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Weekend Masses

Kilkerry: 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 Kilkerry at 7.30p.m.

Confessions:
Kilkerry: 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 **Kilkerry** 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 €1,168.40 **Kilkerry** €996.26
..... Sincere thanks to all who contributed

Church Gate collection this weekend in aid of Meals on wheels organisation.

Ministers of the Word
Next weekend

Kilkerry:
Ursula McCarthy (29th)
Hannah Mulholland (1st)

Knockbridge:
Liz Mulroy (29th)
Eugene Caulfield (1st)

Ministers of the Eucharist
Next weekend:

Kilkerry
Kathleen McCabe & Geraldine Kneel (29th)
Ethel McElroy & Gerry Cronin (1st)

Knockbridge:
Catherine Lambe & Joan Mora (29th)
Patrick Logue & Eileen Fitzpatrick (1st)

Prayers of the Faithful
Next weekend

Kilkerry
Niall Donnelly (29th)
Ciara Quigley (1st)

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for.....

Michael Geoghegan, Crossabeagh,
Sheila Sweeney, Grange, Knockbridge
Mary Murphy, Ard Easmuinn, Margaret Bailey, Manchester, Catherine (Kitty) Doherty, Cortial
Jack Leonard , Rathbrist, Tallanstown, Gerry Jones, Barronstown, Peadar Cassidy, Hackballsross, Glenn Holland, Carrickmacross, Tommy Mulholland, Inniskeen, Patricia Harris, Dublin,
..... who died recently

Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses (Feb 22nd - Mar 1st)

Kilkerry		
Sat 22nd	6.00pm	Dec. members of the Martin Family
Sun 23rd	10.00am	Noel McEntegart James & Eileen Gernon
Tues 25th	9.30am	
Wed 26th	10.00am	Ash Wednesday
Thurs 27th	9.30am	Tommy & Mary Callan & John Casey
Sat 29th	6.00pm	Mary Kane
Sun 1st	10.00am	Peadar Cassidy M.M.
Knockbridge		
Sat 22nd	7.30pm	Val & Lily Brennan
Sun 23rd	11.30am	Derek McMahon & DFM
Wed 26th	10.00am & 7.30pm	Ash Wednesday
Fri 28th	9.30am	Stephen McGuinness
Sat 29th	7.30pm	Breda McKenna (Annaghs) Margaret & Jack Brennan (Cortial) Paddy Flynn & DFM, (Dublin Rd) Sean Prendergast & DFM
Sun 1st	11.30am	Margaret Faulkner, Joan Breen, James Loughran, MJ & Ita McDonnell & DFM



23rd February 2020

Hello. How are you?

(From Fr. Gerry)

Three more days to Lent. Aren't you excited ? :) Here are some facts about Lent.

Lent is a time for Prayer, Almsgiving & Fasting.

. Lent is the time for the 'Colour Purple'— (altars & Vestments) Purple is associated with Royalty and grief i.e. the grief of Christs death and celebrating His Resurrection as our King.

. The three most popular things that people give up for Lent are Chocolate, Social Media & Alcohol.

. Why 40 days in Lent? It took 40 days & nights to float Noah's Ark, the people of Israel were in the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land, Jesus fasted for 40 days & nights before he began his public ministry.

. Giving to Charities increases significantly during Lent.

. Abstinence from meat particularly on Friday's redirects our hearts towards Christ.

. There are actually 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Lent technically ends on Holy Thursday.

. Lent literally means 'Spring time'.
. Ashes on Ash Wed. are made from Palm branches used at last years Palm Sunday Masses. Wearing Ashes is an ancient symbol of repentance and a reminder of where we came from & where we are going.

Ash Wednesday Masses 26/02/2020
Kilkerry 10.00am
Knockbridge 10.00am & 7.30pm

A Healing Service. for people suffering from cancer and other illnesses, will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kilkerry on **Sunday 8th March at 3.00pm** . Come and support our sisters & brothers with your prayer. The service will include Benediction, Readings from Sacred Scripture, a testimony , the Anointing of the Sick and Spirit-Filled Music. This Holy Hour will move and develop from month to month in the churches in 'Our Lady Queen of Peace' Pastoral Area.

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, **Kilkerry** every Friday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a friend who loves us beyond measure. "

SMA Retreat and Conference Centre, Dromantine, Newry—Days of Prayer
Lenten Days of Recollection:
'Lord open my heart as wide as it can be open' led by Fr. Damien Bresnahan SMA Sat. 14th March 9.30am-5.00pm including lunch €30 'Remember – You're worth it' led by Fr. John Gallagher SMA Sat. 28th March 9.30am—5.00pm including lunch €30



Year of Reflection and Prayer 2020

Prayer Ambassadors

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

Trocaire Boxes will be distributed in both parishes during this week. They can also be collected at all entrances to the churches. Please take one home for your family.

Our Lady Queen of Peace' Prayer Group
NB. there is no Prayer meeting during Lent due to **Christfulness** (see next column) in St. Mary's Church.

Station Masses During LENT.

Station Masses are still a great tradition in Ireland. Families host the celebration of Mass in their homes. Would you like to host a Station Mass ? Call the parish office Mon.-Fri. 9.30am-1.30pm and a date can be arranged.

Visiting The Sick in Hospital or Home

If you know of anyone who is a hospital patient or sick at home and would like one of the clergy to visit them, please fill in the details on a card provided in the basket in front of the altar before each weekend Mass. The patient will be included in the Mass. The cards will be collected immediately after each Mass by the sacristan and given to the priest.

