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Parish contributions (envelope & donations).

The collection from Sun. 22nd Nov. to Sun. 6th Dec. (3 weeks) will be recorded in this newsletter on Sun. 13th Dec. Your contribution to the running costs of your parish is very much appreciated. NB. Details of where you can leave your parish contribution can be found on the top right of this newsletter (see **parish collections**)

Adoration of Our Lord

Jesus Christ: An invitation

is extended to those who would like to spend an hour before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on **Mondays. 10am-10pm in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge & in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kilkerley on Fridays. from 6.30-7.30pm.**

Recently Deceased

Our prayers are asked for those who died recently: Bridie Lynch, Newtownbalregan Darren Brennan, Rathneety, John Shevlin, Crossabeigh, Eamonn Hall, Chapelizod, Dublin Michael Quinn, Morecambe, England & formally Philipstown, Jimmy McGeough, Cortial, Jason Mulligan, Dromiskin, Aidan Byrne, Tullow, Fr, John O'Leary, Ardee, Collon & Haggardstown.

MASS TIMES

Knockbridge: Weekdays: Wednesday & Friday 9.30am (except 1st Fri.)

Weekends: Saturday 7.30pm, Sunday 11.30am

Kilkerley: Weekdays: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am (1st Fri. 7.30pm)

Weekends: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

For those unable to attend Mass you can watch Mass via webcam

KILKERLEY:

Anniversaries Saturday 28th November: 6.00pm

Mary Conroy (1st Anniversary) John Thornton (1st Anniversay)

Anniversaries Saturday 5th December: 6.00pm

Michael McGee, Kathleen O'Hare and The deceased members of the O'Hare Family

Anniversaries Sunday 6th December: 11.30am

KNOCKBRIDGE:

Anniversaries Sunday 29th November: 11.30am

Moya Hoey (3rd Anv.), Morris Soraghan & John, Bernadette and Michael Cluskey

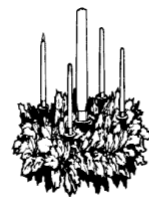
Anniversaries Saturday 5th December 7.30pm

Owen & John Devin, Phelim & Kathleen McGuinness, Patsy & Stephen McGuinness and Peadar Hoey

Anniversaries Sunday 6th December 11.30am

John Shevlin M.M., Mary Shevlin, Eddie Sherry and Seán O'Hare

If you know of anyone who has died and you would like to include them in weekend /weekday Masses, please phone the parish office with details.



First Sunday of Advent 29/11/20

'Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again...get ready!'

BACK TO CHURCH: PART 2

- Please maintain physical distancing while inside the church.
- Please use hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the church.
- Please cooperate with the guidance of stewards on seating arrangements and traffic flow through the church.
- Please maintain physical distancing as indicated with floor markings on entering and leaving the church and when approaching for Holy Communion.
- Entrance to the church is by front entrance only.
- Only alternate pews can be used, please use the pews identified.
- On entering, the church seats will be filled from the front of the church backwards, to minimise cross traffic.
- On exiting the church seats will be vacated from the back forwards in an orderly manner, one side of an aisle at a time, to minimise cross traffic.
- Family units may occupy one seat as a group; otherwise the required physical distance applies in other identified seats.
- During weekday Mass only the pews either side of the centre aisle will be used.
- At weekend Mass only the pews on the ground floor will be used.
- When approaching for Holy Communion the celebrant, assisted by stewards, will provide guidance on the order of approach from the seats.
- For Holy Communion the celebrant and Eucharistic ministers will be stationed at 3 designated positions around the altar to maintain physical distancing and clear traffic flow.
- Weekly church envelopes will be placed in the designated collection basket inside the main entrance on arrival or departure.
- Please comply with national regulations on physical distancing, hand sanitising, cough etiquette & good hygiene standards while using church facilities.

Visiting Your Parish Church

We are delighted that the churches in Kilkerley and Knockbridge are open each day. Please feel free to drop in individually or with your family to light a candle & say a prayer. Before leaving the church, we would be grateful if you clean the area that you use with the disinfectant wipes provided. Let us all play our part in keeping our places of worship 'spick and span' after all 'cleanliness is next to godliness. :))

Stewards at Mass Due to the new covid-19 guidelines, Stewards/Ushers will be present to guide you to your seat. ...please respect their instructions

Funerals Arrangements

Until further notice and to ensure the safety of all concerned, attendance at funeral services and Masses is limited to a maximum of 50 people only, keeping to the safe distance protocol as well as wearing face covering and sanitising hands on entering and leaving the church. Others can avail of the church webcam. & load speaker system.

Weddings

Until further notice and to ensure the safety of all concerned attendance at Weddings will be limited to 50 people. As with funerals, the same protocol applies. It will not be possible to attend a wedding in another county.

Advent Penitential Service

(Confessions)

Adhering to Government guidelines, the annual Penitential Service will take place as follows: **Knockbridge: Wed. 16th Dec. 7.30pm** **Kilkerley: Mon. 21st Dec. 7.30pm**

We will phone you !

