



# KINGSCOURT PARISH BULLETIN



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THIS WEEKEND		16TH/17TH APRIL	
Kingscourt		Kingscourt	
Vigil 6p.m.	James Martin	Vigil 6p.m.	Brian & Eileen Hanratty & dec family
Muff		Muff	
Vigil 7.30p.m.	Victor Tully	Vigil 7.30p.m.	Adrian Lambe
Corlea		Corlea	
9a.m.	Roseanne & Michael Lynch & dec family	9a.m.	Deceased members of the Muldoon family
Kingscourt		Kingscourt	
10.30a.m.	Nancy & Paddy Clarke	10.30a.m.	Joe O'Reilly
12noon	James Campbell, 1st Ann.	12noon	Maureen Shekleton

THE WEEK AHEAD...		FEAST DAYS...	
Monday: 10a.m.	Service	<i>St Stanislaus</i>	
Tuesday: 10a.m.	James & Mary Reilly & dec family		
Wednesday: 10a.m.	Patrick, Esther & Aiden Kellett	St Pope Martin I	
Thursday: 10a.m.			
Friday: 10 a.m.	Frances & Patrick Clarke & daughter Kathleen McCann & dec family		
<i>Confessions after Mass Friday 10am and Saturday 6pm</i>			

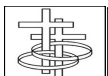
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Plate: €1,560. With thanks. Development Target €2,000 Received with thanks €1,725.  
Next weekend is Vocations Sunday and the offering collection is for the education of our seminarians, vocations promotion and support in the diocese.



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 5th May at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre.



**Requiescant In Pace:** Alacoque Birthistle (nee Farrelly), Dublin and late of the Square, Kingscourt. Eamon Fitzsimons, Killygarry, Cavan



Congratulations to Charlene Yorke & Gavin Byrne, Leonora Mahon & Neil McCabe, David Hagan & Edel Corrigan who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in recent weeks.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place 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 LONDON MARATHON:** Fr. Mark takes on to run the 26.2 miles around the streets of London on 24<sup>th</sup> April to fundraise for the Parish Development Fund. As he does the Parish Finance Committee seeks your support! In preparation for the big event you are welcome next Saturday evening at 8:30pm, outside Mc Nally's Pharmacy, to come and join with Fr. Mark in a 5k jog up and down the main Street of Kingscourt (*reflective vest required*). It's a fun way to lend your support – refreshments will be provided afterwards. After Masses next weekend you are kindly asked to sponsor Fr. Mark and your sponsorship can be made into the special buckets as you leave. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE

This Exhortation is especially timely in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. First, because it represents an invitation to Christian families to value the gifts of marriage and the family, and to persevere in a love strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience. Second, because it seeks to encourage everyone to be a sign of mercy and closeness wherever family life remains imperfect or lacks peace and joy. I will begin with an opening chapter inspired by the Scriptures, to set a proper tone. I will then examine the actual situation of families, in order to keep firmly grounded in reality. I will go on to recall some essential aspects of the Church's teaching on marriage and the family, thus paving the way for two central chapters dedicated to love. I will then highlight some pastoral approaches that can guide us in building sound and fruitful homes in accordance with God's plan, with a full chapter devoted to the raising of children. Finally, I will offer an invitation to mercy and the pastoral discernment of those situations that fall short of what the Lord demands of us, and conclude with a brief discussion of family spirituality. *Pope Francis' Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family see full version on [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) or summary on [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie)*



**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS:** At weekend Masses those who wish to also receive from the chalice, or who can *only* receive from the chalice may do so from the Minister at the top left hand side of the central aisle. Please note that all communicants are welcome to receive under both kinds but must consume the Body of Christ first before receiving the Blood of Christ from the chalice. Do not dip the precious Host into the chalice as doing so may affect those with the celiac condition.



There has been a huge response to this year's Lenten Trócaire collection. If you haven't already done so please return your Trócaire box as soon as possible. Thanks!

**TAX REBATE FORMS:** If you have received such forms please complete and send back to the Parish Office this coming week. We appreciate your assistance as this is a valuable source of revenue to the parish.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** 19 – 27 August 2016, with Bishop Michael Smith. Contact Mullingar Travel, Mullingar. Tel 044 9340587 [connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie](mailto:connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie)

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** 9 - 16 August 2016 with Fr Pdraig McMahon. Further information from Fr Pdraig at the parish office in Mullingar.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO VIENNA & SALZBURG:** 20th – 26th September 2016, Further information from MAP Travel, 36 Upper O'Connell Street Dublin 1, 01 8783111 or [patricia@maptravel.ie](mailto:patricia@maptravel.ie)

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**CAKE SALE:** Please join us on Sunday 17th April in the Parish Centre after 10.30am and 12noon Masses for a cake sale in memory of Vitalie Bet. All proceeds to Kingscourt Cancer Fund.

**GARDEN CLUB:** AGM takes place on Wednesday 13th April in the Parish Centre at 8pm.

**ST JOSEPH'S NS (PARENTS' ASSOCIATION)** will be holding a Pub Quiz in Murtagh's Lounge on Friday 15th April at 8.30pm. We would appreciate if parents would support it please!

**KINGSCOURT TIDY TOWNS:** are having a Spring Clean Day on Saturday 16th April starting at 10am at the Market Square. Bags and gloves provided. Please support. *It's your town!*

**DUNARI DRAMA GROUP:** presents 'Crisis at the Clinic' in Drumhowan Community Centre, Co. Monaghan where Director Tommy (twin) Mc Ardle is based, on Sunday 10th April at 8.30 p.m.

**KINGSCOURT STARS:** 5K run/walk on Friday 15th April at 7.15pm. Meet at football pitch. Everyone is invited to take part! €10 per person with all proceeds going towards Kingscourt Cancer Fund.

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF IRISH MUSIC:** at the Iontas Theatre, Castleblayney, 8pm Sun 10th April. Tickets available from Iontas Theatre.

**YOGA & MEDITATION:** classes commencing Monday 11th April in Kingscourt, contact Linda 0870629703.

**MEATH ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** AGM and lecture "Black Friary Excavations, Trim" at Trim Library, 7.30pm (AGM), 8.00pm (lecture). All welcome. Inquiries to J. Clancy, tel 01 8259438; [www.mahs.ie](http://www.mahs.ie)