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Weekend Masses
Kilkerley: Saturday at 6.00p.m.
Sunday at 10.00a.m.
Knockbridge: Saturday at 7.30p.m.
Sunday at 11.30a.m.

Weekday Masses:
See Anniversaries & Memorials below.
Mass on Fridays in Knockbridge each Friday at 9.30a.m. except on the 1st Friday of the month when Mass will be celebrated in Kilkerley at 7.30p.m.

Confessions:
Kilkerley: Confession are available in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, after 6p.m. Mass. on Saturdays.

Knockbridge: Confessions are available on Mondays before 7.30 Mass and from 9.30pm-10pm, at the end of Eucharist Adoration, and at any time 'by request'.

Baptisms take place every 2nd Sunday of the month in **Kilkerley** after 10a.m. Mass.

Every 4th Sunday of the month in **Knockbridge** after 11.30a.m. Mass

Baptism Courses for both parishes will take place each month. The full list of course dates is available at the entrance to both Churches.

Parish Collections:

Kilkerley:
Envelopes €1,220
Knockbridge:
Envelopes €1,266.40
Sincere thanks to all who contributed...

Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses (December 9 - December 17)

Kilkerley

Sat. 9 6.00p.m. Kathleen O'Hare, (1st AV) Tommy & Mary Laverty; John & Margaret Clarke
Sun. 10 10.00a.m. Mary Kassell
Tues. 12 9.30a.m. Michael, Jane, & Briega Hamill and deceased family members
Thur. 14 9.30a.m. _____
Sat. 16 6.00p.m. Ann Hutchinson and Michael McArdle; Joe Rooney
Sun. 17 10.00a.m. Bridget Meegan and deceased Family; John Tennyson and deceased Family; Marian, Jimmy and Tony Morgan

Knockbridge

Sat. 9 7.30p.m. Owen and John Devin; Pat and Trudy Conroy; Lily Brennan; Paddy Byrne (Ballybarrack)
Sun. 10 11.30a.m. Mary McDonnell (1st AV); Eddie Sherry; Dermot McElroy; James O'Brien; Annie and John Shevlin (Crossabeagh); Margaret and Joseph McGahon and dec. Family (Prospect)
Mon. 11 7.30p.m. _____
Wed. 13 9.30a.m. _____
Fri. 15 9.30a.m. _____
Sat. 16 7.30p.m. Noel McMahon
Sun. 17 11.30a.m. Brian and Patricia Faughey; Loretta Friary (1st AV); Quinn Family; James Dorian; McMahon Family (Kilcroney); Liam and Clare Sweeney and deceased Family

Ministers of the Word

Next Week-end:

Kilkerley:

Bernard Mulholland (16th)
DO THIS IN MEMORY (17th)

Knockbridge:

Madonna Lambert (16th)
Irene Brennan (17th)

Ministers of the Eucharist

Next Week-end:

Kilkerley:

Eddie Sharkey and Dolores McElroy (16th)
Eamon Kelly and Mary McEnteggart (17th)

Knockbridge:

Anne Dorian and Teresa McEnteggart (16th)
Maureen Corcoran and Marie Clifford (17th)

Prayers of the Faithful:

Next Week-end:

Kilkerley:

Natasha Wisniewska (16th)
Tara Litchfield (17th)

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for...
Jim Corcoran, Broadview, Knockbridge,
Fr. Louis Eustace, St. Josephs Dundalk,
John Keenan, Bellurgan Point,
Fr. Joe McCluskey, Killanny,
Moya Hoey née McGahon, Gibstown,
Eithne Carron née Kieran, Broughton St. Dundalk
Mary Cunningham, Ardee,
Fr. James Crowley, P.P of Killeeshill, Tyrone,
Mary McBride, née Crilly Cavan Rd,
Fr. Brendan McNally, former P.P. Tallanstown,
.....who died recently

10th December, 2017
2nd Sunday of Advent

Word of God

When John the Baptist makes the announcement to get ready for the Lord he makes it clear that the highway for the Lord leads to our hearts. This challenges us to ask ourselves the question, "How am I doing at preparing the way of the Lord, by building that highway for the Lord to get into my heart?" No matter what God has called us to it takes humility, sincerity of heart, and fortitude to do it well. It involves filling in the emptiness of valley, and cutting away the mountains that blind us. It means removing detours that we sometimes take so as to avoid conversion. In preparing well, we are making way for the Lord. The Lord doesn't limit his visits to us to Christmas. He is present to us always and the more we work on our highway the easier it is to come to Him.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



An invitation is extended to those who would be able to spend an hour in visiting the Blessed Sacrament on Mon. 10a.m. to 10p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge followed by Benediction at 10p.m.

