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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 Fri. 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 €780.00
Knockbridge: Envelopes €1,293.89
Sincere thanks to all who contributed...

Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses (December 16 - December 24)

Kilkerley

Sat. 16 6.00p.m. Ann Hutchinson and Michael McArdle; Joe Rooney
Sun. 17 10.00a.m. Mary McBride, (MM); Bridget Meegan and deceased Family; John Tennyson and deceased Family; Marian, Jimmy and Tony Morgan
Tues.19 9.30a.m. Peter and Margaret McArdle; Noel, Paul and Liam McEntegart
Thur. 21 9.30a.m. Ambrose McEntegart and deceased members of McEntegart and Harvey Families.
Sat. 23 6.00p.m. Tom and Jim Curley; Jack and Mollie McArdle
Sun. 24 10.00a.m. _____
9.00p.m. Larry and Nancy Donnelly

Knockbridge

Sat. 16 7.30p.m. Noel McMahan
Sun. 17 11.30a.m. Brian and Patricia Faughey; Loretta Friary (1st AV); Quinn Family; James Dorian; McMahan Family (Kilcroyne); Liam and Clare Sweeney and deceased Family
Mon 18 7.30p.m. _____
Wed. 20 9.30a.m. Sr. Patricia Short
Fri. 22 9.30a.m. _____
Sat. 23 7.30p.m. Moya Hoey (MM)
Sun. 24 11.30a.m. _____
7.30p.m. Thomas Connor and deceased Family; Mickey Kieran, Cortial

Ministers of the Word

Next Week-end:

Kilkerley:
Hannah Mulholland (23rd)
Ursula McCarthy (24th)

Christmas Eve at 9p.m. Kathleen McCreesh
Christmas Day at 10a.m. Conn McEntegart

Knockbridge:
Irene Brennan(Rathneety) (23rd)
Joe McKenna (24th)

Christmas Eve at 7.30p.m. Bernadette Sweeney
Christmas Day at 11.30a.m. Seamus Kirk

Ministers of the Eucharist

Next Week-end:

Kilkerley:
Kit Cunningham & Eugene Callan (23rd)
????? (24th)

Christmas Eve at 9p.m.
Tom McCreesh, Mary McGeown and Dolores McElroy
Christmas Day at 10a.m.
Ruth McGorrian, Eugene Callan, Jane Quinn, Ethel McElroy

Knockbridge:
Eileen McKean and Ethel Watters (23rd)
Cyrease Conroy and Frank Woods (24th)

Prayers of the Faithful:

Next Week-end:

Kilkerley:
Thomas Shevlin (23rd) Clodagh Kneel (24th)
Christmas Eve at 9p.m. Franchesca Byrne
Christmas Day at 10a.m. Sophie O'Hagan

17th December, 2017
3rd Sunday of Advent

Word of God

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudate Sunday. Gaudate is the Latin word for rejoice and is the message of the readings and the prayers for the Mass of today. This joy echoed by the psalmist can be with us at all times, even in the most trying and difficult times. It doesn't take away the problems and pain we might experience, but it lifts us up to accept them, bear them, and trust that God is with us. As John the Baptist proclaims – He is greater - greater than any of us and He will deliver us from all from which we need deliverance.



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.

"You left us Yourself in the Sacrament of the Altar, and you opened wide your mercy to us." St Faustina

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Knockbridge: 7.30p.m.
Preceded by Carol Service at 7p.m.
Christmas Eve: Kilkerley; 9p.m.
Preceded by Carol Service at 8.30p.m.

Christmas Day: Kilcroyne 8.30a.m.
Kilkerley 10a.m.
Knockbridge 11.30a.m.

Knockbridge Advent Penance Service and Service of Light on Thurs. Dec. 21 at 7.30pm

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.

Parish Christmas Cards

With the help of representatives from all areas/town lands, Christmas Cards will be distributed this weekend to all parishioners in both parishes which include Mass times for Christmas as well as other details. If you do not receive a card, please let the sacristan in your parish know.

Kilkerley/Knockbridge Joint Pastoral Parish Council St Patrick's Soup Kitchen Church Gate Collection 23rd and 24th December.

As part of our Joint Parish Pastoral Plan under 'Mission & Outreach', to reach out to the poor, lonely and homeless; a Church Gate Collection for St Patrick's Parish Soup Kitchen will be held on 23rd and 24th December (inc Christmas Eve Mass). The Kitchen opens daily, providing a hot meal and also hands out between 80 and 100 'Food Parcels' every Friday. This is a very worthy cause and your generosity would be greatly appreciated.



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.

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for...

Annie McArdle, Cluan Enda, Dundalk, 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, 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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Therèse conference of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank you all for your generous contributions to our Christmas appeal. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.
Ràth Dè oraibh i gconai.

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.

Thought to Bring Home

"Never rejoice in the misfortunes of those who have wronged you. Learn to love, seek and attain only that which is good for yourself and others."

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 Alyssia Grace Kieran, Dunbin who was 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.

Car park: Knockbridge

Recently Knockbridge car park has been used as a dumping ground for old mattresses and rubbish which could attract vermin. We ask all parishioners to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Gardai. We would be happy if some kind parishioner would remove the present litter to the recycling centre (parish will pay the cost) If this dumping continues we will have to consider installing CCTV.

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!

St. Bride's G.F.C. LOTTO Numbers drawn on 4th December for the Jackpot of €11,000. 01, 03, 08, 19, No winner, 5 Match 3 winners Valerie Daly; Pat McKeown; Patrick Ward; Maggie & Leonard Hatrick; Next week's Lotto draw will be held on Monday 18th December at 9pm in MacNamee's Bar. The Jackpot will be €11,600. Special Christmas Draw on the night with 4 X €50 prizes to be won.

Next week will be our last draw before Christmas. We will be starting back in the New Year on Monday 8th January! Tickets on sale (Priced €2) from MacNamee's Bar, McGuinness' Bar Dundalk, McKeown's Bar Dundalk, Giovanni's Chipper, Brodigan's Shop, Cluskey's Bar, Finnegan's Foodstore Louth, Harrys' Bar Dundalk, Copper Kettle Dundalk, any Committee Member/Player or play online at www.stbridesgfc.com

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

Kilkerley Notes



SUNDAY DANCING
Community & Enterprise Centre this Sunday, Dec. 17 ...
Music by Showbud
Dancing 9-12. All Welcome!

Baptisms (Kilkerley)

We welcome into the Christian community Georgia Mohan, Donaghmore, Millie Grace Bell, Blackrock, & Rionagh Grainne Kirk, Red Barns Road who were all baptised recently.

Kilkerley: The Church Gate Collection for Fighting Blindness was €246.11. Thanks to all.

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.

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: Kilkerley: *Thurs 28th Dec. 7.30 - 8.30p.m.* Knockbridge: *Thursday 4th Jan. 7.30 - 8.30p.m.*

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/>

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