



# Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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<p><b>15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>  <b>Saturday 6pm: Philomena O'Neill, First Anniversary.</b>  <b>Muff Vigil 7.30pm: Patsy Clarke, Anniv.</b>  <b>Corlea 9am: Patrick, Nancy &amp; Michael Finlay, Anniv.</b>  <b>10.30am: Sean Tierney, Months Memory. Sean Smith, Anniv. Jimmy Muldoon, Anniv. Francie &amp; Lily Owens, Anniv.</b>  <b>12 Noon: Matt Donagh, Months Memory. Thomas McCabe, Anniv. Maureen, Philip &amp; Eugene Farrelly, Anniv.</b></p>	<p><b>22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>  <b>Saturday 6pm: Pat Mahon, First Anniversary.</b>  <b>Muff Vigil 7.30pm: Paddy, Rose, Mary &amp; Peter Martin, Anniv.</b>  <b>Corlea 9am: Kathleen Tracy &amp; dec members of the Lynch family, Anniv.</b>  <b>10.30am: Patrick Culleton, First Anniversary.</b>  <b>12 Noon: Michael, Margaret &amp; Pat Rooney, Anniv.</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 10am: Mass for all who sympathised with the Clarke family on Rose Clarke's death.</b>  <b>Wednesday 10am: Patrick Reilly &amp; Miriam Farrelly, Anniv.</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 10am: Brigid &amp; Jim Gargan, Anniv.</b>  <b>Friday 10am: Patrick McCaul, Anniv.</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>One in the Sacrament of Marriage:</b></p> <p><b>Offering Day:</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Back:</b></p> <p><b>Saint Vincent DePaul Shop:</b></p> <p><b>Dun an Ri High 5:</b></p>	<p><b>THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN ON <u>MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY</u> FROM <u>10.30AM TO 12.30PM</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>.</b></p> <p><b>Thomas Wilson, Corryholman, Mae Dolan, Rathloghan &amp; New York, Betty Farnan, Ballybay.</b>  <b>Congratulations to Lucie Ella Burns and Darragh Michael Baldwin on their recent baptism. Baptisms take place on each Saturday during May and June ,with ten guests per family attending in Kingscourt Church. The next baptism preparation meeting is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre, with Team B. Please note ALL BAPTISMS TAKE PLACE IN Kingscourt.</b>  <b>Couples intending marriage in the Diocese of Meath during 2021 must complete an ACCORD pre marriage workshop, <a href="http://www.accord.ie">www.accord.ie</a>. The 2021 Dates for the Navan ACCORD Centre are 11th September, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November &amp; 4<sup>TH</sup> December. EARLY BOOKING at <a href="http://www.accord.ie">www.accord.ie</a> with all courses via zoom.</b></p> <p><b>Next weekend is an <i>Offering Day</i> in support of your priests. Thank you for your continued kindness, generosity and support.</b></p> <p><b>We are truly delighted to welcome our parishioners back safely to Sunday worship. Thanks again to all who have been busily preparing the churches this week along with our large teams of volunteers and sanitizers.</b>  <b>The Saint Vincent de Paul Shop re opens on Monday at 9.30a.m. Clean clothing and bric – a brac welcome. All customers welcome.</b>  <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 12noon Sunday Mass. We ask parishioners to take one and regift them to a neighbour or friend, Thanks to a <u>Family in the parish</u> who are our very kind sponsors this week.</b></p>
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<b>Kingscourt Library:</b>	<b>Kingscourt Library is open on each Monday from 12noon – 4p.m.</b>
<b>By the Rivers of Babylon:</b>	<b>Thanks to Martin Hickey, Aine Gogarty and our wonderful dancers for taking part in the recent Rivers of Babylon you tube presentation now available on the parish website and social media. We hope it lifted all your spirits!</b>
<b>Kingscourt Credit Union:</b>	<b>Kingscourt Credit Union grant initiative for those in 6<sup>th</sup> class. Apply by June 11<sup>th</sup>.</b>
<b>Adoration:</b>	<b>Adoration resumes in Kingscourt on Tuesday after Mass concluding with the recitation of the Angelus at 12noon. All are welcome.</b>

### **Vocations in the Diocese of Meath. Some Information from Bishop Tom Deenihan**

**There are currently 119 priests in the Diocese of Meath.**

Of these, **19** are on loan from foreign dioceses or from religious congregations.

Of the remaining 100 incardinated priests of the diocese, **37 are over seventy** and there are **21 of these men still serving in parishes who are over the age of 70 years.**

The Diocese then has **63 priests of its own who are under 70** while there are **69 parishes in the Diocese of Meath.**

Clearly, the shortage of priests will hit further very soon. Indeed, I had discussions with priests about appointments for this year and it is becoming more difficult to fill all positions within the Diocese. There will be reductions this year and strategies to make do but, thankfully, there will be some further priests coming into the diocese from abroad this year also.

Despite that, we are doing better than many other dioceses. But, given that we have 69 parishes and the fact that some parishes need more than one priest, you can see that this cannot continue for long. That is why Pastoral Development, Parish Councils and Faith Development initiatives as well as Vocation promotion will require much attention in the immediate future and will be an immediate priority for the Diocese when restrictions lift.

This has several immediate implications. In practical terms, **some parishes** in this diocese **will be without a priest** shortly, other parishes have already been **linked** with another neighbouring parish **and more will be so linked this year.** There has been a corresponding decline in the number of Masses in some parishes already and an increase in workload for those priests who remain working and are covering a greater area. The trend seems likely to continue but fewer priests will inevitably result in some reduction. That situation will affect all of us in the time to come.

A full detailed list of the 2021 diocesan appointments is posted on the parish website.