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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 and Memorials below

**Mass on Fridays** in Knockbridge each Friday at 9.30a.m. except on the 1st Friday, 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

**Altar Society (Knockbridge)**  
Rose McGeeney and Teresa McEnteggart will look after the altar during March

**Parish Collections:**  
Kilkerley: €1,130.00  
Knockbridge: €892.90

*Sincere thanks to all who contributed*

**Irish Wheelchair Association (Dundalk Branch)**  
Thanks for €265.00

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

**Kilkerley:**  
Hannah Mulholland (3rd)  
DO THIS IN MEMORY (4th)

**Knockbridge:**  
Madonna Lambert (3rd)  
Irene Brennan (4th)

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

**Kilkerley:**  
Kit Cunningham and Dorothy McMahon (3rd)  
Michael Kelly and Eugene Callan (4th)

**Knockbridge:**  
Helen King and Jackie Edwards (3rd)  
Bernadette Larkin and Kitty Sherry (4th)

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

**Kilkerley:**  
Natasha Wisniewska (3rd)  
DO THIS IN MEMORY (4th)

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

Una Ross, Grange, Knockbridge,  
Derry Maguire, Walterstown, Knockbridge,  
Tony O'Hare, Carrive Road, Forkhill  
Jim Dullaghan, Lisheen Pk. Knockbridge,  
Michael Conlon, Crossmaglen,  
Paddy Rogers, Drimnagh, late of Belrobin,  
Una Fox, Grange, Knockbridge  
Owen Joe Woods, Kilcurry,  
Sean Keane, Little Ash, Knockbridge  
Breda O'Hanrahan, Dundalk,  
Madge Thornton, Slieve,  
Johnny Mulholland, Creggan,  
.....who died recently

**Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses (Feb. 24 - Mar. 4)**

Kilkerley	
Sat. 24 6.00p.m.	Peter and Elizabeth Kelly
Sun. 25 10.00a.m.	Mary Kane
Tue. 27 9.30a.m.	_____
Thur. 1 11.00a.m.	<b>Confirmation</b>
Sat. 3 6.00p.m.	_____
Sun. 4 10.00a.m.	Syl Rogers and deceased Family
Knockbridge	
Sat. 24 7.30p.m.	John and Nancy Halpenny; Stephen McGuinness; Sean Prendergast and deceased Family.
Sun. 25 11.30a.m.	Margaret Faulkner; Jim Loughran; Bernard Byrne and deceased Family
Mon. 26 7.30p.m.	Special Intention
Wed. 28 9.30a.m.	Stephen McGuinness; Teresa Dowling; Jack and Maureen Lennon
Fri. 2 9.30a.m.	_____
Sat. 3 7.30p.m.	Joan Breen (1st AV); Fintan Callan; Josephine, Margaret and Sean Farrell;
Sun. 4 11.30a.m.	Sean Keane (MM); Val Brennan (1st AV); Breda McKenna and Margaret and Jack Brennan; MJ. and Ita McDonnell and dec. Family; Kieran Family Rathneety, deceased Members.



25th February, 2018  
2nd Sunday of Lent

**Word of God**

*We often find that what the Lord wants of us seems more than we can give. Most of us don't have the faith that we see in Abraham in today's first reading and yet we are asked to believe. The Gospel is the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus is changed in front of Peter, James & John so that their faith is strengthened for what lies ahead when they see Him in His suffering. So our readings today are clear: seek to do the will of God in all things, believe that Christ died and was raised from the dead for us and see in the Transfiguration of Christ that we also can be transfigured by our complete belief in Him. Let us give all to the Lord and receive from the Lord whatever He sends 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.

*Be a Catholic. When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognise that you know before whom you kneel. St. Maximilian Kolbe*

**Calendar of Events (Lent)**  
Please check the main entrance of both churches for the Calendar of important events during Lent.

**First Thursday/Friday Sick Calls**  
Due to Confirmation in Kilkerley on 1st March the sick and housebound will be visited Thur. 8th/Fri. 9th Knockbridge and Fri. 9th March Kilkerley

**LMFM Mass: Knockbridge**  
Mass will be recorded from St. Mary's Church on Saturday next 3rd March at 7.30pm and broadcast on Sunday next 4th March at 9am. Please share this news with those who are unable to attend Mass.

**Confirmation: Kilkerley**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in The Church of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday next 1st March at 11a.m. Dean Kevin Donaghy VG. will officiate. As they prepare for this milestone, we wish all the 6th class pupils in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál as well as their parents/guardians and sponsors an abundance of blessings. "Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on all".

**Do This In Memory Mass: Kilkerley**  
The next Do This In Memory Mass will take place next Sunday 4th March at 10a.m. This Mass is primarily for children preparing for their 1st Penance/1st Holy Communion. However, **all** families are invited. Come and support the next generation of Catholic Adults.

**WMOF Meeting**  
The local World Meeting of Family Team (Kilkerley/Knockbridge) will have their next meeting on Thursday next 1st March at 7p.m. in the parochial house, Knockbridge. If you would like to join this team, you are most welcome.

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.**

**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.

**Let's Talk Family – (Parish Conversations)**

As part of the preparations for World Meeting of Families (WMOF), the local WMOF Team have organised a series of facilitated conversations about 'Family Life today'. These meetings will take place in the Parochial House, Knockbridge from 8p.m. - 9.30p.m. (including light refreshments) *The themes and dates are as follows:*  
Session 2: **The Christian Vision for the Family** – Monday 26th February.  
Session 3: **God's Dream of Love** – Monday 5th March.  
Session 4: **Married Love Growing to Maturity** – Monday 12th March.  
Session 5: **God's Mercy – No one excluded** – Monday 19th March.

