



*St. Conleth's Parish, Newbridge*  
*Sunday Newsletter*  
*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017*

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10.30am to 12.30pm

1.30pm to 3pm

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**Small Beginnings...**

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings. Through prayer and reflection can we identify some of these "small beginnings" on our own journey of faith at this point in our lives?

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:**

Last week, 1,200 pilgrims from Kildare & Leighlin Diocese, embarked upon the first Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Denis Nulty. We had 67 from Newbridge on the pilgrimage. All parishioners were remembered in a special way in our prayers. We thank you for your prayers and support.

Fr. Paul.

### Mass Times in Newbridge Parish

#### St. Conleth's Parish Church

**Sunday:** 6pm (Vigil), 8.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm (Polish) & 7pm

**Weekdays: Monday – Thursday:** 9.30am

**Friday:** 9.30am & 7.30pm

**Peace Healing Mass:** 7.30pm last Tuesday of the month.

**Holy Days: Masses as on Sunday**  
(NO 12.30pm Mass)

#### Confessions:

**Saturday:** 10am – 11am & after 6pm Mass

**First Friday:** 9am – 9.20am

**Penitential Service:** During the 7.30pm Mass  
(No confessions during Mass)

**Parish Church Sacristy:** 045 432808

#### Cill Mhuire Church

**Sunday:** 7pm (Vigil) & 10.30am

**Weekdays: Monday – Friday:** 10am

**Holy Days:** 7pm (Vigil) & 10.30am

#### Confessions

**Saturday:** after 7pm Mass

**First Friday:** 9.30am – 10am

(No confessions during Mass)

**Cill Mhuire Church Sacristy:** 045 432286

#### Dominican College Church

**Sunday:** 8pm (Vigil), 9.30am, 10.30am, 12noon & 5.30pm

**Weekdays: Monday – Friday:** 7.30am, 10am & 6pm. (Evening Prayer at 5.45pm).

**Saturday:** 8am & 10am

**Holy Days:** 7.30am, 10am, 12noon & 5.30pm.

#### Confessions

**Saturday:** 9.30am – 10am, 10.30am – 11.15am, 7.30pm – 8pm.

**First Friday:** 9.30am – 10am, 5.30pm – 6pm  
(No confessions during Mass)

**Dominican Office:** 045 487200

#### Parish Centre, Station Rd, Newbridge

**Mon & Fri:** 10am – 9pm

**Tues, Wed & Thurs:** 10am – 10.00pm

**Tel:** 045 431121

#### ACCORD, Station Rd, Newbridge

**Mon – Fri:** 10am – 1.30pm

#### Appointments available:

**Mon & Fri:** 10am – 7.45pm

**Tues – Thurs:** 10am – 8.15pm

**Tel:** 045 431695, **Web:** [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

#### Citizens Information Centre

**Station Rd, Newbridge**

**Mon – Fri:** 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 4pm

#### Free Legal Advice:

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month

**Tel:** (Lo call) 076 107 8300

#### USEFUL Websites, Emails & Helpful Numbers

**Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**iCatholic Player Website:** [www.icatholic.ie](http://www.icatholic.ie)

**Samaritans:** [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

**24 hour confidential line free to call 116 123.**

### Ministers of the Word 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### Parish Church:

**6pm:** Mary Doolan

**8.30am:** Deirdre Ryan

**11am:** Áine Foley

**12.30pm:** Colette Curtin

**7pm:** Noel Smyth

#### Cill Mhuire:

**7pm:** Kathleen Treacy

**10.30am:** Karen Ní Choncúir



### **St. Vincent's De Paul**

#### **Volunteers Required, Newbridge Day Centre**

Would you like to become a volunteer for Newbridge Day Care Centre in September?

If so and you are free between the hours 11.30am to 12.30pm or 1.30pm to 2.30pm we would love to have you on board to engage with our clients and assist them during the daily activities of the centre. All volunteers are required to be Garda vetted, this will be done through St. Vincent's De Paul main office at no cost to our volunteers. Please contact Teresa before August 5<sup>th</sup> at 045 433184 or call in to our centre on Station Road.



