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Weekend Masses

Kilkerley: Saturday at 6.00pm

Sunday at 10.00am

Knockbridge: Saturday at 7.30pm

Sunday at 11.30am

Weekday Masses:

See Anniversaries and Memorials below....

Mass on Fridays

Knockbridge each Friday 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: Confessions are available in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at any time 'by request'.

Knockbridge: Confessions are available in St. Mary's Church at any time 'by request'.

Baptisms take place every 2nd Sunday of the month in **Kilkerley** during 10a.m. Mass and the 4th Sunday of the month in **Knockbridge** during 11.30a.m. Mass.

Baptism courses for both parishes will take place each month. The full list of course dates for 2020 can be seen at the entrances to both Churches.

Parish Collection

Knockbridge €915.70 **Kilkerley** € 990

..... Sincere thanks to all who contributed

Ministers of the Word
Next weekend

Kilkerley:

Rose Clarke (1st)

Fiona Coleman (2nd)

Knockbridge:

Rose McGeaney (1st)

Yvonne Donnelly (2nd)

Ministers of the Eucharist
Next weekend:

Kilkerley

Kathleen McCabe & Geraldine Kneel (1st)

Ethel McElroy & Gerry Cronin (2nd)

Knockbridge:

Helen King & Jackie Edwards (1st)

Kitty Sherry (2nd)

Prayers of the Faithful
Next weekend

Kilkerley

Aiveen Kirby (1st) Tara Litchfield (2nd)

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for.....

Pat O'Neill, Ballinlough,

Mary Farrell, Tallanstown,

Mícheal Garvey, Cullyhanna

John (Sean) Chambers, Dundalk & Kilkerley

Tracy Byrne, Bay Estate & Lisheen Pk

Martin Kirke, England & Stephenstown

Seamus Kerr, Bay Estate

Gertie Gernon, Tullycahan, Louth Village

Tommy Fee, Channonrock, Louth Village

..... who died recently



26th January 2020

Hello. How are you? (From Fr. Gerry)

Who in your family does not believe in God? Do you remember that question from this column last week? I shared that one of the reasons the unbeliever gives is that 'Science & Faith' don't go together...how wrong they are! This whole thing has got me thinkingmany of us don't have the faith language to dialogue with the 'unbeliever'. We just let them go there merry way and offer a prayer for them. Yet how useless is our faith if we don't share it. To say I believe what I believe and you believe what you believe just doesn't cut it. When was the last time you sat down with your unbelieving relative and shared your story about why you believe in Jesus? Why do you still go to Mass? Why are you still a Catholic? Next month five people from our combined parishes are participating in the **Alpha Programme:** A basic course in Christianity with a view of offering it to you in September. It will cover subjects like : Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? Does God heal today? What about the Church? If you cant wait until September, and want to do this course **NOW**, then call me!! Why be ignorant about your faith when there is an ocean of information waiting for you. From next week I will explore little tasters of faith knowledge to wet your appetite so you can at least start a conversation with your unbelieving friend.

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 Mondays 10a.m.- 10p.m. in St. Mary's Church, **Knockbridge** followed by Benediction at 10p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament also takes place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, **Kilkerley** every Friday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. J.R.R. Tolkien

Offertory Procession Families who wish to take part in the Offertory Procession during Month's mind and Anniversary Masses, please call into the sacristy before Mass.

Catholic Schools Week (Sun. 26th Jan. to Sun. 2nd Feb.) The theme this year is: 'Living in Harmony with God's Creation' To mark this week both schools will host 'Grandparents Day'.
Knockbridge: Tues. 28th Jan. 11am-12.30pm (5th class)
Kilkerley: Thursday 30th Jan. 1.15pm -3.00pm. (1st class)

A Gift of Love for Married Couples 31st Jan—2nd Feb

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) weekend (Fri. 8pm to Sun 4.30pm) will be held in Dromantine, Newry from 31st Jan to 2nd February. For information and to book, visit our new website www.marriageencounter.ie or phone 0770 281 2321 (NI) or 00353 87 2162436.

