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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: €753.00
Knockbridge: €1,153.00

Sincere thanks to all who contributed...

Church gate collection this weekend
The Irish Wheelchair Association

Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses (January 20 - January 28)

Kilkerley

Sat. 20	6.00p.m.	Harry Fee and deceased Family; Majella Glenny (nee Mulholland)
Sun. 21	10.00a.m.	Harry Bellew
Tue. 23	9.30a.m.	_____
Thur. 25	9.30a.m.	_____
Sat. 27	6.00p.m.	Tom Monaghan
Sun. 28	10.00a.m.	_____

Knockbridge

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) Brian McEntegart
Mon. 22	7.30p.m.	_____
Wed. 24	9.30a.m.	_____
Fri. 26	9.30a.m.	_____
Sat. 27	7.30p.m.	Mary Hamill (MM); Brian Kirk (AV); James and Annie Wallace; Angela McDonnell
Sun. 28	11.30a.m.	Brendan Woods; Michael, Kathleen and Alice McArdle & dec. Family

Ministers of the Word

Next Week-end:

Kilkerley:
Rose Clarke rine (27th)
Pat Clinton (28th)

Knockbridge:
Bronagh Clerkin (27th)
Eamonn McEnteggart (28th)

Ministers of the Eucharist

Next Week-end:

Knockbridge:
Joan Moran and Catherine Lambe (27th)
Brid Hanafin and Geraldine Ferris (28th)

Prayers of the Faithful:

Next Week-end:

Kilkerley:
Katie Shevlin (27th)
Tara Litchfield (28th)

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for...
Rosaleen Deery, Hackballcross
Betty Bailey (née MacNamee). Dundalk and formerly Knockbridge,
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,
Fintan Lennon, late of Thomastown
Eugene Quigley, Dundalk,
Mary McNamara, Cortial,
Mairead Dooley, Corcreagh
Mary Kirk, Ashbrook, Dundalk
.....who died recently

21st January, 2018
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Word of God

Why does Jesus call these four disciples? Why do they follow? Nothing in the text fully answers either question. Apparently Jesus sees something worthwhile in these four men—not necessarily what they are but what they could be. Apparently the four men see something compelling in Jesus—something that causes them to walk away from what is precious to follow him. For Simon and Andrew, the sacrifice is leaving their nets. For James and John, it is leaving their father. These men did not seek to become Jesus' disciples. They had not presented Jesus with their resumes and begged him to accept them as students. It was Jesus' initiative, not theirs, that resulted in their becoming Jesus' followers. So it is with each of us. God's call is individual and personal because God see our true potential. Let us during the coming week sincerely ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what God's call is for us.



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.

"The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, it produces Love."
St. Thomas Aquinas

Meeting Dates for January 2018

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.

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. An interdenominational Service for Christian Unity will be held in St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh, on Wed. Jan. 24 at 7.30pm. Guest preacher will be Fr Kieran McDermott, Adm. 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.

Station Mass

Station Masses have been a tradition in the Irish Church, particularly in the West of Ireland. A family would have Mass in their home inviting neighbours and friends. If you would like to host a Mass during Lent and Easter, please contact Fr. Gerry or Fr Paddy asap. So far four families in Knockbridge and one in Kilkerley have availed of this offer.



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
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.

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."

Mass for Grandparents and Grandchildren

As part of Catholic Schools Week and to mark World Meeting of Families 2018 a special Mass for children and their grandparents will be celebrated on Wednesday 31st January as follows:
Louth Church at 9.30am.
Knockbridge Church at 9.30am.
Kilkerley Church 10.30am.

A Public Rosary will be held at 3p.m. at the Market Square, Dundalk every Saturday between now and the upcoming referendum for the Defence of the 8th Amendment and protection for preborn children. All Welcome.

Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 28 - Feb. 4)

Catholic Schools Week 2018 is the high point of the catechetical programme for primary and post primary schools and takes place from 28th January to 4th February. During Catholic Schools Week all Catholic schools are ask to participate in a week of celebration and reflection on the theme **Catholic Schools: Families of Faith**. To assist Catholic schools with their celebration and reflection, the Catholic Schools Week Steering Committee has made a series of resources available, each with its own unique daily theme. Go to the "Resources" section of catholicschools.ie.

Thought to Bring Home

"Give us being perfect for being authentic."

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

Knockbridge Hurling Club are holding a Quiz Night in Cluskey's Bar on Fri. next January 26 at 9.30p.m. All are Welcome to come along!

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

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.....
1. Coffee Shop Assistant in Stephenstown Pond
2. Caretaker in Stephenstown Pond.
These positions are listed on the jobsireland website. Apply to C.E. Supervisor Tommy Reilly, Tallanstown Tel.042-9374926 or email: midlouthcetttd@gmail.com

Flower Arranging Classes

Will commence in Knockbridge Parish Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 6/7 from 10a.m. - 12noon. To book your place please contact Veronica at 085 7569404

St. Bride's G.F.C.

LOTTO The Following numbers were drawn on Monday January 15 for the Jackpot of €12,200 15, 18, 26, 27, No Winner One Match 3 Winner €200 Irene and Noel Brennan
Lotto will resume next Mon. Jan. 22 for Jackpot of €12,400. Tickets from any Committee Member/Player or online at www.stbridesgfc.com We wish to thank you for your continued support...

Kilkerley Notes

SUNDAY DANCING

in the Community and Enterprise Centre this Sunday, Jan 21 ...
Music by Showbud
Dancing 9-12. All Welcome!

Kilkerley Bowls

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

COMPUTERS FOR THE TERRIFIED!

1 TO 1 TRAINING FOR OVER 55's
Are you frustrated by your lack of computer skills? Do you feel that the digital age has passed you by? Are you confused by well meaning family instruction (i.e. no patience with you!) **LEARN HOW TO:** Search the Internet. Send & receive emails. Shop and book flights. Use your own device or use computers available at some venues. Age Action runs beginner courses in Computers, iPads and Tablets for older people who have little or no experience or for the absolutely terrified! Courses run once a week for 5 or 6 weeks. ALL COURSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE. Classes are run in Dundalk in conjunction with Pay Pal. If you wish to enrol or even volunteer as a tutor. TEL: (01) 475 6989

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Takes place from the 12th to the 17th May. 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 McCreech 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.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje June 14 for 7 nights.

Spiritual Director, Fr Gerry Campbell. September 5- Fr. Oliver Brennan. Medjugorje Special Offers. €30 off if deposit paid by February. Booking with Phyllis Mulligan (087) 2028492

Notices for the BRIDGE should be sent in by Thursday at 6p.m. to paddymyers@hotmail.com or kilkerleybulletin@gmail.com