



Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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<p>26th /27th Dec 2020 Webcam Saturday 6pm: Chris Crosby, Months Memory, Ann Monaghan & Caroline Carry, Anniv. George & Mary Monaghan, Anniv. John Smith & dec family, Anniv. Jean Smith, Anniv. Sunday 11a.m. Patrick, Mary & Brigid Duffy, Anniv. Paul Carroll & Glen Curtis, Anniv. Jim Carroll, Anniv. Hanna & Bernard Clarke, Anniv. Pat Rogan, Anniv.</p>	<p>2nd/3rd Jan 2021 Webcam Saturday 6pm: Altar List of the Dead and Anniversaries Occurring: Peter Hegarty & dec family, PJ Gorman, Norah Fleming, Arthur McGinley, Thomas & Noreen Wakely, Paul Carolan & dec family, John Lee, James & Mary Muldoon, Robert & Margaret Bradley, Pauline Martin, Molly & Paddy McCabe, Owen, Mary & Margaret Yorke, Ricky Carolan, Christopher & Valerie O'Connor, Peter Rooney, Annie Tierney, Months Memory . Rose & Richard Murray & dec family, Sunday 11a.m. Patrick & Michael Duffy, Anniv. Maurice Holland, Anniv. Florence Donagh, Anniv Bridie Kennedy, Anniv.</p>
<p>Tuesday 10am: Kitty, John, Colm & Jim Kavanagh. R.I.P.</p>	<p>Wednesday 10am: Andy & Annie Smith, & dec family, Anniv Thursday 10am: Patrick, Rose & Paddy Lynch, Anniv Friday 10am: New Years Day Mass Altar List of the Dead.</p>

<p>The Parish Office</p> <p>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord: Reborn in Baptism:</p> <p>New Year's Day: Christmas Flowers and holly : Dun an Ri High Five:</p> <p>Parish Development Contribution boxes:</p> <p>Supporting your Priest at Christmas: Virtual Christmas Concert:</p> <p>January Calendar (may be altered or cancelled owing to government restrictions in place):</p>	<p><u>The Parish office re-opens on Monday 4th January 2021.</u> All bookings and enquiries can be made during these times. All notices to be included in the bulletin should be at The Parish Office <u>by 10.00a.m. on Thursday</u> Paddy White, Lobinstown, baby Joseph Richard Farrell, Mt. St.Joseph, Alan Smith, Essex. <u>PLEASE NOTE WITH NEW RESTRICTIONS ONLY 10 CAN ATTEND FUNERALS.</u></p> <p>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 2nd January at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre, with Team A. POSTPONED.</p> <p>Please join us for the First Mass of 2021 on Friday at 10a.m. on webcam</p> <p>A sincere word of thanks to Sonia and Little Buds for the wonderful Christmas display of flowers and to Betty Rice and Tom O'Rourke for all the holly!</p> <p>Thanks to Kingspan who are sponsoring our Dun an Ri High Five this weekend. A very sincere word of thanks to all who have supported the parish financially in 2020. It has been a difficult and challenging time for all. The great support of the people of the parish through these weekly envelope are an important source of income for our parish, allowing us to meet our current debts and help plan for the future. A word of gratitude to all help distribute the planned giving boxes. If you feel you can assist this year with distribution, please contact Loretto at The Parish Office. The distribution of the planned Giving boxes will take place on <u>Thursday 7th January 2021 from 10.30a.m. – 9p.m.</u></p> <p>A very sincere word of thanks to all who have contributed to the Christmas Offerings in support of your priest's .It greatly assists in financing your priests with a modest salary during the year. Your generosity and support are phenomenal! Our Virtual Kingscourt Christmas Concert on Monday 28th at 8p.m. Join us!</p> <p><u>January Calendar:</u></p> <p>1st January: First Mass of the New Year at 10.00a.m. on webcam</p> <p>6th January: Feast of Epiphany. Masses at 10a.m. & 7p.m.</p> <p>7th January: Baptism Preparation meeting in The Parish Centre POSTPONED!</p> <p>7th January: The Parish Development boxes will be available for collection throughout today from The Parish Office from 10.30a.m. – 9p.m.</p> <p>10th January: Families with babies baptised during 2020 are invited to a Mass of</p>
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Blessing on January 10th , by webcam, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord
20th January: Annual Prayer Service to mark The Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity. The guest preacher will be The Most Rev. Michael Router.
31st January: Catholic School Weeks.

