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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.

**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.

**Parish Collections:**  
**Kilkerley:** €1,085.00  
**Knockbridge:**

December 31 €1,056.07  
January 7 €1,332.82  
Clerical Students € 361.10  
Ret. Priests (Revised) €1,214.91

Sincere thanks to all who contributed...

### Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses (January 13 - January 21)

#### Kilkerley

Sat. 13 6.00p.m. Owen Hamill  
Sun. 14 10.00a.m. Teresa and Peter Quigley and deceased Family  
Tue. 16 9.30a.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Thur. 18 9.30a.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sat. 20 6.00p.m. Harry Fee and deceased Family; Majella Glenny (nee Mulholland)  
Sun. 21 10.00a.m. Harry Bellew

#### Knockbridge

Sat. 13 7.30p.m. Peader and Betty Byrne; Kevin Hughes; Patrick and Eileen Farrell  
Eddie McKenna, Ballybarrack; Joe Meegan and deceased Family  
Sun. 14 11.30a.m. McKenna Family, Allardstown, deceased Members; Mark Toner  
Mon. 15 7.30p.m. Communion Service and Benediction  
Wed. 17 9.30a.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fri. 19 9.30a.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sat. 20 7.30p.m. Mary Byrne and Margaret Hoey; Dermot and Mairead Marmion;  
Peter and Molly Byrne; Liam and May Fagan;  
Paddy, Anna, Joseph and Joanne O'Neill, Stephenstown.  
Sun. 21 11.30a.m. Brennan Family, deceased Members (Springhill, Tallanstown)

**Ministers of the Word**  
Next Week-end:

**Kilkerley:**  
Catherine Shevlin (20th)  
Crona Tansey (21st)

**Knockbridge:**  
Aidan Nash (20th)  
Yvonne Donnelly (21st)

**Ministers of the Eucharist**  
Next Week-end:

**Knockbridge:**  
Eileen McKean and Ethel Watters(20th)  
Cyrease Conroy and Frank Woods (21st)

**Prayers of the Faithful:**  
Next Week-end:

**Kilkerley:**  
Sophie O'Hagan (20th)  
Jackie Brennan (21st)

**Recently Deceased:**  
Please pray for...

Joe Quinn, Barronstown,  
John Casey, Crossmaglen,  
Anthony Kerr, Ardee,  
Mary Hamill, Newton, Knockbridge,  
Sheila Farrelly, late of Grange,  
Peter Farrell, Stephenstown,  
Bridie O'Malley, Drumconrath,  
Margaret Rice, Castleshane, Monaghan,  
Mary McNamara, Cortial,  
Fintan Lennon, late of Thomastown  
Eugene Quigley, Dundalk,  
Mairead Dooley, Corcreaghy  
.....who died recently

14th January, 2018  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Word of God

"Behold, the Lamb of God!" says John. These words, which we hear at every Mass, are decisive words. John was a charismatic man, who pointed the way to Jesus! "Behold the Lamb of God!" With this pointing he fulfils the meaning of his own life. John pointed to Jesus, and the disciples followed him.

When they ask Him about his home, He invites them to: Come and see! Or rather, come and you will see! And this invitation developed into lifelong discipleship. The Word of God today reminds us that we too are called. God has called each of us personally. The challenges for us are: Do we hear Him calling? Will we answer His call?



#### 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.

"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them." St. Peter Alcantara

#### Meeting Dates for January 2018

Sunday 14th: Kilkerley:  
**Do This In Memory Mass** at 10a.m. in Kilkerley.  
Wednesday 17th:  
**Kilkerley Finance Committee** at 8.30p.m. in Knockbridge Parochial House.  
Monday 22nd:  
**Kilkerley/Knockbridge WMOF Team Meeting** at 7p.m. in Knockbridge Parochial House.  
Wednesday 24th:  
**Kilkerley/Knockbridge Baptism Team** at 8p.m. in Knockbridge Parochial House  
Thursday 25th:  
**Pastoral Area Resource Team (PART)** at 8.00p.m. St. Mary's NS Knockbridge.  
Tuesday 30th:  
**Kilkerley/Knockbridge Pastoral Council** at 8p.m. Knockbridge Parochial House.

#### The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

will run as usual from 18 to 25 January. The theme this year is *That All May Be Free*. Resources are available as downloads from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website at [www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer). An interdenominational Service for Christian Unity will be held in St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh, on Wednesday, 24 January at 7.30pm. The guest preacher will be Fr Kieran McDermott, Administrator of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance from the diocese at this service.

#### Baptisms in 2018 (WMOF)

To mark WMOF 2018 all Baptisms will take place **during Mass** each month. Part of the ceremony will take place in the family home when the home will also be blessed by Fr. Gerry or Fr. Paddy. Baptism is not only for the immediate family but is a parish celebration when we welcome the newly baptised child into the parish community.



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](http://worldmeeting2018.ie)  
**Please note: If you have not registered for WMOF and would like to go, it is recommended that you do so NOW as the numbers registering are increasing day by day.**

#### World Day of Migrants and Refugees - 14 January 2018

As we celebrate the 104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees this Sunday, it is important that we come together to pray and remember our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters living in our diocese, our parishes and especially those in direct provision centres in our country. Pope Francis, in his message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018, says that providing aid to migrants and refugees is a 'great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities'. The Holy Father reminds us that 'welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees' are essential to the Christian faith.

