Friday 10am and Saturday 6pm</i>			

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Plate: €1,435. With thanks. Development Target €2,000 Received €2,707.

	Requiescant In Pace: Paddy Owens, Barley Hill.
	Baptisms take place on the 2 nd and 4 th 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.

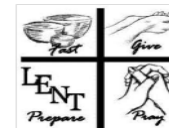
Divine Mercy reminds us that prisons are an indication of the kind of society we live in. In many cases they are a sign of the silence and omissions which have led to a throwaway culture, a symptom of a culture that has stopped supporting life, of a society that has little by little abandoned its children. Mercy reminds us that reintegration does not begin here within these walls; rather it begins before, it begins “outside”, in the streets of the city. Reintegration or rehabilitation begins by creating a system which we could call social health, that is, a society which seeks not to cause sickness, polluting relationships in neighbourhoods, schools, town squares, the streets, homes and in the whole of the social spectrum.

Pope Francis, Visit to the Prison, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

HYMN FOR LENT

God of mercy and compassion
Look with pity upon me
Father let me call thee
this thy child returns to thee.

Jesus lord I ask for mercy
Let me not implore in vain
All my sins I now detest them
Never will I sin again.



LENTEN NOVENA: This coming week we welcome Bishop Michael Smith as principal celebrant and preacher as he reflects with us on the significance of this Jubilee Year of Mercy. As the candidates for Confirmation continue their preparations for the reception of the Sacrament, they and their families are asked to attend this special evening with Bishop Michael. Everyone is invited to the Parish Centre for refreshments afterwards.
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.

SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH 2016:

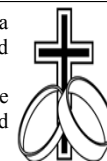
First Penance 1st March for Muff at 7 p.m., Corlea at 8 p.m. 3rd March for Kingscourt and Carricleck at 7.30 p.m. **First Holy Communion** 30th April for Kingscourt and Carricleck at 11 a.m., 1st May for Corlea at 9 a.m. and 14th May for Muff at 11 a.m. **Confirmation** 22nd May at 3 p.m.

DIOCESAN CESS: Each year the Diocesan Office levies each parish for the running of the Diocese, and the contribution every diocese must make to the National Church Offices i.e. the Irish Bishops' Conference at Maynooth. This levy also includes our contribution to the Regional Marriage Tribunal, Safeguarding Children, Towards Peace and Toward Healing programmes, Diocesan Catechetics at Primary & Secondary Level and Accord. This collection will be taken at Masses next weekend, the 27th and 28th Feb and we greatly appreciate your support.

THE NAVIGATIO PROGRAMME: meeting takes place in St Mary's Navan on Sunday Feb 28th at 4pm. This programme is for people considering a vocation to the priesthood. Please continue to pray for vocations in our diocese.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE: Please see www.dioceseofmeath.ie for 'clarifying media reports this past week, on handling child abuse complaints' and "statement of the Catholic Bishops on the General Election".

GETTING MARRIED: Congratulations to couples who got engaged over St. Valentine's Weekend! Just a reminder to any couples making wedding plans to please make sure to contact the priest, whom you intend to have officiate at your wedding, before confirming dates or venues for your wedding reception. At least three months notice must be made with the State Registrar and preferably six months notice for the Church, especially if getting married abroad. The Accord Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement and booking can be made at www.accord.ie



COMMUNITY NOTICES

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Ervey Presbyterian Church on Friday 4th March at 7.30p.m. All welcome to this service.

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.

FRIDAY LENTEN CHARITY SOUP LUNCHESES: starting on Fri 12th Feb and every Friday until 18th March, from 12 noon to 2pm in the Red Hall.

ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND: are proud to present this spring concert with the 2014 Winner of 'The Voice of Ireland' - Brendan McCahey! 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 enquires, 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.

KINGSCOURT STARS GFC: welcomes everyone to take part in our 'Couch to 5K' Healthy club initiative in the park every Tuesday and Thursday night at 8pm sharp and Saturday mornings at 9 am. It will cost €2 per night but all proceeds will go towards Kingscourt Cancer Care. For info contact Micheal on 087 3845158.

MINDFULNESS: 4 week introduction course beginning in The Workhouse on Carrickmacross March 2nd at 10.30 am. To enrol contact Helen on 0874129385 or email Helen@mindbodyenergymatters.ie

SILLAN VINTAGE CLUB: Vintage Run/Car & Tractor Run in aid of Operation Paddy on Sunday 28th February. For further information please call Cyril on 0860561003.

LEARN TO JIVE: 6 weeks of Jiving Lessons starting Wednesday, 24th of February, in Kingscourt Community Centre at 8pm. Lessons for Beginners and Advanced dancers. For more details, contact Declan on 087 7557163.