Sincere Thanks and Happy New Year!

It has been a year like no other! It has been a challenging year for everyone. It has been a year when we have come to appreciate ever more our family and the familial, our community and connections, our parish and people. It has been a year when sacramental life and the wedding plans of so many couples have been thrown into chaos! It has been a time of real loneliness and loss for all who have experienced bereavement, without the hugs and handshakes, which are so valued and appreciated in difficult times. Socially distanced guards of honour at a time of bereavement and loss are a poor substitute! It has been painful for the many that had their travel plans from abroad cancelled and now new restrictions from this weekend. It has been difficult for families with loved ones in full time nursing home care or in hospitals. To keep the vulnerable safe, we have had to stay apart. It has been so difficult for all on the FRONTLINE, to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude.

It has been unfortunate that for a large part of the year we have been unable to come together as a praying, faith and worshipping community, cooperating as Church with the public health authorities in order to suppress the virus, a fact again we must accept for the next weeks. Our empty church buildings reminds us that Church and parish is always about people and serving the needs of others, being foot washers in the name of Christ.

Our parish has tried to respond as creatively as possible in linking with parishioners at home and across the seas, through our new upgraded webcam facilities, our Facebook live broadcasts and social media. The response has been both positive and encouraging. Thank you to all who have facilitated these services and provided the necessary finance and support for these initiatives. A very sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who are involved in every aspect of parish life and ministry in our wonderful parish. Thanks to our countless volunteer members, our dedicated Parish Finance Committee, our hard working Parish Pastoral Planning Team, our welcoming Baptismal teams, our caring Bethany Bereavement team, our dedicated Parish Safeguarding team, all involved in Eucharistic Adoration, Saint Vincent de Paul Society, our co-ordinators and Ministers of Word and Holy Communion, our super Youth readers, all our committed choirs, musicians, organists, cantors, stewards, counters, funeral stewards, those who arrange the flowers, prepare and clean the churches and prepare the linens to such an exceptional high standard. A special thanks this year to the Covid 19 team for their dedication and commitment in maintaining and sanitising churches to such a safe standard. Thanks to PJ and all our wonderful Sacristans, our dedicated serving teams and their leaders. Thank you to Loretto and Kenneth at The Parish Office and all who assist in administration. Thank you to Darius in maintaining our cemetery and grounds. A very special word of thanks to those who have prepared and decorated the Churches for Christmas and all who do so much work quietly behind the scenes throughout the year in the parish without fuss or fanfare. Such truly wonderful volunteerism continues to make a difference in our parish! Thanks to the Chairpersons and the volunteer board of management members of our four Catholic schools in the parish who give so generously of their valuable time, talent and expertise in the development and support of Catholic primary education in this community. Thanks to all involved in maintaining our parish website, webcam facilities and especially Aine with social media through facebook, twitter and instagram linking us with a much wider world! Thanks to all who are so involved in the many sporting, cultural, community and voluntary bodies in our parish. Your leadership is second to none.

The many visitors to our parish regularly remark on the truly evident community spirit which is very clearly apparent. Kingscourt is a parish filled with people of a truly great heart, kindness, practical charity and concern. It is a vibrant and living community in which we all can have a righteous pride!

Let us continue to be that people and parish of hope, optimism, positivity, faith and courage, a people who continue to believe and belong in this great parish community of Kingscourt. Wishing one and all good health, hope, happiness and God's many blessings throughout 2021. *Gerry*