#### A Pastoral Letter From the Archbishop (available at entrance to the church)

Archbishop Eamon in his recent pastoral letter wrote the following: "I encourage you to be missionaries for the cause of life. Remember those words of Pope Francis: 'To serve human life is to serve God'. Speak to your families, your children and grandchildren, friends and colleagues about cherishing the precious gift of life at all times from conception to natural death. Speak the truth about life, and speak it with love. Despite strong pressures to remain silent, do not be afraid to witness to the equality of all life in private conversations and public discussions in the coming months. As citizens committed to the common good, you have the democratic right to make your views known, respectfully to our public representatives. Please pray earnestly with me that Ireland will 'choose life' and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country."

#### Unbound: Freedom In Christ Ministry:

This prayer for inner healing will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kilkerley on Saturday 20th January from 2 to 6p.m. If you are interested in finding out more about Unbound please call Fr. Gerry. It is necessary to book an appointment.

#### Thought to Bring Home

"Don't stay in the boat when God is calling you to step out on the water."

### 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**

#### Set Dancing Classes

Resume in the Parish Centre on Monday, January 15 at 8.30p.m.  
New members welcome! Come along and keep fit as well as enjoying lots of craic!

#### Irish Dancing Classes

Dearbhla Roddy continues her Classes in the Parish Centre every Thursday at 4p.m. Contact Dearbhla on 086 8242670.

#### St. Bride's G.F.C.

**LOTTO** The Following numbers were drawn on Monday January 8 for the Jackpot of €12,000 03, 04, 12, 16 No Winner Seven Match 3 Winners €30 B. Cunningham, Shop Catherine McKeown, Shop S. O'Connor, Shop, Conor, Ruth & Sam Nash, John Muckian, Shop, Oliver Fox online Eugene Kirk online  
Lotto will resume next Mon. Jan. 15 for Jackpot of €12,200. Tickets from any Committee Member/Player or online at [www.stbridesgfc.com](http://www.stbridesgfc.com) We wish to thank you for your continued support.

#### Membership for 2018 is as follows:

**Players**  
Employed Player €100 (inc. 20 weeks Lotto); Student/Apprentice €70 (inc. 10 weeks Lotto); Juveniles €30. (up to 18 years old); Non Players €40 or €80 (inc. free adm. to home games), or €80 (inc. 20 weeks Lotto).  
**O.A.P's €20; Family €70** (inc. 2 non playing adults and two or more juveniles.)

#### Mid-Louth Community Employment Project?

Are you interested in working 19.5 hours per week as part of the Mid-Louth Community Employment Project?  
If so and you are eligible, there are vacancies available and listed below;  
Coffee Shop Assistant in Stephenstown Pond  
Caretaker in Stephenstown Pond.  
These positions are listed on the jobsireland website.  
Please apply to C.E. Supervisor Tommy Reilly at the Old School Building, Tallanstown Tel 042-9374926 or email: [midlouthcetttd@gmail.com](mailto:midlouthcetttd@gmail.com)

#### Irish Wheelchair Association

Church gate collection next weekend.

#### Louth Better Energy Community programme (BEC)

We would like to invite you to attend a public information meeting to inform you of how communities can work together to avail of significant grants of between 30% and 80% to upgrade your homes, community centres and business premises to make them more efficient in energy use, warmer, reduce energy costs and avail of the option of using more renewable energy solutions. The meeting will be held in Kilkerley Community Centre on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January at 8pm. In 2016 and 2017, 150 homeowners in Mid Louth benefited from this scheme with a total investment including grants of €1.2M, resulting in these interventions achieving thousands of Euro in savings to householders. The funding is provided by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and the programme in Louth is managed by the Dunleer Community Development Board.

### Kilkerley Notes



#### SUNDAY DANCING

in the Community and Enterprise Centre this Sunday, Jan 14 ...  
Music by Brian McDermott  
Dancing 9-12. All Welcome!

#### Baptisms (Kilkerley)

We welcome into the Christian community Anna May Carragher, Allardstown, and Nanci Patricia Clarke, Thomastown who were baptised last Sunday during Mass.

#### Kilkerley Bowls

Bowls have resumed on Wednesdays at 7.45p.m. in the Community Centre. New members are always made welcome... Happy New Year to all members

#### Employment: Would you like to work part-time or full-time?

Are you unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability or in recovery from depression. We can help you seek employment. For further information on this service please contact EmployAbility Service Louth. Phone Number 042-9386718

#### 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](http://www.chooselife2017.ie) which will automatically update to [www.chooselife2018.ie](http://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.

#### 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](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

#### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Takes place from the 12 to the 17 May, 2018. We will soon be taking names for Pilgrims as well as Assisted Pilgrims - those interested in being considered should give their names to Fr. Paddy, Fr. Gerry or Kathleen McCreesh at 9377188. More details will follow. Also the Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission (ADYC) will be leading young pilgrims, aged 16 - 18, during the diocesan pilgrimage at a reduced rate of €600.00 per person, part of which can be fundraised.

#### Special Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Departing on Wed. June 13 for 7 nights... €689.00. Spiritual director. Fr. Paul Montague. Adm Holy Redeemer Church, Dundalk. Contact James 087 2202173

Notices for the BRIDGE should be sent in by Thursday at 6p.m. to [paddy Myers@hotmail.com](mailto:paddy Myers@hotmail.com) or [kilkerleybulletin@gmail.com](mailto:kilkerleybulletin@gmail.com)

**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.

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