Year of Prayer and Reflection 2020

During 2020, the Archdiocese will be embarking on a Year of Prayer and Reflection. This initiative will be launched on **Thur. 30th January in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh at 7.30pm.** At that event prayer resources will be distributed to each parish. A bus has been booked for this launch. Leaving Knockbridge Church car park at 6.00pm and leaving Kilkerley Church car park at 6.15pm. Both returning at 10pm. We are encouraging Confirmation classes to attend but this bus is also offered to adults on first come first serve basis. Please contact the parish office. Mon. or Tues. 9.30am-1.30pm. Check out the website that will accompany this special year : www.armaghprays.com

Prayer Ambassadors

For the Year of Prayer & Reflection each parish in all 61 parishes in the Archdiocese of Armagh will have two Prayer Ambassadors who will circulate resources' to homes and schools. Our Ambassadors for this year are: **Kilkerley:** Donna Kirby & Geraldine Kneel. **Knockbridge:** Joan McKenna & Irene Brennan.. We thank them for their kindness in taking up this role.

Our Lady Queen of Peace' Prayer Group

The meetings take place in the Parochial House, Knockbridge every Thursday at 7.30pm. The meeting will be followed by Tea/Coffee. All are welcome.

Station Masses: Mass in Your Home Station Masses are still a great tradition in Ireland. Families host the celebration of Mass in their homes for neighbours and friends followed by a cuppa and a chat. Would you like to have a Station Mass in your home? Call the parish office Mon.- Fri. 9.30am-1.30pm and a date can be arranged.

Second Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima The second Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima, led by Archbishop Eamon Martin, will take place from 7th July - 14th July 2020. Costing £719. Further details contact Maureen or Joe McLaughlin 028 90701606, 07745 093530 or 07711 808207.

Bereavement Support

One to one Bereavement Support— confidentiality assured. Appointment not necessary (no cost involved) Time: Thursday mornings 10.30am –12.30pm Venue: Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet Dundalk. Enquiries: 042 9336393 from North 0035342-9336393

Medjugorje: €50 Off if deposit paid by 15th February 2020.

16th June 7 Nights Spiritual Director Fr Gerry Campbell.

8th September Fr Oliver Brennan..Full bonding Insurance with Joe Walsh Tours. Details : Phyllis Mulligan 0872028492. 0429336705

Unbound: Freedom in Christ Ministry: Experience God's healing love. **Break** addictive behaviour and sinful patterns, **End** struggles with anger, inadequacy, worry, guilt, sadness, loneliness, resentment, or depression. **Heal** wounds caused by a person, place or situation. **Learn** to forgive. **Stop** perfectionism and approval seeking. Do you wish to be set free? Experience healing and an abundant life in Jesus. 'Do not be afraid' Mt:14:27. Call Joan: 086 3288847 and make an appointment.

Thought to bring home 'Following Jesus isn't an easy road but its the only road worth following.'

Knockbridge Notes

PARISH BINGO



Every Thursday in the Parish Centre at 8.30pm.
€550 prizes every week + Raffle
Jackpot €1,000 for 45 numbers

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community Jamie Darragh McGee, Newtown who was baptised recently.

Bride's GFC

The Following numbers were drawn on Monday 20th January 2020 for the Jackpot of €19,000

11, 21, 26, 30

No Winner. Two Match 3 Winner €100

Sean Wynne c/o Shop,

Jackie Edwards c/o Shop

Lotto will resume next Monday 27th January for a jackpot of €19,200

The Gathering of Friends are hosting their tea / coffee morning in Stephenstown Pond on Wednesday the 29th January from 11.00 - 12.30, come along and enjoy the refreshments and catch up with old friends, everyone welcome and we hope to see you all there .

CE Vacancies: 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. Environmental Workers for Knockbridge Parish. Please apply to C.E. Supervisor Tommy Reilly at the Old School Building, Tallanstown, Co. Louth. Tel. 042 9374926 or email:midlouthceldt@gmail.com

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Knockbridge) will meet in the parochial house on Tuesday 28th January at 8.00pm with new members.

World Cancer Day (4/2/20)

To mark this day the combined parish pastoral council are hosting a prayer service and Benediction in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge for all people affected by cancer and any other illness on **Sunday 2nd Feb. @ 3.00pm.** Everyone is welcome.

