

Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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<p>17th/18th March</p> <p>6pm: Ned McCabe Anniv, Patrick & Laura Clarke Anniv. Muff Vigil 7.30pm: Patrick, Mary & Joseph Reilly Anniv. Corlea 9am: Jemmy Donnelly & dec family. Anniv 10.30am: Joe Cooney First Anniversary. 12 noon: Joe McCaul Anniv, Edward Kelly & Maria Kelly-Kilgallon & Michael Kilgallon Anniv.</p>	<p>24th/25th March Palm Sunday</p> <p>Saturday 6pm: Mel Sheenan First Anniversary. Muff Vigil: 7.30pm: John & Sr. Paschal Smith Anniv. Corlea 9am: Roseanne & Michael Lynch & dec family Anniv. 10.30am: John & Jane Cullen & dec family Anniv, John & Elizabeth Martin & Bridie Bell & dec family Anniv. 12noon: Norma McKeever Months Memory, Bridie McCabe Anniv..</p>
<p>Tuesday : 10a.m Patrick & Elizabeth Clarke & dec family Anniv. Wednesday: 10a.m. Terry, Alice & Francie Kane Anniv.</p>	<p>Thursday: 10a.m Pappy Corscadden Anniv. Friday 10a.m. Elizabeth, Edward, Gerry, Cecil, Bernard & Mary O'Reilly Anniv.</p>

Eternal rest grant

unto them O Lord: Mary T. Carolan, Turners Hill, Margaret Halpin, Nolagh,

Reborn through
Baptism & The
Holy Spirit:

Congratulations to Jack Vernon, Chloe Ava Hickey and Senan Lai Platt on their recent baptisms. 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 6th April at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre, with Team D. Please note ALL BAPTISMS TAKE PLACE IN KINGSCOURT.

One in the
Sacrament of
Marriage:

Couples intending marriage in the Diocese of Meath during 2018 must complete an ACCORD pre marriage workshop, www.accord.ie . The Dates for the Navan ACCORD Centre are as follows: For the civil registration of marriages, please visit www.crsappointments.ie The following are the dates for ACCORD in Navan during 2018: April 20th & 21st ,27th & 28th ,May 25th & 26th , June 22nd & 23rd , September 7th & 8th , October 5th & 6th , November 16th & 17th , Nov 30th & December 1st .

TROCAIRE:

You are asked to return your Trocaire Donation to Kingscourt Church on Holy Thursday. You may wish to use the special envelope in your weekly family donation box.

Email:

The difficulty with our parish email has been ameliorated. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Holy Land
Pilgrimage:

A gathering of all pilgrims travelling on the forthcoming Annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place at The Parish House on Wednesday at 7.30p.m.

Palm Sunday:

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Palms will be available and blessed at all Masses.

Patron Day:

Today the community in Corlea join for refreshments after Mass to mark the feast of St. Joseph.

Safeguarding
Children:

A copy of the Spring Newsletter is available on the parish website. The independent Assessor's Report states "it is evident that there is a high level of awareness in parish communities across the Diocese of Meath of the requirements for high levels of information and preventative and assurance measures in relation to child welfare and protection." Thanks to our Kingscourt Safeguarding team members, Majella Kelly, Daniel Mahon, Elaine Carolan Fitzsimons, Barbara Gaynor, Donal Reilly and Gwenneth Byrne for their hard work and dedication.

Kingscourt
Cemetery:

We kindly request all plot holders not to discard old wreaths around the boundaries of the cemetery and to bring them home for disposal. We again ask people not to walk their dogs or allow them run freely through the cemetery. It is causing deep offence to many families and is disrespectful to all our deceased loved ones interred in holy ground.

This week's collection: Plate: €1781 Many thanks. Development Fund Target €2000 Received €2450

KINGSCOURT COME DANCING IN TREACYS ON EASTER SUNDAY AT 8P.M. IT WILL BE A GREAT COMMUNITY NIGHT! Tickets €25 inclusive of a *free souvenir booklet, and free admittance to Kingscourt Come Dancing Disco, available exclusively from the dancers!*

Every ticket sold is 25 votes for your dancers. Limited availability! Thanks to our wonderful team;

Laura Fitzsimons and Eugene Hughes, Emily O'Halloran & Daniel Mahon, Jaime Griffin & David O'Connell, Sarah Carbery & Gabriel Patterson, Deirdre Ward & Declan McMahon, Rebecca Louth & Dean Watters, Mary McKeon & John O'Driscoll, Kim Gaynor & Dylan McCabe, Karen Daly & Aaron McMahon, Mary McMahon & Graham Boylan, Leanne Smith & Andy O'Brien, Tracy Gargan & Andrew Carolan, Louise Marston & Bernard Kelly, Rosemarie Conlon & Ned Watters.

OUR COMMON HUMANITY Article 43.3.3

In 'Our Common Humanity', bishops said, 'As pastors we are aware that the conversation about unborn life is sensitive, delicate and, indeed, painful for many. We offer our reflections with the greatest of respect for everyone while wishing to make some points clearly and unambiguously.'

They continued, 'Every one of us has a right to our life. It is not given to us by the *Constitution of Ireland* or by any law. We have it "as of right", whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. For us as a society to now declare that any category of human being should have that right taken from them would be a shocking step. It effectively says that unborn children do not exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice.

'At every point, from conception on, the baby has the potential to realise the fullness of life that God intended. All that is needed is time and nurturing. Today we see more clearly that human life begins at conception. There is no later stage in a baby's development where we can say; "up until now the foetus was not a person and now it has become a baby".'

Bishops went on to say, 'The child in the womb has life and potential. However, like all babies, before birth or in the early years, she or he has no choice. Powerless to defend themselves they rely on the rest of us to protect their lives and vindicate their rights. By using the word "choice" we need to remember that, for the baby waiting to be born, the choice we make can be a matter of life or death.

'An expectant mother needs and deserves the care and support of everyone around her, particularly if her pregnancy poses a serious crisis for her and her family. A mother may be informed that her baby faces serious challenges or is perhaps terminally ill. She might be pregnant as a result of rape. Especially in those tragic cases both the mother and her unborn child can – and must – be loved and cherished.

'A compassionate society will do all in its power to support and love the mother and baby, and encourage responsible support from fathers. This vision of life makes sense to people of all faiths and none. While it is enriched by our Catholic faith, it is our common humanity that convinces us of the right to life of every human being.

Bishops concluded, 'Article 40.3.3 is a declaration of equality and respect for human life. It represents, at the very foundations and substructure of our laws, a conviction that all human life is worth cherishing equally. To repeal this Article would leave unborn children at the mercy of whatever permissive abortion laws might be introduced in Ireland in the future.