



KINGSCOURT PARISH BULLETIN



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THIS WEEKEND

Kingscourt
Vigil 6p.m. Anniversaries occurring
Muff
Vigil 7.30p.m. John Smith & Sr Paschal Smith
Corlea
9a.m. PJ & Veronica Martin & dec family
Kingscourt
10.30a.m. Andy Tully, 1st Ann.
12noon Nellie McKeown

9TH/10TH APRIL

Kingscourt
Vigil 6p.m. James Martin
Muff
Vigil 7.30p.m. Victor Tully
Corlea
9a.m. Roseanne & Michael Lynch & dec family
Kingscourt
10.30a.m. Nancy & Paddy Clarke
12noon James Campbell, 1st Ann.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Monday: 10a.m. Service
Tuesday: 10a.m. Thomas & Catherine Carolan & dec family
Wednesday: 10a.m. Paddy Freeman & the Freeman family
Thursday: 10a.m. Private Intention
Friday: 10 a.m. Private Intention

FEAST DAYS...

Annunciation of the Lord
St Vincent Ferrer
St John Baptist de la Salle

Confessions after Mass Friday 10am and Saturday 6pm

Development Target €2,000 Received €775.
Thank you for the offertory collection in support of the clergy.



Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 4p.m. in Kingscourt Church. The next baptism preparation meeting is on Thurs 7th April 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.

Dear Friends, A very Happy Easter from Jerusalem!

These past few months, since my arrival here in the Holy Land in January have been the experience of a lifetime. I am based on one of the many Jerusalem hills at the Notre Dame University, Tantur, just overlooking the town of Bethlehem. My fellow course participants come with a wide expanse of pastoral ministry from their various dioceses and religious congregations. They are from New Zealand, Australia, Canada, America, Poland, Switzerland and England. I am the sole participant from Ireland! The time is busy, divided between class lectures and the opportunity to pray at the holy sites and to visit them in detail both here and in the Kingdom of Jordan. In addition, we have heard different narratives from many peoples, meeting with refugees and the migrant workers, listening to the stories from the declining number of Palestinian Christians, praying with them at Church and spending time in their homes, a time of dialogue with the Imam of the Al Aqsa mosque and the Arab Moslem people, the opportunity to have Shabbat prayers with the Rabbi and the neighbouring Jewish community in their synagogue and to be welcomed back in their homes for the Shabbat meal. Our conversations have been very enlightening. We have listened to all of their stories and been enriched in our conversation. We have heard about their hopes and fears, their daily struggles, concerns and challenges. Perhaps they are no different from our own. They all are genuinely striving for the goal of peace in this Holy Land and have asked that people in our parishes might also pray for this intention daily. The coming time in the Holy Land also promises wonderful new adventures! I am deeply grateful for this great opportunity of sabbatical, thankful both to Bishop Michael, who has made it possible and to Fr. Mark who has been assigned to administer to the pastoral needs of the parish in my absence. I will conclude my sabbatical period in the Holy Land with a 30 day retreat by the Sea of Galilee. I am being refreshed by the experience and look forward to returning home with renewed energy and zeal, with a pep in my step, to continue my ministry as a simple humble worker in the Vineyard of the Lord. I wish Mark and all your families, the blessings of the Risen Lord. Warm personal regards, Gerry.

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We, like Peter and the women, cannot discover life by being sad, bereft of hope. Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord – each of us knows what they are – so that he may enter and grant us life. Let us give him the stones of our rancour and the boulders of our past, those heavy burdens of our weaknesses and falls. Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish. This is the first stone to be moved aside this night: the lack of hope which imprisons us within ourselves. May the Lord free us from this trap, from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the centre of our lives.

We see and will continue to see problems both within and without. They will always be there. But tonight it is important to shed the light of the Risen Lord upon our problems, and in a certain sense, to “evangelize” them. To evangelize our problems. Let us not allow darkness and fear to distract us and control us; we must cry out to them: the Lord “is not here, but has risen!” (v. 6). He is our greatest joy; he is always at our side and will never let us down.

Pope Francis, Easter Vigil 2016, St Peter's Basilica



Requiescant In Pace: Eamom Ward, Taghert. Tommy Woods, late of Cornakill. Michael Byrne, Barleyhill.

SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH 2016:

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.



Please return your Trócaire box or donation in any envelope marked Trócaire and leave in special basket at the altar or drop it into the sacristy or parish office as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity to those most in need of our help.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY:

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: 19 – 27 August 2016, with Bishop Michael Smith. Contact Mullingar Travel, Mullingar. Tel 044 9340587 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
PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: 9 - 16 August 2016 with Fr Padraig McMahon. Further information from Fr Padraig, Mullingar on 044 934 8338.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS: to parishioner Rosena Jordan on her inauguration as President of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation.

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

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Meeting in the Parish Centre on Fri 8th April at 8pm.

IRISH CLASSES: begin April 2016 in Carrick Workhouse. Morning and evening classes. Contact Bernie on 0872274714.

ANAM CARA: the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wed 13th April from 7:30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel, Dublin Road, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. We will need to confirm numbers so please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday, 12th April 2016 or call us 01 4045378.

MEMORIAL TRACTOR RUN: for Sean Smiley O'Reilly, Tierworker Sunday 3rd April, Registration 12 noon, all proceeds to local Cancer Funds.

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

SOUND THERAPY: 4pm Saturday 9th April in The Workhouse Carrickmacross. Known to relieve depression, anxiety and promotes sleep and relaxation. €15 per person

YOGA COURSE: will commence in the Workhouse, Carrickmacross from 7pm to 8.30pm Tues 5th April, €60 for 6 weeks. For further information, or to enrol, contact Pauline at 086 89 17 901.

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