Enrolment Knockbridge School 2020-21 St. Mary's N.S, Knockbridge would like to advise any parent/guardian who wishes for their child to be considered for enrolment in the next school year 2020/21 to complete the registration process through the office asap and before Friday 31st January 2020. The school may be contacted by telephone on 042 9374443 or via email knockbridgens.ias@eircom.net

School Board of Management Meeting

Knockbridge: Thursday 6th Feb. @ 7.30pm in parochial house

Knockbridge/Kilkerley Parish

Contribution . Did you know that if you contribute €250 (through envelope) for the running cost of your Parish annually, i.e. slightly less than €5 per week, it is worth an extra €112 to the parish with a signed **CHY3 Form**. If you wish to receive a form please contact the parish office. Your contribution towards the administrative costs of the parish is vital.

Epilepsy Ireland

Thank you to all who contributed to the recent Church Gate collection for Epilepsy Ireland which amounted to €214.70

Kilkerley Notes

SUNDAY DANCING

in the Community and Enterprise Centre



Sunday 26th Jan. Music by Just 2
Dancing 9 to 12 midnight. All welcome.

Enrolment - Scoil Mhuire gan Smál Kilkerley 2020-21

Any parents/guardians wishing for their child to be considered for enrolment for the school year 2020-21 are advised to contact the school office at 042-9337187 or secretary@kilkerleys.ie

Kilkerley Children's Liturgy Team Have you visited the new Interactive Prayer Station in the church? The Prayer Station is designed to be an engaging space for children. Please consider visiting the Prayer Station with your children.

Kilkerley Church Envelopes:

The new parish envelopes will be distributed to all homes during the coming week. If there is anyone new in the parish who would like to receive a box of envelopes please call into the sacristy.

Readers list. The new readers list is now available in the sacristy

KILKERLEY LOURDES COMMITTEE

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 7th to the 12th May. The cost of the pilgrimage this year is €760. This figure includes travel to and from the Airport, accommodation, food, coach transfer from Airport to the Hotel and insurance. A non-refundable deposit of €200 is payable by 20th February with final balance due on the 26th March. Anyone who is interested in travelling please contact Kathleen McCreech on 0879117732. There is a Youth Worker section on the pilgrimage and the cost is €600. If there are any young people interested in travelling please also get in touch.

Kilkerley ICA Guild would like everyone who supported their Cake Sale which was held on the 15th December last in Kilkerley Community Centre. The event was a great success with a total of €1,300 raised in aid of two local causes; The Neonatal Unit in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and the Marie Goretti Foundation in memory of Daragh McNally. The Guild would especially like to thank the members and mentors of the Kilkerley Girl Guides whose help and co-operation contributed greatly to the success of the event. The next meeting of the Guild will be held on **Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 8pm** in Community Centre. New members or anyone interested in the ICA are always welcome to come along

Strictly No Dumping !

The Graveyard is not a place for dumping dead flowers and wreathes. Sadly this has been happening. Everyone is responsible for their own family plot. Please take any rubbish home with you. Let's show respect for this holy ground.

School Board of Management Meeting Kilkerley: Wednesday 29th Jan. @ 8.00pm in School

Free One to One support and workshops for the over 55s on smart phone, tablet or laptop use in Dundalk with Louth Leader Partnership starting in February under the Social Inclusion Community Activation programme. Contact Dara MacGabhann on 042 9330288 for more information.

Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses (Jan 25th - Feb 2nd)

Kilkerley		
Sat 25th	6.00pm	Michael, May & Mícheal Mulholland Tom Monahan
Sun 26th	10.00am	_____
Tues 28th	9.30am	_____
Thurs 30th	9.30am	_____
Sat 1st	6.00pm	George Martin, 1st Anniversary Special Intention
Sun 2nd	10.00am	Roseann, Edward & Marie Quigley
Knockbridge		
Sat 25th	7.30pm	Brian Kirk, Patrick, Anna & Joseph O'Neill
Sun 26th	11.30am	Brendan Woods, Brian McEntegart Michael, Kathleen & Alice McArdle & DFM (Big Ash)
Wed 29th	9.30am	_____
Fri 31st	9.30am	_____
Sat 1st	7.30pm	Jim & Mary Brigid Brennan & DFM, Eamon Barry
Sun 2nd	11.30am	Bernard Byrne & DFM, Bill O'Malley