



# Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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<p><b>17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Facebook and Webcam:</b>  <b>Saturday 6pm: Susan Martin, First Anniversary &amp; James Martin, Anniv. Adrian Lambe, Anniv. Nellie &amp; Joe McMahon, Anniv. John Barry, Anniv. Hugh &amp; Mary Farrelly, Anniv.</b></p> <p><b>Sun11am: Maureen Shekleton, Anniv. Joseph O'Reilly, Anniv, Pamela Carroll, Anniv, PJ Hanratty, Anniv, Margaret Tevlin, Anniv, James Campbell &amp; dec family, Anniv. Michael Smith, Anniv.</b></p>	<p><b>24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Facebook and Webcam:</b>  <b>Saturday 6pm: Paddy Rooney, Months Memory, Carroll, PJ &amp; Veronica Martin &amp; dec family, Anniv, Noeleen Callaghan, Anniv, Niall Reynolds, Anniv. Bridie McCabe, Anniv. Bernard &amp; Stephen McEntee &amp; dec family, Anniv. Jack &amp; Mary McEntee &amp; dec family, Anniv.</b></p> <p><b>Sun 11am: Kevin Curran, First Anniversary. Carol Nesbitt, First Anniversary.</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 10am: Special Intention</b>  <b>Wednesday 10am: Special Intention.</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 10am: Liam Patterson, Anniv.</b>  <b>Friday 10am: Mass.</b></p>

<p><b>The Parish Office</b></p> <p><b>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord:</b></p> <p><b>Baptism:</b></p> <p><b>Webcam Viewers during Holy Week and Easter 2021:</b></p> <p><b>Holy Hour:</b></p> <p><b>Diamond Jubilee:</b></p> <p><b>Dun an Ri High 5:</b></p>	<p><b>THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN ON <u>MONDAY, TUESDAY &amp; THURSDAY</u> from 10.30AM TO 12.30PM. 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></b></p> <p><b>Matt Donagh, Lr.Main Street, Sean Tierney, Coroneary, Sheila Ward, Carrickmacross.</b></p> <p><b>Congratulations to Seanan Paul Thomas Rowe. 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 Thursday 1st May 2021 at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre, with Team A. Please note ALL BAPTISMS TAKE PLACE IN Kingscourt.</b></p> <p><b>We are delighted with the many families who join us for Mass and services both on Facebooklive and webcam. The following are the webcam statistics of homes that joined our parish for Holy Week.</b></p> <p><b><u>Holy Week Retreat on Monday: 284 Tuesday: 310 Wednesday: 353</u></b>  <b><u>Holy Thursday: 671 , Good Friday: 1260,</u></b>  <b><u>Holy Saturday: 680, Easter Sunday 910.</u></b></p> <p><b>Please join us on this <u>Tuesday and Thursday evenings</u> for a Holy Hour of Rosary, Reflection, Music, Meditation and Quiet Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30p.m. on webcam during this pandemic.</b></p> <p><b>Congratulations to Mickey and May Farrelly, Lisnagrew on their recent Diamond Jubilee of marriage. Continued good health and blessings!</b></p> <p><b>Our parish continues <u>Dun an Ri High 5</u> Thanks to the business community, individuals who are sponsoring 5 small vouchers - €10 per gift/voucher. These vouchers are available for collection after Sunday Mass. We ask parishioners to take one and regift them to a neighbour or friend, respecting current guidelines. Thanks to a family in our parish who are our very kind sponsors this week.</b></p>
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THANK YOU

It has been a very challenging thirteen months with Covid 19! It has been both difficult and painful that for a second Holy Week and Easter in a row we have had to celebrate our ceremonies behind closed doors. Through Facebook Live and Webcam, since December 26<sup>th</sup> last, we have celebrated all our Sunday Masses, Weekday Masses, our various ceremonies and services without the presence of people. However, the supportive dimension of our parish with people encouraging and sustaining each other in so many ways in these times is still very clearly evident and to be highly commended. We are a people of Hope, witnesses to the Light of Christ that shines forth at Eastertide! A very sincere word of thanks to all of you who are financially supporting the parish this past year. While our income has reduced substantially, we are keeping our heads above water! Your continued financial support, generosity and engagement, as we enter into the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Church in 2022, will be needed. Thanks once again to one and all for your financial support to the parish at this time.

**The Irish Catholic Church is to hold a National Assembly within the next five years**

“We are mindful of the challenges and opportunities that provide a context for a synodal pathway leading to a National Synod at this pivotal time for the Church” the Bishops Conference has said. The Bishops highlighted the following areas for reflection as preparations begin for the Assembly:

**Secularisation of Society:** the huge challenges to the faith bringing with it a major decline in practice of the faith and in the number of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

**Shocking Revelations:** Like so many others we are appalled by the findings in published Reports into institutional and clerical abuse; the recent shocking revelations about Mother and Baby homes have further reminded us of the deep trauma felt by so many in the Body of Christ and the need for inner healing and hope. The need to promote peace-making and a culture of welcome: We recognise the need for ongoing peace-making, building trust and reconciliation and a culture of welcome and integration for migrants.

**Listening to the Cry for Transparency:** We hear a cry for transparency, greater participation and accountability in the Church. Discovering the Family as “Domestic Church”: We see the tremendous potential for the support and renewal of faith within the family. The restrictions imposed by the pandemic prompted a discovery of the family as the “domestic Church”.

**Connecting with Young People:** We are alert to the need to connect with the energy and gifts of our young people, enabling them to be missionaries to each other and to spread the Good News.

**Honouring the Contribution of Women:** While many women are very engaged in Church life, we acknowledge the critical need to honour the contribution of women, to hear their deep concerns, to formally recognise their roles and articulate new models of co-responsibility and leadership involving all lay people - women and men. We are also aware that many people have left Church behind and in some cases feel ignored, excluded or forgotten – we need to hear their voices.