### **Our Recently Deceased**

Joseph Mullins, Athy, formally Highfield Heights

Joseph (Joe) Corrigan, Borahard Newbridge

Sheila Malcolmson, Newbridge

Eamonn Farrell, Scarletstown, Newbridge

**We express our deepest sympathy to their families**  
**May they rest in peace. Amen**

### Saint of the Week

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June

St. Declan, Bishop

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June

St. James, Apostle

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June

Ss. Joachim & Anne, parents of the BVM

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June

St. Martha

### **Newbridge Parish Lotto**

*If you're not in you can't win*



#### **Lotto Results**

**08, 11, 21, 31**

**No Winner of the  
Jackpot of €20,000**

**29 Match 3 numbers  
share €1,000**

**Next week's Jackpot  
€20,000**

Tickets can be purchased from various outlets throughout the town. **Tickets are on sale in the Parish Centre until 12.30pm every Wednesday** (day of draw). **Many thanks to all who support the Lotto and a special thanks to all our Promoters.**

### Thought for the Week:



“Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish a man's growth without destroying his roots.”  
Frank A. Clark

## **Monday**

**Lions Club Charity Dance:** from 9.30pm – 12 midnight in Tougher's Ballroom, Naas Rd, Newbridge. Music by 'Declan Aungier'. Supporting local projects and causes as well as international disasters. Admission €8. Bank Holidays & special occasions admission €10.

**Newbridge Medjugorje Prayer Group:** Meet in Cill Mhuire at 8.00pm. (*Except on Bank Holidays*).

**Newbridge Community Men's Sheds (NCMS)** meet every Monday at 2.00pm in the Meeting Room, Curates' House, Chapel Lane. For information contact Fergus on 086 4091712 or Alan on 086 8244591.

**Legion of Mary Group Meeting** will take place each Monday at 8pm in the Dominican College. All welcome. For more information on the Legion of Mary see [www.LegionofMary.ie](http://www.LegionofMary.ie)

## **Tuesday**

**Recovery:** meet at 8.00pm in the Dominican College. Fearful, anxious, depressed, panic attacks etc. If you are experiencing any of these 'Recovery' offers you a way out.

**Grow Mental Health Support:** Organisation meets in the Parish Centre from 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

**Naomh Bríd Ladies Club:** meet at 8.30pm in the Parish Centre. New members always welcome.

**Newbridge Walking Group for People with Arthritis:** We meet at Lumville House Car Park at 10.30am sharp for a walk on the Curragh. *Wear comfortable clothing and footwear and bring rainproof gear.*

**Social Dancing every Tuesday Night at Sarsfield's Clubhouse Newbridge** in aid of Almas and St. Muriel's home for the poor. Dancing to 'Tony Bird'. Admission €7

**Peace Healing Mass** tonight at 7.30pm in St. Conleth's Church. All are very welcome.

## **Wednesday**

**Cancer Support Group** meet from 11.00am – 1.00pm in Ryston Sports & Social Club.

**Mothers' Prayer Group:** meet at 8.00pm in the Meeting Room beside the Curates' House, Chapel Lane, Newbridge.

**Aqua Exercise** for People with Arthritis from 2.00pm - 3.00pm in the Gables Swimming Pool, Newbridge. Admission is €5. (*Sponsored by Arthritis Ireland Kildare Branch*).

**The Alzheimer Café** evening takes place on the last Wednesday of every month from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in The Convent Tea Rooms at McAuley Place, Sallins Road, Naas. (Beside Parish Church).

## **Friday**

**Intercession for Priests** with the usual directed prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel after the 9.30am Mass in St. Conleth's Church.