"Do you realise that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart" St Thérèse of Lisieux

Do This In Memory Mass in Kilkerley will take place on Sunday 17th Dec. at 7p.m.

Confirmation 2018

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on the following dates in the parishes in our pastoral area:

Kilkerley: Thursday, 1st March at 11.00a.m.
Knockbridge: Friday: 27th April at 11a.m.
Darver & Dromiskin, Wed. 2nd May at 11a.m.
Louth: Friday 11th May at 11.00a.m.

Advent message from Fr. Gerry and Fr. Paddy

In this new liturgical year there will be much talk about 'The Family' as we in Ireland prepare for World Meeting of Families (WMOF) in Dublin in August 2018. The Kilkerley/knockbridge WMOF team have organised a calendar of events and we hope that you and your family are able to participate in at least some of these events. Pope Francis said that the parish is 'A Family of Families' and he also said that 'there is no such thing as a perfect family'. So let us resolve this Advent to encourage and support families in Kilkerley and Knockbridge. We invite you to enter into these radical days that call us to a better, holier way - patience, peace, expectation and yearning for the Lord.

+ **CLIFFORD.** Bishop Gerard Clifford's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral Dundalk on Sunday 17th Dec at 11.30a.m.
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Let's Celebrate Family
World Meeting of Families
(WMOF)
Dublin, August 21 - 26, 2018

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for WMOF2018 is: 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy to the World'. The event will consist of a joyful and reflective programme of workshops, talks and discussions for adults, an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as faith and fun activities for children. WMOF will include the celebration of Mass, a festival of families' event and musical performances around Dublin City check out the website:
worldmeeting2018.ie

Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families (WMOF) 2018

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray:
[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

The Empty Crib (The Gift of Kindness)

You will notice that the empty crib has been put in place at the beginning of Advent. This year we would like all parishioners to become involved in preparing the crib for the Infant Jesus. We are asking you to do an act of kindness, love or outreach each day during advent. As we are preparing for the Year of the Family we encourage parents to involve their families in this. These acts can be done in **Your Family, in the Parish Family** or to those in need in the world. For each act of love we encourage you to come with your family and place a little straw each day/week in the crib. When Christmas comes we will have a Bed of Love for the Infant Jesus and hopefully shared a little more love in our world.

Online Advent Calendar

Archbishop Eamon recently launched the 2017 online Advent Calendar. It offers the opening of a virtual door each day during the season of Advent. Behind each door there will be content aimed at assisting people to pray and to reflect on how best we can put Christ to the centre of our Christmas. This year's calendar provides a special focus on family as part of ongoing preparations for WMOF 2018. The calendar goes live today. www.catholicbishops.ie and www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Silent Retreat

Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius will take place at the Alexian Brothers Monastery, Knock, Co. Mayo for women aged 18 years up. From December 28 to January 1. Places are limited. Please book early. For more information contact 085-8235525

Thought to Bring Home

"When we put God first, all other things fall into place or drop out of our lives".

Knockbridge Notes



PARISH BINGO ..

Every Thursday in the Parish Centre at 8.30p.m.
€550 prizes every week

Raffle + Jackpot €1,000 for 45 numbers



Baptisms (Knockbridge)

We welcome into the Christian community Noah Meegan, Tullygee, Averie Michelle Hoey, Ballinlough, Mylah-Rose Murphy, Hackballscross and Cian Sean Grimes, Loughantarve..... who were all baptised recently.

Use of Knockbridge Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is for the use of the parish community. To cover the cost of Insurance, Lighting, Heating and other expenses, there is a nominal charge of €75. Please contact Jean Myers directly at 042 9338670 for bookings.

