



# KINGSCOURT PARISH BULLETIN



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## THIS WEEKEND

Kingscourt  
Vigil 6p.m. Anniversaries Occurring  
Muff  
Vigil 7.30p.m. Terence Farrelly & dec members  
of Farrelly family

Corlea  
9a.m. Patrick & Sarah Murtagh  
Kingscourt  
10.30a.m. Rose Burns  
12noon Peter Smith & Ricardo Bertis

## 13TH/14TH FEBRUARY

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD...

Monday: 10a.m. Service  
Tuesday: 10a.m. Andy & Bridie Gargan & dec family members  
Wednesday: 8p.m. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence  
Novena Mass  
Thursday: 10a.m. Patrick & Elizabeth Martin  
Friday: 10a.m. Mass  
Confessions after Mass Friday 10am and Saturday 6pm

## FEAST DAYS...

Shrove Tuesday  
  
Our Lady of Lourdes

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Plate: €1,500. With thanks. Development Target €2,000 Received 1,980



**Requiescant In Pace:** Ricardo Bertis, The Philippines and Sid Kierans, Drogheda.



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.

**LENTEN NOVENA:** The annual Novena has long been a mainstay of our programme for Lent. The Wednesday evenings, with our guest speakers, have provided an evening each week to pause and reflect upon our identity with Christ and the meaning of being a believer and follower of His Gospel.

10th February Ash Wednesday  
17th February Andrew O'Connell  
24th February Bishop Michael Smith  
2nd March Valerie Cox  
9th March Grainne Treanor  
16th March Fr Robert McGivney

**FRIDAY LENTEN CHARITY SOUP LUNCHESES:** starts  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb from 12 noon to 2pm in the Red Hall.  
All very welcome.

**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)



## 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 will also be distributed through the schools.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy Pope Francis in his message for Lent, says, “For all of us, then, the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favourable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God’s word and by practising the works of mercy. In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; in the spiritual works of mercy – counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer – we touch more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated. By touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that they too are poor and in need.”

[www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) for full text.



**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK:** For many years now this occasion has been celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This shrine at Lourdes is greatly associated with pilgrims burdened by illness and so it is a fitting day to focus on those who are seriously ill and those who care for them. Later after Easter when the weather is kinder we will have a Mass for our sick parishioners but this weekend we think of those who love and care for them by celebrating the blessing of hands of carers, medical personnel and family members.

**JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** We invite all couples in the parish who this year 2016, are celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden or Diamond Wedding Anniversary to attend the 6pm Vigil Mass next Saturday 13th February as we honour on St. Valentine’s Weekend this special milestone of sacramental married life. Please contact the Office during the week to let us know your names and the anniversary you are celebrating.



**PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES:** Thanks again to all the volunteers who have assisted in the distribution of the boxes. If your household hasn’t already received a new box or if you have never before had one please contact the parish office during the week or call into the sacristy after Mass.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**THANK YOU:** The family of the late Maurice Holland thank all who supported them in their bereavement. Mass has been offered for your intentions.

**KINGSCOURT STARS COUCH** - to - 5k in 8 weeks starting Tuesday February 16th at football pitch. Registration 7.30pm. All members of the community are invited to take part regardless of fitness level! €2 on night & all proceeds will go to Kingscourt Cancer Care.

**LINK CREDIT UNION LTD:** Congratulations to Robbie Carey, Eimear Shekleton, Patrick James Reilly, Terence O'Reilly, Mark Byrne, Liam Murtagh, Oisín Blake, and Jason Carolan from St. Joseph’s National School, Kingscourt. Winners of both Competitions in the CU Schools Quiz, last weekend in Mullagh. We wish to thank the schools who took part and all the supporters. Best of luck to the teams in the next round being held on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb in the Nuremore Hotel.

**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.

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT:** AGM in the Parish Centre on Fri 12th Feb at 8pm. New members welcome.

**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 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.

**PATRICIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL PA:** would like to thank everyone who supported our recent fundraising.