

# Kingscourt Parish Bulletin



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<p><b>20th/21st January</b>                  Saturday 6pm: Frank, Margaret &amp; Gerard Charles &amp; deceased family, Anniv. Philomena Carolan &amp; deceased family, Anniv. Peter &amp; Kathleen Kieran, Anniv. Kitty Connolly, Anniv. Deceased members of The Kearney Family, Anniv.                  Muff Vigil 7.30pm: Thomas McCabe, First Anniversary. Corlea 9am: Mass.                  10.30am: Peter Corrigan, Anniv. For the intentions of Barbara Mnich who is ill.                  12 Noon: Chris Cullen, Anniv. Andrea Murtagh, Anniv. Paul Mc Kenna, Julia Monaghan &amp; Seamus Watters, Anniv.</p>	<p><b>27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January</b>                  Saturday 6pm: Kit Finnegan, First Anniversary.                  Muff Vigil 7.30pm: Kathleen Reilly, 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mass and all are welcome!                  Corlea 9am: Mass                  10.30am: Betty Kelly, Months Memory, Willie Power, Anniv.                  12 Noon: PJ Gorman, Peter Gorman, Grace Gorman, Anniv. Celebrating Catholic Schools Mass.</p>
<p>Tuesday 10am: Mass                  Wednesday 10am: Mass</p>	<p>Thursday 10am: Mass                  Friday 10am: Mass</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>Annual Service for Christian Unity:</b></p> <p><b>Parish Finance Committee:</b></p> <p><b>Catholic Schools Sunday 2024:</b></p> <p><b>Kingscourt Parish Bethany Bereavement Support:</b></p> <p><b>Supporting the Parish: Saint Valentine's Mass 2024:</b></p>	<p><b>THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN ON <u>MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY</u> FROM 10.30AM TO 12.30PM.</b> All bookings and enquiries can be made during these times. All notices to be included in the bulletin should be at The Parish Office <b><u>by 10.00a.m. on Thursday.</u></b></p> <p>Riona Carolan, Piercetown, Roger Taylor, Cabra View, Tommy Clarke, Maio, Sean Farrelly, Navan &amp; Baileboro, Kathleen Garvey, Dublin, Sheila King, Crossmaglen.</p> <p>Congratulations to Nela Kasmi and Alfie Duffy on their recent baptisms. 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 8p.m. in The Parish Centre, with Team E. Please note ALL BAPTISMS TAKE PLACE IN Kingscourt.</p> <p>Couples intending marriage in the Diocese of Meath during 2024 must complete an ACCORD pre marriage workshop, <a href="http://www.accord.ie">www.accord.ie</a>. The 2024 Dates for the Navan ACCORD Centre are on 26th/27<sup>th</sup> January 16th/17<sup>th</sup> February &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> March.</p> <p>All are welcome to our <u>Annual Service of Prayer for Christian Unity</u> which will take place at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on this Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30p.m. with the guest preacher Abbot Brendan Coffey of Glenstal.</p> <p>The Parish Finance Committee meet on Thursday at 8.30p.m. in The Parish House.</p> <p><u>Catholic Schools Week</u> will be marked by Grandparents Day on Wednesday and concludes with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon, in Kingscourt and all are welcome to attend.</p> <p><u>Kingscourt Bethany Bereaved Support Team</u> begin their Five Week Healing Programme in The Parish Centre on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February at 8p.m. Confidentiality and professionalism is assured. Please call 087 9591995 to reserve a place.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plate €1882    Development Fund €3430. Many thanks.</p> <p>Our Parish will hold our annual <u>St. Valentines Mass</u> for all couples celebrating a jubilee of marriage this year on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 6p.m. Vigil Mass in</p>
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<p><b>Sacramental Preparation Ceremonies 2024:</b></p>	<p><b>Kingscourt. Couples married outside of the parish and marking 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, or 50 years of marriage are asked to contact The Parish Office by February 1<sup>st</sup>, indicating if they wish to participate in this important occasion.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pledge Ceremonies for Confirmation pupils 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> February.</li> <li>2. First Confession for Muff on February 13<sup>th</sup> and for St. Joseph's. Kingscourt, Corlea, and Carrickleck on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.</li> <li>3. Confirmations Retreats on 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> February.</li> <li>4. Ceremony of Light and Lenten Journey on 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> February.</li> <li>5. Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.</li> <li>6. Final First Holy Communion Preparation Masses on 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>7. Corlea First Holy Communion 12<sup>th</sup> May, Saint Joseph's First Holy Communion, Kingscourt 18<sup>th</sup> May, Muff First Holy Communion 25<sup>th</sup> May, Carrickleck First Holy Communion, 26<sup>th</sup> May.</li> <li>8. Pentecost Mass for Confirmation pupils and families on 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> May.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Please pray for Anthony Kerr:</b></p>	<p>Please pray for <u>Anthony Kerr</u> who will be ordained as deacon for Meath Diocese today. He will be ordained priest next year.</p>
<p><b>Visitation of the sick:</b></p>	<p><u>Visitation of the sick</u> in hospital is an integral part of the life and ministry of the priest. If any parishioner or family members are in hospital, please advise Fr. Gerry, who is always happy to make a pastoral visit.</p>
<p><b>Bishop Michael Smith Ruby Jubilee as Bishop:</b></p>	<p><u>Bishop Michael Smith</u> will make his Ruby Jubilee – 40 years – in service to the diocese of Meath as bishop. Parishioners are cordially invited to join with Bishop Michael on Sunday next at 4p.m, in The Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, for a Special Evening Prayer of Thanksgiving to mark this special occasion. All are welcome.</p>
<p><b>Parish Pilgrimage 2024:</b></p>	<p><u>Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Montserrat</u> takes place from for seven nights from September 24<sup>th</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>, in the four-star Sumus Hotel at Pineda del Mar in North Eastern Spain. The cost is €1180pps. The cost is inclusive of daytime return flights, transfers, 20kg checked baggage with priority boarding, and seat allocation, half board, three full day tours, an escorted walking tour, the services of a tour manager, and all religious services. <u>Booking with Navan Travel at 046 9068600</u></p>
<p><b>Parish Pastoral Planning:</b></p>	<p><u>The Parish Pastoral Planning Team</u> held their monthly meeting: They reviewed the recent Christmas and LMFM liturgies and thanked all who prepared and participated. They completed final preparations for the forthcoming Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. They agreed a programme for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season, commencing on February 14<sup>th</sup>. They noted the positive response to the forthcoming Saint Valentines Mass for Jubilee couples on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 6p.m. To mark World Day of the Sick, the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available at all Masses on February 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>. They have planned a Choral Workshop with Ciaran Coll and Derek Eakins for March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Centre. A new edition of the successful <u>Pass it On</u> book is to be worked on and published during this year. Grandparents are encouraged to send in their favourite prayers, reflections, etc., over the coming weeks.</p>

**Community Notices:**

If you or someone you know is having difficulty in securing employment owing to mental health issues, illness or disability, please contact Geraldine at EmployAbility on 086 1529100. Warm good wishes to the wonderful Kathleen Reilly of Coravelis who marks her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in these days and is wished continued good health and every blessing. Community information on retrofitting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> in Kingscourt Community Centre at 7.30p.m. Carers Coffee Morning in The Shirley Arms on Tuesday at 10a.m. The Diocese of Meath is currently recruiting a Faith Development Officer, see [www.dioceseofmeath.ie](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie) for further information. Congratulations to Abby Smith and the Irish team who came second in the World Cross Country Running in Scotland. St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band AGM takes place in The Band Hall on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m. Community Coffee Morning in The Red Hall on this Friday from 11a.m.

