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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 €1,464.46 **Kilkerley** €1,196.43

.....Sincere thanks to all who contributed

Ministers of the Word
Next weekend

Kilkerley:

Maria McGuill (14th)

Clodagh Kneel (15th)

Knockbridge:

Do This In Memory (14th)

Sean Hall (15th)

Ministers of the Eucharist
Next weekend:

Kilkerley

Eddie Sharkey & John McCarthy (14th)

Jane Quinn & Mary McEnteggart (15th)

Knockbridge:

Anne Dorian & Teresa McEnteggart (14th)

Maureen Corcoran & Marie Clifford (15th)

Prayers of the Faithful
Next weekend

Kilkerley

Katie Fox (14th) Do This In Memory (15th)

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for.....

Marie Kampes, Bay Estate, Tom Smyth, Ealing,

London, Michael Geoghegan, Crossabeagh,

Maureen Purcell, Louth, Sheila Sweeney,

Grange, Knockbridge, Mary Murphy, Ard Eas-

muinn, Margaret Bailey, Manchester,

..... who died recently

8th March 2020 Hello. How are you?
(From Fr. Gerry)

Last week we began our deep focus on the three challenges/pillars of Lent. We began with **Fasting**. Today let's look at **Almsgiving**. This is 'Money or goods given to the poor as an act of penance or fraternal charity' (CCC) Can money buy happiness? YES!!!...as long as you spend it on **other people**. Jesus said 'when you give alms do not let your left hand know what your right is doing'. (Matt 6:3)...give and don't count the cost. Also we are all created in the image and likeness of God. (Gen 1:27)...i.e. **everyone** is our bother and sister including those who are the poorest of the poor....everyone deserves to be treated with **dignity**. Also **give out of gratitude, not out of guilt**. Everything we have is a gift from God so we are called to show our gratitude by giving back and sharing the gifts...joyfully. During Lent Trocaire boxes are distributed. This is my charity of choice during Lent, having experienced first hand the work of Trocaire in Malawi some years ago. Whatever you spend on whatever you are 'off' for Lent could go towards Trocaire or another charity. You can also donate food and clothing, your time and energy to people who are less fortunate like volunteering in St. Patrick's Parish soup kitchen. The more you give of your money, time and labour, you are developing your relationship with God. So give, give, give....with gratitude :)

Trocaire Boxes & Speaker If you haven't received a Trocaire box, please collect one at the entrance to the churches. A Trocaire representative will speak at all Masses this weekend the 7th & 8th March.

A Healing Service. for people suffering from cancer and other illnesses, will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kilkerley today **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, **Kilkerley** every Friday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

"You must propagate veneration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with all your might, for the devotion to the Holy Eucharist is the queen of all devotions." Pope Benedict

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.



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: **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

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

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.

Coronavirus Precaution Following a directive from Archbishop Eamon please note the following: The sign of peace will be **suspended at this time**. Similarly, the practice of **shaking hands on departure at religious services or gatherings will be suspended** for both clergy and laity. Holy Communion will be administered **into the hands only** and **NOT onto the tongue**. Everyone **administering Holy Communion** will wash their hands or **use alcohol based hand gel** before beginning.

St. Patrick's Day takes place on Tuesday 17th March. This year we will have a Vigil Mass 'As Gaeilge' in Kilkerley on Mon. 16th at **7.30pm**. Masses on Tues. 17th are 10am Kilkerley and 11.30am Knockbridge.

Novena & Triduum to St. Patrick As part of the Year of Reflection & Prayer a 'Children's Novena to St. Patrick' will begin in both schools on Monday 9th March. Also a triduum to St. Patrick will take place on Sun 15th, Mon 16th (vigil) & Tues 17th March before Mass. We thank our Prayer Ambassadors for organising this initiative. For more information go to www.armaghprays.com

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

The Combined Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC will have their next meeting on **Wed. 11th March at 8.00pm** in the parochial house, Knockbridge to discuss (among other pastoral issues) the Easter Triduum. Present lay members of the PPC are: Geraldine Kirk (Chair) Eamon McEnteggart (Vice Chair) Ciara McCabe (Secretary) assisted by Niamh Sweeney, Carolan Brennan (Youth Officer), Peggy McCreesh, Madge Quigley, Geraldine Kneel, Catherine Shevlin (PRO). We thank them for their ongoing dedication and commitment.

