

## **Kingscourt Parish Bulletin**



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14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> January	21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> January
Saturday 6pm: Florence Donagh, Anniv,	Saturday 6pm: Kitty Connolly, Anniv. Peter & Kathleen
Peter Corrigan, Anniv.	Kieran, Anniv. Frank Charles, Anniv.
Muff Vigil 7.30pm: Richard & Rose Murray	Muff Vigil 7.30pm: Mass.
& deceased family, Anniv.	Corlea 9am: Johnny & Mary McCabe & dec family, Anniv.
Corlea 9am: Patrick & Susan Owens, Anniv.	10.30am: Eugene Carolan, Months Memory,
10.30am: Daniel Mahon, Months Memory	Philomena Carolan & dec family, Anniv.
12 Noon: Paul McKenna, Anniv. Seamus	Willie Power, Anniv.
Watters, Anniv. Julia Monaghan, Anniv.	12 Noon: Chris Cullen, Anniv. Andrea Murtagh, Anniv.
Ann Farrell, Anniv.	Anna Corrigan & deceased family, Anniv. Peter, Grace & PJ
	Gorman, Anniv.
Tuesday 10am: John & Mary McGrane, Anniv.	Thursday 10am: Mass
Wednesday 10am: Special Intention.	Friday 10am: Mass.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord: Reborn through **Baptism & The Holy** Spirit:

**Adoration:** 

One in the Sacrament of Marriage:

**New development Fund Boxes:** 

**Celebrating a Jubilee** of Marriage 2023:

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY &

FRIDAY 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 by 10.00a.m. on Thursday.

Hugh Carolan, Drumcondrath, Ken Weldon, Nobber, Mary Kearns, Meath Hill, Marlyn O'Regan, Drinagh, Ken Parkes, Tallagh, Lewis McCabe, England.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre, with Team B. Please note **ALL BAPTISMS TAKE PLACE IN Kingscourt.** 

Adoration resumes on Tuesday from after Mass to concluding prayer at 12noon and all are welcome.

Congratulations to Sarah Behan and Niall O'Ceallachain on their recent marriage. Couples intending marriage in the Diocese of Meath during 2023 must complete an ACCORD pre marriage workshop, www.accord.ie. The 2023 Dates for the Navan ACCORD Centre. March 4th, March 10th & 11th, April 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Early booking essential. www.accord.ie

A very sincere word of thanks to all who are currently distributing the Family Giving Boxes to the homes of the parish these weeks. Your financial contribution has ensured that the current parish debt has been substantially reduced and we can now plan for the future. We are asking every family to accept one and help play their part in the maintenance and future development of the parish. Thanks to all those who so generously contribute on a weekly basis, others who give a yearly contribution and others who make online donation through PayPal. Every donation makes a difference and Thank You.

We cordially invite all couples who may have had their weddings outside of the parish and are celebrating a jubilee this year to please contact The

Supporting the Parish:

Jubilee Photos:

Schools Enrolment 2023:

Window of the North Transept dedicated to Our Lady: Parish Office by February 1<sup>st</sup> if they wish to take part in our annual St. Valentine's Mass on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 6p.m. in Kingscourt.

Plate € 1751 Development Fund €2345 Many Thanks. Thanks to all who kindly provided photos for our display during the jubilee of last year. The photos are available at The Parish Office and can be picked up over the coming time. Many thanks to all who engaged and participated in the project.

Parents and Guardians wishing to enrol their children for the academic year 2023 / 2024 are invited to contact the parish schools of Carrickleck, Corlea, Laragh Muff and Saint Joseph's Kingscourt during the forthcoming enrolment weeks from January 9<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023 incl.

The Window of the North transept is dedicated to Our Lady. The concept and inspiration are based on the life of Mary and the Immaculate Conception.

The theme of Mary as a subject had been shown by Evie Hone and William Dowling in their stained-glass windows. The approach of Patrick Muldowney, the artist, was to show Mary in a more modern contemporary image through light and colour. The orientation of the window influenced the design and choice of colour which was hoped would light up the interior of the church and create an amazing light and atmosphere in the interior of the church in full sunlight.

The concept of the three stained glass windows is inspired by the life of Mary.

The central stained-glass window shows Mary as a young heavily pregnant girl, caressing her unborn baby and dressed in white which symbolise purity and innocence and above the image of the Holy Spirit the crescent moon, symbolising fertility. She is standing in a garden which shows a white lily, a symbol of purity, devotion and love. There is a large serpent symbolising evil and death which is also a reference to Eve in the Garden of Eden.

The left window of the Madonna shows Mary as a new mother holding her baby Jesus to the world, standing again in the garden of thorn roses symbolising love, beauty and courage with the thorns symbolising the crown of thorns at her son's future crucifixion, overshadowed by the star of David.

The right window shows Mary as an older woman in despair on her knees wrapping her arms around her son Jesus's body at his crucifixion.

The Rose Window design is simple in shape, form and colour which is Patrick's interpretation of a new day and life which could be the visual image of sunburst, or another interpretation is a flower on a new day symbolising fertility and birth with a reference to the Immaculate Conception. It was important that the Rose window did not overpower in colour or images the three windows dedicated to Mary.

## **Community Notices:**

Our good wishes to Dr. Sheila Casey on her recent retirement from general practice. She is thanked for her generosity of service to the people of Kingscourt for many years and wished a long, happy and healthy retirement. Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Appeal in support of 200 families in Liberia for Fr. Octavius. realising €1055.It provided them with a very meaningful Christmas of a hot dinner, gifts and toys.