**National Collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018**

Please support the third National Collection for WMOF2018 in our parish **this weekend – 24th/25th February.**

**Finance Committee Meetings**  
**Kilkerley:** Tues. next 27th Feb. at 8.30p.m.  
**Knockbridge:** Wed. next 28th Feb. at 8p.m.  
Both will take place in the Parochial House, Knockbridge.

**Family Tree Healing Mass**  
The monthly Family Tree Healing Mass will take place on Monday 5th March at 8p.m. in Kilkerley. Mass will be preceded by the rosary and followed by Tea/Coffee. Come and pray for healing for this and past generations. Music provided by Holy Family Prayer Group, Drogheda.

**Thought to Bring Home**  
Let today be the day you give up whom you've been for who you can become.

**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**

'Gathering of old Friends' are hosting there Tea/Coffee morning in Stephenstown Pond Wed 28th Feb 11a.m. to 12.30. See you all there .

**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.

**Flower Arranging Classes**  
Will continue in the Parish Centre on Tuesdays/Wednesdays, 10 - 12 noon. Contact Veronica at 085 7569404

**St. Bride's G.F.C.**  
**Fixture** Sheelan Cup Grp. D Rnd. 1 Today (Sun.) Feb. 25 Oliver Plunketts v St. Bride's at 11a.m. in Mell  
**LOTTO** The Following numbers were drawn on Monday February 19 for the Jackpot of €13,400 05, 07, 20, 26 No Winner. One Match 3 Winner  
Paul Hanratty  
Lotto will resume next Mon. Feb. 26 for Jackpot of €13,600. In the event of no Winner, or Match 3 Winners a further additional €200 will be added to the following weeks Lotto Jackpot. Tickets on sale (Priced €2) MacNamee's Bar, McGuinness's Bar Dlk, McKeown's Bar Dlk, Giovanni's Chipper, Brodigan's Shop, Cluskey's Bar, Finnegan's Foodstore, Louth, Harrys Bar Dlk, any Committee Member/ Player or play online at [www.stbridesgfc.com](http://www.stbridesgfc.com)  
We thank you for your continued support.

**St. Bride's GFC, St. Bride's Ladies GFC, Knockbridge Hurling Club and St Bride's Camogie Club** are holding a Lip Sync Battle in Ardee Community Hall on Saturday 21st April as part of our fundraising for development...  
More details to follow shortly.

**St. Brides GFC** are Fundraising through the 'Tax Relief for Donations to Approved Sports Bodies'. Anyone interested in donating to the Club contact any committee member.

**Coping with Alzheimers's Disease** "The Birches" at Rathabbey will be holding a **6 weeks programme** of education and training to support family carers of people with Alzheimer's and other dementias.  
Wednesdays from 7 - 9.30p.m.  
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 For further details and bookings contact Olive Joyce Tel: 0429351388

**Rosary for LIFE - 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 pre-born children. All Welcome.

**Kilkerley Notes**

**SUNDAY DANCING**  
in the Community and Enterprise Centre this Sunday, Feb. 25...  
Music by Johnny Mullen  
Dancing 9 - 12. All Welcome!

**Thanks.....**  
Michael Kelly on behalf of St. V. De P. Society, Young at Heart, Community Alert and Tidy Towns would like to thank Willie Quigley for Donations received from Kilkerley Book Project.

**Emmet's GFC**  
The Club Lotto resumed on Tuesday Feb. 13 for carry over Jackpot of €6,800 which was won by Pat McElroy, Cortial. Jackpot this week is €1,000  
Membership Fees for 2018 are now due.

**School Enrolment**  
Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Kilkerley is now accepting enrolments for the next school year 2018/19. Should you wish to register your interest, please contact the school at 0429337817 or email [office@kilkerleyns.ie](mailto:office@kilkerleyns.ie). Letters offering a place for September 2018 will be sent out during the Spring term.

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

**Weekly Envelopes (Kilkerley)**  
The new weekly envelopes for 2018 have now been distributed. If you do not receive an envelope box but would like to, please phone Elaine in the parish office Knockbridge.

**31 Hours of Prayer for LIFE**  
As you know the referendum on the 8th Amendment is taking place in May. In preparation for this you are invited to a Marathon of prayer from Sun. 11th March at 12.30pm to Mon. 12th March at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge for the protection of all Human Life from the first moment of conception. It will begin and end with Mass. A rota of hours will be placed at the entrance to both churches in the coming weeks.

**The Irish Cancer Society** is looking for volunteers in the Louth, Cavan, Monaghan and Meath areas to drive patients to and from their treatments in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and the Dublin hospitals. Volunteer drivers will pick a patient up at the door of their home, drive them to the door of the hospital and then when finished treatment, pick them up and drop them home again. Drivers will use their own cars but all volunteer expenses are paid. For more information call Gail on 01 2310 566 or visit the Irish Cancer Society's website at [www.cancer.ie](http://www.cancer.ie).

**Church Gate Collection this weekend:**  
Dundalk Social Services Council  
**'Meals on Wheels'**

**Notices for the BRIDGE should be sent in by Thursday at 6p.m. to**  
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