

Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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<p>9th / 10th December Saturday 6pm: Tomás McCabe, First Anniversary & Sean McCabe, Anniv. Muff Vigil 7.30pm: Patrick & Elizabeth Tinnelly & deceased family, Anniv. Corlea 9am: Giving Sunday Mass 10.30am: Denise Lennon Hosie, First Anniversary. 12 Noon: Johnny McCullagh & John O'Reilly, Anniv. James & Annie McCaul & deceased family, Anniv. Tom Leahy, Anniv. Peadar Kieran, Anniv. Robert & Eileen O'Connell, Anniv, John & Paz O'Connell, Anniv.</p>	<p>16th /17th December Saturday 6pm: Daniel Mahon, First Anniversary. Muff Vigil 7.30pm: Thomas, Catsy, Tom, Brendan & Michael Jnr Carolan, Anniv. Corlea 9am: Peter & Eileen Duffy, Anniv. 10.30am: Patti Cosgrave, Months Memory. Seamus Califf, Anniv. Phil Maguire, Anniv. 12 Noon: Terry & May Clarke, Anniv. Bernard & Hanna Clarke & deceased family, Anniv.</p>
<p>Tuesday 10am: Mass Wednesday 10am: Mass</p>	<p>Thursday 10am: Mass Friday 10am: Nuala McCabe, Remembrance. Saturday 1p.m.: Wedding in Kingscourt.</p>

<p>The Parish Office</p>	<p>THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN ON <u>MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY FROM 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> Owing to ESB and broadband works on Thursday, the parish was without electricity, phones or broadband! Any inconvenience is regretted and beyond our control.</p> <p>Mary Morrissey, Wales, Mary Duffy, Shercock, Marie Clarke, Bedford, Sean Geelan, Ballyconnell, Patrick Cumiskey, Broomfield.</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 Thursday 4th January 2024 at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre, with Team D. Please note ALL BAPTISMS TAKE PLACE IN Kingscourt.</p> <p>Congratulations to Lorenzo Dimatera and Khristelle Neuda on their recent marriage. Couples intending marriage in the Diocese of Meath during 2023 must complete an ACCORD pre marriage workshop, www.accord.ie.</p> <p><u>The Parish Pastoral Planning Team</u> held their recent monthly meeting. Among the matters noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The key themes of the recent Meath Assembly were reviewed, including further faith formation in the diocese, clustering of parishes, support of Parish Pastoral Planning teams and the future care of a diocesan clergy, whose numbers are both declining and ageing. 2.They reviewed a census taken over the past year of numbers attending Sunday Masses in the parish, as empirical data for use in the rationalisation of Masses expected in all parishes throughout the diocese. 3.They complimented the excellent work of the Bethany Bereavement Support Team in the recent five-week programme and their ongoing service to bereaved families and individuals in the parish. They acknowledged the work of the Safeguarding Team in completing the recent diocesan audit, ensuring best practice in our parish.
<p>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord:</p>	
<p>Reborn through Baptism & The Holy Spirit:</p>	
<p>One in the Sacrament of Marriage:</p>	
<p>Parish Pastoral Planning:</p>	

Parish Pastoral Planning:	<p>4. Preparations were made for the forthcoming LMFM broadcast Mass and an invitation to a Special Mass of Blessing for families whose babies were baptised during this year, on December 31st at 12noon. 5. The Parish Christmas Mass schedule was agreed. 6. They noted that the 2024 parish calendars and Christmas cards were favourably received.</p> <p>7. Copies of the newly printed and updated Kingscourt Church history will be made available and gifted to all families at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses in our churches.</p>
Giving Sunday:	<p>Today is <u><i>Giving Sunday</i></u> in our parish. We thank all the parishioners who have brought a nonperishable item of food for the Saint Vincent de Paul 2023 Christmas Hamper Appeal. We welcome the sacramental pupils and families who join at Masses. Please also support the St. Vincent de Paul National Collection this weekend .</p>
Bambinelli Sunday:	<p>Next Sunday is <u><i>Bambinelli Sunday</i></u>. Pope Francis has asked that every family would bring their cribs or the image of the baby Jesus from their cribs at home to the Church to receive a blessing at the Masses this year.</p>
Supporting the parish:	<p>Plate € 1629 Development Fund €2750 Many thanks.</p>
Supporting Kingscourt town:	<p><i>Let us Stay local, Support local and Shop local at Christmas.</i></p>
The Parish Repository:	<p>Our Parish Repository is open after all weekend Masses with a seasonal selection of religious gifts, Mass Bouquet cards, and candles at <u><i>Cost Price</i></u>.</p>
Home Visitation:	<p>Fr. Gerry concludes visitation to Thorndale Close this week.</p>
Muff School:	<p>We welcome the pupils of Muff school who join in a short concert after the Vigil Mass in Muff on next Saturday night, followed by a cake sale in the school. All are welcome.</p>
A Family Prayer:	<p><u><i>Some Family Prayers</i></u> are made available at Masses this weekend for use in your homes during the twelve days of Christmas.</p>
Mass Intentions for Christmas 2023:	<p>All our Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in our parish are celebrated for your intentions. If you wish to have your own special intentions included in these Masses, both for the living and the deceased, please leave them at The Parish Office by December 21st. Request Cards are available in the churches.</p>
Advent Penance Service 2023:	<p>Our <u><i>Annual Advent Penance</i></u> service will take place in our cluster parish of Drumconrath on <u><i>Wednesday 20th December at 7.30p.m.</i></u> We encourage parishioners to avail of this opportunity to seek the love, forgiveness and compassion of our Lord.</p>
A Poinsettia for the Crib:	<p>A gift of a Poinsettia for the cribs of our three churches would be very gratefully received and much appreciated.</p>

Community Notices:

Youth 2000 Retreat for young people, 18 – 35 on December 8th – 10th. For more info, www.youth2000.ie Carricleck Parents Association thank all who supported their recent collection realising €1000. Dementia Support for Families in Carrickmacross Library on Monday at 6.30p.m., call 087 3432944. The Diocese of Meath are offering a new Youth Leadership Programme, in association with Queens University Belfast, commencing in February 2024. For further information contact 087 9789158. Christmas Coffee Morning in Saint Ernan's Hall on Friday from 11a.m. and all are welcome. Congratulations to Kevin Shiels on becoming Kingscourt Stars new Chairman! Good luck to Kevin and his team for the year ahead.