If an elderly/vulnerable family member or neighbour in Knockbridge or Kilkerley would like Fr. Gerry or Fr. Brian to phone them for a chat & a prayer please call the parish office, leave their name and number and Fr. Gerry or Fr. Brian will phone them. In keeping with data protection the number given will be used for this purpose only.

Senior Line

Senior Line is free phone confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers. The number for the service is 1800 80 45 91. The lines are open from 10am to 10pm, 365 days a year.

Parish Collections:

Thanks to all parishioners who have contributed to the running costs of both Knockbridge & Kilkerley during the 1st & 2nd Lockdowns. Like most administrations, both parishes have sustained a sizeable decline in revenue during 2020. However, without the help of those who brought their Sunday envelopes to the parochial houses & churches, the decline would've been much greater. As you know churches will be re-opened for public worship in December albeit with limited numbers. There are many ways to contribute to your parish like the following: **1. If you can attend Mass you will notice that there is no collection at the offertory. However, you are welcome to place your contribution in a basket as you enter & exit the church... this will be supervised by stewards** **2. Leave your contribution to the parochial house** **3. Set up a standing order (call the parochial hse. Knockbridge).** **4. The Archdiocese has provided on the diocesan website an online facility to assist parishioners who may wish to support their parish in their Sunday envelope/offertory collection & priest's dues. To access this facility and for further details please visit www.armagharchdiocese.org and locate the 'Donate to our parish' button.**

Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion 2021

Confirmation 16th April : Kilkerley
Confirmation 23rd April: Knockbridge
1st Holy Communion: 15th May: Kilkerley
1st Holy Communion : 22nd May : Knockbridge

Wedding Bells in Knockbridge !!

Congratulations to Ricky Mc Keown and Dearbhla McEvoy who were married in St. Mary's Church on Saturday 28th November. We wish Ricky & Dearbhla every blessing & happiness for the future.

Knockbridge Community Forum will host a public information session, after **2nd December 2020** this is dependent on the easing of current restrictions. In the meantime if anyone would like to have a query answered please contact us on knockbridgecommunityforum@gmail.com.

Lighting up the Darkness

A great initiative from 'the Carolans' ! **Check this out & share.** '2020 has been a very tough year on everyone and we thought that this year we would go the extra mile by lighting up the darkness in aid of the Dundalk Simon Community. Our house will have amazing exterior Christmas lights & the lights will be on from 5pm each evening from Fri. 4th December until the New Year. Please donate whatever you can, & in a year where the normal Christmas activities won't apply, be sure to visit & see the lights in person. We are just 5 miles outside Dundalk—Cortial, Kilkerley A91 T671. Make sure to bring the kids and take photos. This year will be like no other so let's light up the darkness for everyone .Please donate to: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lightingupthedarkness> All proceeds will go directly to Dundalk Simon Community'

LMFM (Kilkerley)

Mass will be recorded by LMFM on Saturday 5th December at 6pm and broadcast on Sunday 6th at 9.00am

Family Tree Healing Mass (FTHM)

The last FTHM of 2020 will take place on **Monday 7th December** at 8.00pm in St. Mary's Knockbridge and will also be the **Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** This Mass is primarily for the generations (Paternal & Maternal) that have gone before us. The Mass will be preceded by the Rosary. Unfortunately due to travel restrictions, only those from within Co. Louth can physically attend. Others are welcome to watch from their homes via webcam. Send all petitions by email

Monthly Sick Calls (Pre-Christmas)

The Clergy will visit the sick & house-bound on the following days at the usual times : Knockbridge: Thursday 3rd December Kilkerley: Friday 4th December

St. John Paul II Awards presentations

will take place on **Friday 4th Dec. during Mass @ 7.30pm** in the Church of the immaculate Conception, Kilkerley. Congratulations to the 10 young people who will receive either Gold or Silver Medals for service in their parish. Many thanks to Jane Quinn the coordinator of the programme & all parent mentors.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass times:

Knockbridge: Mon. 7th Dec. 8.00pm
Kilkerley: Tuesday. 8th Dec. 9.30am

Prayer Meeting

As you know, Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group meet each Thursday at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge. This includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary, worship & praise and reflections on scripture. If you cannot attend, you are welcome to join us via webcam from your home..

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you for your generous contributions through out the year. As Christmas approaches we ask for your support in helping those in need in our community. This year the St. Vincent de Paul teams will leave blue envelopes in the church porch or you can donate on line @svp.ie/dundalkareappeal If anyone needs help this Christmas please contact our helpline **1800677777** or any of the local conferences.

Mini Advent Retreat by Zoom: 1st-3rd Dec.

For 3 sessions, during Advent, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of **Faith, Hope and Love.** The retreat will be led by Fr Billy Swan, St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy and will take place from 1st to 3rd Dec. beginning at 8pm. To take part, all you need to do is send an email to thehookoffaith@gmail.com to receive