**Padro Pio Prayer Group** tonight at 7.30pm in St. Conleth's Church. All are welcome.

## **General Notice**

<p><b>Newbridge Parish Office Opening Hours for July:</b> Monday - Friday: 10.30am-12.30pm &amp; 1.30pm-3.00pm</p>
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## **Trócaire Appeal**

Trócaire is currently responding to a prolonged drought in Eastern Africa, approximately 25 million people are in need of assistance. As a result an emergency Church appeal will take place. Due to the *Peter's Pence Collection* this weekend, Trócaire Appeal will take place next weekend 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July. Any support is appreciated.

**Peter's Pence Collection** will take place at all Masses this weekend. The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity with the Pope in his care for the poor and we ask you to contribute generously as a sign of your personal appreciation of the work of Pope Francis.

**St. Patrick's Church of Ireland;** Fr. Paul will visit and address the Church of Ireland Community in St. Patrick's Church this Sunday at the 11.30am Service.

**Calling All Young People aged 16-35!!!** Youth 2000 invites you to a fantastic four-day Catholic Summer Festival... It takes place in the **Cistercian College, Roscrea from Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August.** Why come? It's an opportunity to meet new friends, explore your faith, experience something new, find out what it means to be young and a Catholic today. More info on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie), email; [office@youth2000.ie](mailto:office@youth2000.ie) or phone 01 6753690.

**The Dining Room:** Hot food, soup, sandwiches, tea/coffee available to the homeless and those struggling in their own homes. Food available from 7.45pm to 10pm every Wednesday & Friday nights on the Main Street outside the Town Hall. Our Facebook page is **The Dining Room - Newbridge** and anyone wishing to contact us can contact us by private message or ring our mobile number 089 236 8114.

### **Newbridge Bridge Club**

It is proposed to set up a new Bridge Club in Newbridge on Friday nights to commence in September 2017. If you are interested please email [newbridgebridgeclub@gmail.com](mailto:newbridgebridgeclub@gmail.com) for an application form. An incorrect email address was printed in last weekend's Sunday newsletter if you emailed [club@gmail.com](mailto:club@gmail.com) please be aware your email was not received so please email [newbridgebridgeclub@gmail.com](mailto:newbridgebridgeclub@gmail.com). Apologies for the inconvenience.

### **Newbridge Parish Share Food**

Many thanks for your generosity during the summer. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Food in special demand at present includes tea, sugar, soup and tinned meat.

As well as weekend Mass, food can also be donated during the week at the Parish Centre, Dunnes Stores, Tesco and SuperValu.

### **Supporting young people in Kildare**

County Kildare LEADER Partnership with the School Completion Programme is looking for **volunteers** to assist in the delivery of the IGNITE programme, which is a personal development and life skills programme supporting students in Post Primary schools in; The Curragh, Kildare Town, Monasterevin, Naas, Prosperous and Rathangan.

**Volunteer training will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, in Naas, 10am - 3pm.**

Volunteers will be trained to support the Schools Completion Programme Co-ordinators in the delivery of the IGNITE programme.

**The Volunteer commitment required is 1.5 hours, once a week, for 7 weeks.**

A positive attitude towards young people is required. Garda Vetting will apply.

If you would like to find out more about how to get involved, please contact:

Áine Byrne in County Kildare LEADER Partnership, by phone on 045/895450 or 086/0414223.

Or by email on; [aine@countykildarelp.ie](mailto:aine@countykildarelp.ie)

**Date for your Diary!** Family Picnic Day at PuncHESTOWN Racecourse, **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 1-6pm. Official Opening at 3pm.** Live entertainment, face painting, 2k track walk, pony rides, family fun, special guests and lots more! The event is being hosted by the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin in preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August 2018.

**Fertility Awareness Course 2017/2018;** (Leading to a Certificate to teach Natural Family Planning.) This will take place in the Medwise clinic, Naas in September, 2017. For more information please see [www.naturalfamilyplanning.ie](http://www.naturalfamilyplanning.ie)

**Family Carers Ireland:** 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, HSE Primary Care Centre, Station Road, Newbridge. Mobile: 086 0213749 or email:[kaobrien@familycarers.ie](mailto:kaobrien@familycarers.ie)