A new Graveyard Map (Knockbridge) has been erected on the side of the church. The names of all those interred have been included. Future burials shall be recorded with details sent to irishgraveyards.ie A new up to date sign will be erected in the summer of 2020.

Adult Choir

Don't you just love lifting your voice to God in song? Don't keep this hidden talent to yourself.... Why don't you join Knockbridge or Kilkerley adult choirs? Let your light shine! Both choirs are looking for new members: Singers & musicians. Please contact Fidelma (Kilkerley) or Gráinne (Knockbridge). Just do it 🎵

Set Dancing Classes in the Parish Centre every Monday at 8.30p.m.

New members welcome! Come along and keep fit as well as enjoying lots of craic!

Irish Dancing Classes continue in the Parish Centre on Thursday at 4p.m.

Contact Dearbhla Roddy at 086 824267

St. Bride's G.F.C.

LOTTO Numbers drawn on 4th December for the Jackpot of €11,000.
10, 12, 23, 31. No winner or Match 3 winners...Next week's Lotto draw will be held on Monday. The Jackpot will be €11,400

St. Bride's GFC Social Evenings

are taking place in MacNamee's Bar on Wednesday nights at 8p.m.. Dates include: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th of Dec. Events include Play Your Cards Right, Mr. and Mrs. Bingo and Quiz. Craic agus Ceoil with Gerry, Joe, Brian, Oliver and Tomás Refreshments at interval. Everyone welcome. Admission €5

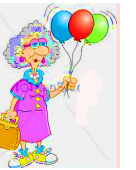
Kilkerley Notes



SUNDAY DANCING
Community & Enterprise Centre this Sunday, Dec. 10 ...
Music by Liam Mannering
Dancing 9-12. All Welcome!

Senior Citizens Party

will take place today, Sunday 10th at 2p.m. in the Community & Enterprise Centre, Kilkerley.



Foróige Club

The Club has resumed activities in the Community & Enterprise Centre and will continue each Friday as usual.

Kilkerley Bowls

Bowls have resumed for the Autumn and continues on Wednesdays at 7.45p.m. in the Community Centre. New members are very welcome.

Special Collection

The Church Gate Collection in Kilkerley this weekend is for 'Fighting Blindness'. Please give what you can.

Catholicism DVD Series (Questions of Faith) Advent/Christmas Season

Would you like to learn all about your faith? Fr. Paddy will show a series of DVD's illustrating the history and beauty of Catholicism. All you need to do is watch... there will be a little discussion afterwards. The series will be shown alternatively in both churches:
Knockbridge Monday, 11th Dec. 8 - 9p.m.
Kilkerley Thursday 28th Dec. 7.30 - 8.30p.m.
Knockbridge Thursday 4th Jan. 7.30 - 8.30p.m.

Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre: The Magnet (Coffee Day)

You are invited to the Centre (Fr. Gerry's other place of work) for a 'Coffee Day' on Friday 15th December 10a.m.-2p.m. The Centre has a particular interest in family ministry. It offers pre-marriage courses and bereavement support groups. Of special merit has been the establishment of the Beginning Experience (BE), a programme designed to help people deal with the loss of a spouse arising from death or separation. It also hosts 'Rainbows', a programme to help children and young people cope with the loss of a parent. The Centre along with the Office of Pastoral Renewal and Family Ministry (OPRFM) offer various programmes and courses that support parishes (042 9336393) Whatever donation you can give on the day will be much appreciated.

Towards Peace

Christmas and New Year is often a time when we are reminded of our deepest selves and deepest hopes, and deepest pain. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe support space for people who have been afflicted by abuse in a Church context, and who are seeking to explore the spiritual impact of the abuse. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the trauma of abuse on your relationship with God and spirituality, 'Towards Peace' is here for you: www.towardspeace.ie

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Youth)

The annual Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place **12th - 17th May 2018**. The Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission (ADYC) will be leading young pilgrims, aged 16 - 18, at a reduced rate of €600 per person, part of which can be fundraised. For more information and booking please visit <http://www.armagharchdiocese.org/lourdes-2018/>