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.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area Resource Team (PART) will meet on **Mon. 24th Feb.** at 8.00pm in the parochial house, **Knockbridge**. Members representing Kilkerry are Geraldine Kneel (Chair), Geraldine Kirk (Secretary) and Rosie Bell.
Knockbridge: Catherine Lambe, Jean McLoughlin, Deacon Martin, Fr. Brian and Fr. Gerry

Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Abuse will take place on Friday 28th February. Prayers will be offered at Masses on that day (9.30am Knockbridge & 11am Confirmation Kilkerry) for those who have been hurt by abuse in the Church. We are all asked to remember this intention in our private prayers also.

The Gathering of Friends are hosting their tea / coffee morning in Stephenstown Pond on Wednesday the 26th February 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 .

The Combined Parish Visitation Team will meet on March 10th at 7.30pm in Knockbridge Parochial House. New members are welcome. If interested, please call the parochial house during office hours.

Thought to bring home
To forgive is to set the prisoner free, and realise the prisoner was you.'

Knockbridge Notes

PARISH BINGO

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

Prayers of the Faithful readers in Knockbridge this weekend

Saturday: David Shevlin
Sunday: Donovan Callan and Elias Abi Nakhoul

St. Bride's GFC
The Following numbers were drawn on Monday 17th February 2020 for the Jackpot of €19,800

02, 05, 31, 32

No Winner. No Match 3 Winner
Lotto will resume next Monday 24th February for a jackpot of €20,000

St Therese's Special Olympic Club would like to thank all who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection which amounted to €247.61.

LMFM will record 7.30pm Mass in St. Mary's Church on Saturday 29th February to be broadcast on Sunday 1st March at 9.00am

New Eucharistic Ministers

Congratulations to Eileen Fitzpatrick, Sean Hall, Martin O'Hare, and Jean McLaughlin Commissioned as new Eucharistic Ministers. We thank them and all Eucharistic Ministers in both parishes for their invaluable service.

Your 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 €12 to the parish with a signed **CHY3 Form**. If you wish to receive a form please contact the parish office. Your contribution towards the admin. costs of the parish is vital.

Knockbridge Community Centre Upgrade Committee will meet on Tues. 25th Feb. at 8.00pm in the parochial house.

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. Call Joan: 086 3288847 and make an appointment today.

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

Christfulness: A Meditation for Lent
Looking for something original to do this Lent ? Fr Gerry is offering 'Christfulness' in **St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge**. So what is Christfulness? We have all heard of the modern practice called 'Mindfulness' were ones focus is on 'some-thing' 'Christfulness' is awareness of 'some-one' ie **JESUS**. Each evening Fr. Gerry will guide you in the Holy Spirit to Jesus in the Sunday Gospels of Lent. Each meditation will last no longer than one hour . Please note the following dates:

Thur. 27th February 8.00pm
Thur. 5th March 8.00pm
Thur. 12th March 8.00pm
Thur. 19th March 8.00pm
Thur. 26th March 8.00pm
Thur. 2nd April 8.00pm

Kilkerry Notes

SUNDAY DANCING



in the Community and Enterprise Centre Sunday 23rd Feb. Music by Liam McLaughlin Dancing 9 to 12 midnight. All welcome.

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community Zack Lee Cruise Crosbie, Donaghmore who was baptised recently.

Kilkerry Girl Guides are organising a collection in support of Women's Aid Dundalk. Useful items include New underwear, toiletries, and good condition clothes for women and children Good condition or new bed linen (single bed size) Good condition or new toys, books, puzzles etc. Non-perishable foods Donations of money also welcome. There will be a collection point in the Church during the weekend of the **22-23 February**. All donations appreciated and welcomed. Many thanks from the Kilkerry Guides Leaders: Geraldine Kirk, Elaine Duffy, Sinéad Lennon, Sinéad McElroy and Sinéad O'Donovan

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Friday, 28th Feb. at 11am**. The Celebrant will be Monsignor Colum Curry VG. We wish all those who will be Confirmed and their families a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Kilkerry Church Envelopes:

The new parish envelopes have been distributed to all homes. If there is anyone new in the parish who would like to receive a box of envelopes please call into the sacristy.

KILKERLEY LOURDES COMMITTEE: 'Pop Up Shop'

We are delighted to have two young people travelling on the Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage as Youth Workers. Every year the Youth fund raise to help defray the cost of their travel and accommodation. Once again they plan to have a Pop Up Shop in the Longwalk Shopping Centre from the **2nd to the 7th March**. We are asking people to help by donating any items of clean clothing, footwear, books, bric-a-brac or anything that would sell. Unfortunately we cannot accept large pieces of furniture as space does not allow. Leave items in the Community Centre or give them to any member of our Committee. For further info. call Kathleen McCreesh 0879117732 Ursula Martin 0877550051 or Catherine Lynch on 0879575658

Kilkerry Lourdes Committee wish to sincerely thank the wonderful Volunteers who came out last Saturday and helped with our Bag Packing Fundraiser in Dunnes Stores. Thanks also to all who contributed.

Family Tree Healing Mass will take place on Monday 2nd March at 8.00pm. This Mass is primarily for the generations (Paternal & Maternal) that have gone before us. The Mass will be preceded by the rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and followed by tea and coffee. The Holy Family Prayer Group from Drogheda will lead the music .

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

16th June 7 Nights Spiritual Director Fr Gerry Campbell.
8th September Fr Oliver Brennan..Full bonding Insurance with Joe Walsh Tours. Contact Phyllis. 0872028492