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 this weekend

Sat 7th: Sarah Rutledge and Molly Hoey

Sun 8th: Finola Gray and Carla Drumgoole

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community Riggs Hunter Ryder, Tankardsrock who was baptised recently.

St. Bride's GFC

The Following numbers were drawn on Monday 2nd March 2020 for the Jackpot of €20,000

09, 18, 24, 27

No Winner. One Match Three Winner €200 and Louth GAA House Draw Ticket

Martin Hoey c/o T. Hoey

Lotto will resume next Monday 9th March for a jackpot of €20,000.

New Eucharistic Ministers

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

Do This in Memory Mass (Knockbridge) for children preparing for 1st Penance & 1st Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 14th March at 7.30pm. 1st Penance will take place on Tues. 24th March at 7.00pm

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 €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 admin. costs of the parish is vital.

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. Next Unbound Freedom in Christ Ministry will take place in Kilkerley on **Sat. 21st March 2-6pm**. Call Joan: 086 3288847 and make an appointment today.

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' i.e. **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. 19th March 8.00pm
Thur. 26th March 8.00pm
Thur. 2nd April 8.00pm

Kilkerley Notes



SUNDAY DANCING

in the Community and Enterprise Centre Sunday 8th March. Music by J&S Sound. Dancing 9 to 12 midnight. All welcome.

Kilkerley Emmet's Lotto Draw Week 2,
March 3, 2020

Jackpot €6,000

Numbers Drawn - **04, 07, 09, 26** - no winner

Winner of €100 ticket for County Board

Pick a House Draw

Vincent Jackson c/o V Litchfield

Jackpot next week is €6,100

First Penance will take place on Wed. 18th March at 7.30pm

Kilkerley 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.

Family Tree Healing Mass will take place on **Monday 6th April** 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.

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

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

International speaker, author and Lay healer Maria Vadia will be in Ardee Parish centre A92 X5DE on Tuesday 10th March at 8pm. Admission Free. All Welcome. For more information please contact Ardee Catholic charismatic prayer group on 087 7145536

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

"Real transformation requires real honesty. If you want to move forward - get real with yourself."

Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses (Mar 7th - Mar 15th)

Parish	Date	Time	Memorial
Kilkerley	Sat 7th	6.00pm	Kitty Doherty M.M. Eddie Hamill & DFM Patsy & Moya Maguire, Ann & Christy Moore Molly McArdle,
	Sun 8th	10.00am	Stephen & Phyllis McShane Thomas Pat & Annie Mulholland, Kathleen & Jenny Mulholland & DFM Healing Service
	Tues 10th	9.30am	_____
	Thurs 12th	9.30am	_____
	Sat 14th	6.00pm	Maura Quigley 1st Anniversary Pat McMahan
	Sun 15th	10.00am	Phyllis Cassidy
Knockbridge	Sat 7th	7.30pm	Christina McKenna, 1st Anniversary Joseph, Margaret & Sean Farrell, Maura Casey Owen Byrne, Margaret & Patrick Carolan Jim & Olive Mackin, The Brennan Family (Dunbin) Mary McEnteggart, John, Kate & Pat Maguire & DFM Philip Lambert, Mary Clarke
	Sun 8th	11.30am	_____
	Wed 11th	9.30am	_____
	Fri 13th	9.30am	_____
	Sat 14th	7.30pm	Jane & Pat Marron & dec. members of the McHugh family (Dunbin) Tony & Rose Quinn, Thomas & Rose Halligan & DFM (Littlemills)
	Sun 15th	11.30am	Sean Manning, Brigid & Joseph Callan, Tom Smith