

Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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<p>23rd /24th December Saturday 6pm: LMFM Broadcast Mass. Andy & Bridie McCabe, Anniv. John, Brigid & Eileen Monaghan, Anniv. Rose & Peter McEntee & Dan Molloy, Anniv. Dylan Ward, Anniv. Mary Tyrrell Anniv. Muff Vigil 7.30pm: NO MASS Corlea 9am: Mass 10.30am: Sean Sellors, Months Memory. Sr Marian Finnegan, Anniv. 12 Noon: NO MASS</p>	<p>30th /31st December Saturday 6pm: Eugene Carolan, First Anniversary. Muff Vigil 7.30pm: Jean Smith, Anniv. Corlea 9am: Maurice Holland, Anniv. 10.30am: Paul Carroll & Glen Curtis, Anniv. Matthew Muldoon, Anniv. 12 Noon: Ann Monaghan, Anniv Caroline Carey, Anniv. George & May Monaghan, Anniv.</p>
<p>Tuesday 10am: Service Wednesday 10am: John Smith & deceased parents & family, Anniv.</p>	<p>Wednesday 1p.m.: Wedding in Kingscourt Thursday 10am: Mass Friday 10am: Mass</p>

<p>The Parish Office</p> <p>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord:</p> <p>Reborn through Baptism & The Holy Spirit:</p> <p>Christmas Day Offering Day for your priests:</p> <p>Christmas Mass Arrangements 2023:</p> <p>Copies of our Parish History:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED AND REOPENS ON TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2024 AT 10.30A.M.</p> <p>Eileen Gannon, Westport.</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><u>Christmas Day is the principal Offering Day</u> in support of your priests. Thank you for your kind, continued and generous financial support which is both valued and very much appreciated.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Christmas Masses in our Parish 2023</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Christmas Eve:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">4p.m. Young Families Mass in Kingscourt 6p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Mass by Candlelight, with Blessing of the Crib and Christmas tree in Kingscourt. 8p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in Muff.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Christmas Day:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9a.m. First Mass of Christmas Day in Corlea. 10.30a.m. & 12noon Christmas Day Masses in Kingscourt.</p> <p>Copies of our new Parish history will be available and gifted to all families at our Christmas Eve and Day Masses.</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage 2024</u></p> <p>Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Montserrat in Catalonia takes place for seven nights from September 24th - October 1st, in the four star Sumus Hotel and Spa at the seashore of Pineda del Mar in North Eastern Spain. The cost is €1180pps, with a special <u>Early Booking Offer of €1140</u> for all bookings received before <u>January 15th 2024</u>, inclusive of return flights, transfers, seven nights half board, three full day tours and an escorted walking tour, the services of a tour manager, local representative and all religious services.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Booking with Navan Travel at 046 9068600.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Community Notices</u></p> <p>Please join in the annual Kingscourt Cancer Care Walk, commencing at 12noon on St. Stephen's Day, with registration at Clarkes Corner Bar. Congratulations to all the Kingscourt Handball players on their county successes at many levels last weekend.</p>
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND THANKS 2023

We come to celebrate another Christmas, looking back over the past year with heartfelt gratitude and appreciation. We think this year particularly of the people of the Holy Land, especially in Bethlehem, praying earnestly for peace, there and indeed throughout all the troubled parts of our world.

A very sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many who give so generously in every aspect of parish life in Kingscourt as we strive to reach out to one and all. Long before the word was coined, our parish and people were synodal in the approach to life and living the gospel message in this great parish. Our parish and people are walking together, working collaboratively together, worshipping together, having a real sense of co-responsibility and true ownership of what happens in a living and vibrant parish. Thank you all for your continued and generous financial support to the parish, which now allows us to plan and prioritise for the future needs of this wonderful parish and people.

A special word of thanks to Ciaran Boylan, Chair of the Parish Finance Committee and the wider committee for their wise and prudent management of our financial resources. Thanks to Annette O'Rourke and the Parish Pastoral Planning Team who look after the Mission of our parish, with many pastoral initiatives completed during the past year, which support and sustain a thriving community of faith. Thanks to the Baptismal teams, who welcome young parents, to the Bethany Bereavement Support team who give such comfort and solace to all bereaved families. Thanks to the members of the Parish Safeguarding Team who ensure best practice in our parish. Thanks to all engaged in Eucharistic Adoration, St. Vincent de Paul, the Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers and their co-ordinators. A special thanks to our great Altar Serving teams who assist at every Mass in our parish.

Thank you to all our choirs, Kingscourt Choir, Folk Group, Kingscourt Childrens Choir, Muff Choir and Muff Childrens Choir, Corlea Choir, soloists and instrumentalists. The dedication of all involved in our choirs is phenomenal. Thanks to Derek, Gavin, Cian, Sarah Rose, Karen, Niall, Mark, Olivia who lead the music. A very special thanks to Ann Burns who acts as co-ordinator of music in our parish, ensuring there is music ministry each morning and at the weekend Masses.

A special word of appreciation to PJ and all our sacristan teams in our three churches for their work throughout the year, all done quietly, without any fuss or attention. You make a real difference! Thank you to all our collectors and counters, our cleaners, all who prepare the linens in our churches throughout the year. Thanks to Derek who keep the grounds and our cemetery in such a pristine condition. Thanks to Loretto and all who assist at The Parish Office with the ongoing demands of good governance and administration.

Grateful thanks to the chairpersons and volunteer boards of management from our four Catholic schools for giving so very generously of their time, expertise, and commitment in a total voluntary capacity to Catholic education. Thanks to our school principals, their teaching and ancillary staff.

Thanks to Daniel, Louise, and Stephen who maintain, monitor and update our webcam, website and social media, allowing people from all over the world, and especially those parishioners living away from Kingscourt the real opportunity feel part of the parish family.

Thanks to all who continue with such commitment and dedication in the very many sporting, voluntary, cultural and community groups in Kingscourt. The contribution of each, often done without fuss or fanfare, is to the benefit of all.

In the words of the late poet, author and mystic, John O'Donohoe,

May the Angels in their beauty bless you this Christmas.

May the Angels of Compassion open your eyes this Christmas.

May the Angels of Encouragement confirm you this Christmas.

May the Angels of Bethlehem be your sheltering and joyful guardians this Christmastide and always.

Happy Christmas, Nollag Shona, Feliz Navidad, Joyeux Noel, Wesolych Swiat, Buon Natale. *Gerry*

