



# Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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<p><b>1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021</b>  <b>Saturday 6pm: Anniversaries Occurring and Altar List of the Dead: Peter Burns &amp; dec family, Tony Lee, Joe &amp; Josephine McCabe, Patsy &amp; Mary Gargan &amp; dec family, Edward &amp; Kathleen McCabe, Sean Maguire, Deceased members of the Hand family, Kingscourt &amp; Northlands, Tommy, Pat &amp; John O'Reilly &amp; Maggie Healy &amp; dec family, James &amp; Kathleen O'Hagan &amp; dec family.</b>  <b>11am: Margaret Moore, Months Memory, Patrick, Michael &amp; Nancy Finlay, Anniv. Laurence Carolan, Anniv. Sean Carolan, Anniv. Johnny &amp; Mary McCabe &amp; dec family, Anniv. Baby Lee Hughes, Anniv.</b></p>	<p><b>8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>  <b>Saturday 6pm Pat Hegarty, Anniv. Pat &amp; Lily McDermott, Anniv. Cissie McCullagh, Anniv. Patrick &amp; Teresa Tierney &amp; Charles, Elizabeth &amp; Patrick Clarke, Anniv. Paddy, Rose, Mary &amp; Peter Martin, Anniv.</b>   <b>11am: Pat Joe &amp; Cissie Connolly &amp; dec family, Anniv. Seamus Carolan, Anniv.</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 10am: Mass</b>  <b>Wednesday 10am: Kitty, John, Colm &amp; Jim Kavanagh, Anniv.</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 10am: Rose &amp; Mick Byrne, Anniv.</b>  <b>Friday 10am: Altar List of the Dead.</b></p>

<p><b>The Parish Office</b></p> <p><b>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord:</b></p> <p><b>Reborn through Baptism &amp; The Holy Spirit:</b></p> <p><b>Re-opening for Public Worship:</b></p> <p><b>Dun an Ri High 5:</b></p> <p><b>Final Lockdown Holy Hours:</b></p>	<p><b>THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN ON <u>MONDAY, TUESDAY and 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>Jim Schmidt, UK, Teresa Heather, Templeogue, Jozes Pierozek, Poland, Paddy Matthews, Newbridge, Bridgie Bannon, Cootehill.</b></p> <p><b>Congratulations to Matthew Declan Keenan, Croia Josie Byrnes. 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 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre. Please note ALL BAPTISMS TAKE PLACE in Kingscourt.</b></p> <p><b>It has been announced that our churches will reopen for public worship from May 10<sup>th</sup> next, having been closed since December 26<sup>th</sup> with Masses and services only available on line through webcam and Facebook. We thank you for continuing to connect with parish. We look forward to welcoming you safely in person in your churches from <u>May 10<sup>th</sup>.</u></b></p> <p><b>Our parish continues our Dun an Ri High 5. Thanks to business and 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 <u>Peking Apache</u>, Awesome Asian Food to Go who are our very kind sponsors this week.</b></p> <p><b>Please join us on Tuesday and Wednesday evening at 7.30p.m. for our final Holy Hours of Rosary, Reflection, Music and Meditation before the Blessed Sacrament on webcam. <a href="http://www.kingscourtparish.ie">www.kingscourtparish.ie</a></b></p>
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## **Synodal Pathway for the Irish Church.**

On 10 March 2021, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference announced a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years.

Conversations at regional and national level have informed the work of a dedicated subgroup of the Bishops' Conference which was established to further explore this idea. During their 2020 Winter General Meeting, bishops decided to proceed along a synodal pathway, and, since then, have been assisted and greatly encouraged by Cardinal Mario Grech and Sr Natalie Becquart, of the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops in Rome. Cardinal Grech and Sr Becquart addressed the Irish Bishops on the theme of synodality on 3 February 2021.

Commenting on the Synodal Pathway, Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick said, "Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: parish hall meetings, focus groups, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences.

"Feedback, which should be no more than 300 words and submitted by Pentecost Sunday 23 May 2021, ought to focus on the nature of the *process* for the consultation i.e. how we can best go about this initial phase of establishing the conversation, rather than on the prospective themes for the Synodal Pathway, which will be addressed in the next phase.

"It is said that the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. I think the possibility of submissions on the Irish Bishops' Conference website on what methods/models to adopt in the coming two years of conversations is a simple but significant step and I hope many will offer their suggestions."

On the new Synodal Pathway webpage, see [www.catholicbishops.ie/synod](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod), people are invited to offer feedback to the following question:

### **What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod?**

The responses will be considered by the task group to be put in place by the bishops this summer to plan and oversee the first steps along the synodal pathway.

### **Synodal Pathway Timeline:**

#### **The Initial Phase – Prayer, Listening, Consultation, Discernment**

The initial two-year phase of embarking on the synodal pathway and leading, in time, to a National Synod, helpfully coincides with preparation for the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops in Rome entitled, *For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission*.

Bishops envisage the next two years as a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on this theme. This will allow individuals and parishes, religious orders and associations as well as groups, movements and organisations both within the Church and in Irish society at large, to share their insights into the Church in Ireland – past, present and future. It will also include discussion and debate via related information sessions and educational programmes on the meaning and processes of synodality. Best practice in listening and synodal processes and assemblies at home and around the world will be researched.

#### **The Planning Phase – Preparation for a National Synodal Assembly**

The planning and preparation phase for a National Synodal Assembly will bring together and seek to implement the fruits and recommendations from the Initial Phase. It will, in particular, take account of the conclusions of the General Assembly in Rome in 2022, together with any Apostolic Exhortation by the Holy Father emerging from the General Assembly. The aim of this phase will be to design the particular form of our National Synod and prepare directly at local, regional and national level for the holding of the Synod.