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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 €1,335.00
Knockbridge: Envelopes €1,203.33.
Sincere thanks to all who contributed...

Ministers of the Word
Next Week-end:

Kilkerley:
Kevin McEnteggart (30th)
Maria McGuill (31st)
Knockbridge:
Sinead Collins (30th)
Joan McKenna (31st)

Ministers of the Eucharist
Next Week-end:

Kilkerley:
Kathleen McCabe and Tom McCreesh (30th)
Ethel McElroy and Gerry Cronin (31st)

Knockbridge:
Joan Moran and Catherine Lambe (30th)
Brid Hanafin and Geraldine Ferris (31st)

Prayers of the Faithful:
Next Week-end:

Kilkerley:
Anneke Wisniewska (30th)
Katie Fox (31st)

Recently Deceased:
Please pray for...

Fintan Lennon, late of Thomastown, David Casey St. Nicholas Ave. Dundalk
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,
Mary McBride, née Crilly Cavan Rd,
Fr. Brendan McNally, former P.P. Tallanstown
.....who died recently

Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses (December 23 - December 31)

Kilkerley

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
Mon. 25 10.00a.m. _____
Tue. 26 9.30a.m. _____
Thur. 28 9.30a.m. _____
Sat. 30 6.00p.m. Una O'Hare; Stephen Quigley
Sun. 31 10.00a.m. _____

Knockbridge

Sat. 23 7.30p.m. Moya Hoey (MM)
Sun. 24 11.30a.m. Special Intention
7.30p.m. Thomas Connor and deceased Family; Mickey Kieran, Cortial
Mon. 25 8.30a.m. Kathleen and Michael Sharkey - in Kilcrouney
11.30a.m. Peter Smyth and deceased Family
Thur. 27 10.00a.m. _____
Fri. 29 10.00a.m. _____
Sat. 30 7.30p.m. Maisie Donnelly; Margaret Wynne
Sun. 31 11.30a.m. Rose McGeough

24th December, 2017
4th Sunday of Advent

Word of God

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we are at last brought before the events leading directly up to the Christmas celebration of Jesus' birth, through the account in the Gospel of the Annunciation to Mary. Saint Luke presents us with Mary saying "yes" to God's invitation in her life. This is the dawn of our salvation! Only in Jesus the Saviour will our world ever be at peace. Only in Jesus as Lord will nations be able to work together. Only with Jesus at the heart of our own personal lives can we truly serve the Lord in Spirit and Truth. Let us pray as we await the coming of the Lord, for that the Lord will build our house, our Church, our country and our world.

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.
"In that little host is the solution to all the problems of the world." St John Paul

Christmas and Epiphany 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: Kilcrouney 8.30a.m.
Kilkerley 10a.m.
Knockbridge 11.30a.m.

Epiphany: 6th Jan.
Kilkerley Vigil: Friday 5th at 7.30pm
Knockbridge: Saturday 6th at 9.30am
(Epiphany Collection for Clerical Students)

The Feast of the Holy Family will take place next weekend (30/31 December)

New Years Day (WMOF)

To mark the start of 2018 when preparations for World Meeting of Families will begin to accelerate, a concelebrated Mass for all Families will take place in St. Mary's Church. Knockbridge on Monday, 1st. January at 11.00am. This is also the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. All families in Kilkerley and Knockbridge (and anywhere else) are invited to come and pray for Our Lord's protection for our families through the intercession of Our Lady. Light refreshments will be offered after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Baptisms in 2018 (WMOF)

Baptism of the Lord: An Invitation to the Newly Baptised (7th January)
To mark this feast day on the year of World Meeting of Families the children who were Baptised in 2017 and their families are invited to attend 10am Kilkerley or 11.30am Knockbridge (depending on the church of their baptism). After Mass these new members of the parish communities will receive a special blessing. This Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Community/Parish Centre. A letter of invitation will be sent before the New Year.



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

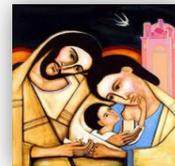
Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families (WMOF) 2018

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.

Choose Life

Since 2012 the Bishops' Conference's Choose Life website has been a dedicated portal to offer resources and promote the protection of the life of the unborn. The website hosts up-to-date news on the life issue as well as prayer materials for parishes and the faithful.
The website address is www.chooselife2017.ie which will automatically update to www.chooselife2018.ie in the New Year. Ahead of next year's referendum on repealing the Eighth Amendment, which is expected to take place in May, we invite you to link to this website on the homepage of your diocesan website and to promote it through diocesan social media accounts. You may also wish to encourage your parishes to do likewise.

Christmas and New Year Greetings



Fr Gerry and Fr Paddy would like to wish all parishioners and your loved ones every blessing for Christmas and the New Year. We gently remind you and encourage you to visit the crib in your church with family members during the Christmas Season. This is a beautiful way to unite your Family with the Holy Family and to pray for loved ones living or deceased. May the Christ child born in Bethlehem draw you into his love and may the Holy Family of Nazareth be the model and inspiration of your family.

Thought to Bring Home

"Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus"

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



Wedding Greetings

Aidan McGuinness, Cortial, and Michelle Grimes, Donaghmoyno
married on the 15th December, 2017.
*Go bhfága Dia ag a chéile sibh!
May God spare you for each other!*

Baptism (Knockbridge)

We welcome into the Christian community **Finn Brendan Hand, Ardee Road**, who was baptised recently.

Knockbridge Vintage Club

hosted their Annual Christmas Party and Presentation Night on Sat. Dec 2. At the end of a busy season, the club were delighted to be able to donate monies raised to a number of worthy local charities. The members would like to thank everyone who supported, sponsored or participated in any way at their events during the year. The club would like to wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

St. Bride's G.F.C. LOTTO The Following numbers were drawn on Monday 18th December for the Jackpot of €11,600
08,20,27,31No Winner & No Match 3 numbers Special Christmas Draw for 4 x €50 prizes Shane Rutledge; Sarah Murray; Dylan McDonagh; Pdraig Smyth; The next draw will be held on Mon. 8th Jan. The jackpot starting off the new year will be a huge €12,000!! St Brides GFC would like to thank everyone for their support in 2017. Without everyones support of our fundraising efforts and especially our weekly lotto it would not be possible to run the club. We wish everyone a happy Christmas and hope 2018 brings good fortune to everyone.

St. Bride's GFC Social Evenings are taking place in MacNamee's Bar on Wednesday nights at 8p.m.. Dates include: 27th of December. 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

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!

Kilkerley Notes



SUNDAY DANCING
Community & Enterprise Centre on Sunday, Jan 7 ...
Music by Blue Magic
Dancing 9-12. All Welcome!

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.

Kilkerley/Knockbridge Joint Pastoral Parish Council

St Patrick's Soup Kitchen Church Gate Collection 23rd and 24th December.

As part of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan under 'Mission & Outreach', a Church Gate Collection for St Patrick's Parish Soup Kitchen will be held THIS WEEKEND (incl. Christmas Eve Mass). The Kitchen opens daily, providing a hot meal and also hands out between 80 to 100 'Food Parcels' every Friday. This is a very worthy cause and your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

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 alternately in both churches: Kilkerley: Thurs 28th Dec. 7.30 - 8.30p.m. Knockbridge: Thurs. 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.