6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.”

- Mt 5:33b
**PARISH MASS TIMES**

**St. Conleth’s Parish Church**

- **Saturday:** 9.30am & 6pm (Vigil)
- **Sunday:** 8.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm (Polish Mass) & 7pm.
- **Weekdays:** Monday-Friday 9.30am.
- **First Friday only Mass** at 7.30pm integrating **Peace Healing Mass** followed by **Benediction**.
- **Holy Days:** Masses as on Sunday, except no 12.30pm Mass
- **Confessions (None during Mass):**
  - **Saturday:** 10am-11am & after 6pm Mass
  - **First Friday:** 9am-9.20am & 7pm before Mass
  - **Parish Church Sacristy:** 045 432808

**Cill Mhuire Church**

- **Saturday:** 7pm (Vigil)
- **Sunday:** 10.30am
- **Weekdays:** Monday-Friday: 10am
- **Holy Days:** 7pm (Vigil) & 10.30am
- **Confessions (None during Mass):**
  - **Saturday:** after 7pm Mass
  - **First Friday:** 9.30am-9.50am
  - **Cill Mhuire Sacristy:** 045 432286

**Dominican Church**

- **Saturday:** 8am, 10am & 8pm (Vigil)
- **Sunday:** 9.30am, 10.30am, 12noon & 5.30pm
- **Weekdays:** Monday-Friday 7.30am, 10am & 6pm (Evening Prayer at 5.45pm)
- **Holy Days:** 7.30am, 10am, 12noon and 5.30pm.
- **Confessions (None during Mass):**
  - **Saturday:** 9.30am - 10am, 10.30am - 12noon and 7.30pm - 8pm.
  - **First Friday:** 9.30am-10am, 5.30pm -6pm (No confessions during Mass)

**PARISH SERVICES**

**ACCORD 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)

**Useful Websites, Emails & Helpful Numbers**

- **Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)
- **iCatholic Player Website:** [www.icatholic.ie](http://www.icatholic.ie)
- **HOPE (D) Counselling Service:**
  - 2 Henry St, Newbridge.
  - Phone: 087 151 3535
- **Samaritans:** jo@samaritans.org
  - 24 hour confidential line free to call 116 123.

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If You Bring your Gift to the Altar….

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today’s gospel reading is part one and deals with the Law.

When Matthew speaks of “the Law and the prophets” he means the whole Scripture. While Jesus does not intend to abolish the Old Law, he promises to fulfil or realize the law in a new way. And it is new, utterly at odds with the secular and religious rulers of his time. “I tell you, unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees you shall not enter the kingdom of God.”

Murder had already been forbidden in the Ten Commandments, but Jesus plumbs to the heart of murderous intent. It is unspoken anger, violent language, quiet contempt of the other. It is an unwillingness to forgive. “If you bring your gift to the altar and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift at the altar, go first to be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

How different would our own Eucharists be if we took Jesus seriously? The resentments we hold against our parents, our children, our spouses, and our neighbours would have to dissolve before we would approach the altar, lest we receive the sacrament unworthily. Perhaps that is why our Communion is prefaced by the sign of peace. Just as we ask God, “look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church,” so also we who have sinned against each other must see with the eyes of faith and forgive.

The Sermon on the Mount is not there to cast us down into helpless and hopeless guilt. No, it is an invitation to that high holiness that we have hitherto not seen or heard about. It is an excavation into our deepest loves, so that seeing what we love most, we will finally be given our heart’s desire.

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The Board of Management of Patrician Secondary School, Newbridge invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the post of School Secretary. Experience of accounting systems, general office administration and the ability to work as part of a team is essential. An application form may be obtained by applying in writing to: The Secretary, Board of Management, Patrician Secondary School, Newbridge, or by email to patmoloney@patriciansecondary.com. Completed forms must be submitted no later than 5.00pm on Friday 28th February 2020.

Pilgrimage to the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress in Budapest:
Join Bishop Kevin Doran on the Irish National Pilgrimage to the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, Budapest from 12th – 21st September 2020. A Eucharistic Congress is a gathering of people every four years which aims to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church; to help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and to draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist. Be part of this unique event and re-live the atmosphere of the recent International Eucharistic Congress and World Meeting of Families held in Ireland, Cost: From €1,050 per person sharing. For more information see www.catholicbishops.ie To book https://www.joewalshtours.ie/holidays/pilgrimages-international-eucharistic-congress

Confessions for Confirmation candidates will take place as follows:
Saturday February 22nd in Cill Mhuire between 10am and 11am,
Saturday February 29th in St. Conleth’s Parish Church between 10am and 11am.
Parents are asked to bring their son or daughter to Confession on one of these mornings.

Notices to be sent into Parish Office by Wednesday at 12.00 noon at the latest
Fr. Joe McDermott and members of In Caelo Choir and congregation after the RTE televised Mass on Sunday 9th February. The Mass can still be viewed online on the RTE Player.

WHAT’S ON IN OUR PARISH


Newbridge Citizens Information Centre provides a Free Legal Information Clinic on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6.00pm – 7.30pm in their premises on Cutlery Road, Newbridge. Tickets are issued at 5.30pm.

Social Dancing every Thursday night at Newbridge Town soccer club in aid of Almas & Sr. Muriel’s home for the poor. Admission €10. Dancing on Thursday 20th February from 9.30pm to 11.45pm. Music by “Michael Cahill.”

Newbridge Prayer Group: meet every Friday morning after 10am Mass in the Dominican College community room. All are welcome.

Homemade Baking: Every Friday (except the last Friday of every month) in the Parish Centre from 10.45am to 1.15pm. All homemade produce including breads, cakes, apple tarts, buns, jams, marmalades etc. are available.

Amadeus Youth Choir: We meet every Thursday from 7.30pm – 8.30pm in the St. Conleth’s Parish Church. 6th Class to 6th years are very welcome. New members always welcome. For more details email: amadeusyouth@newbridgeparish.net
Newbridge Parish Share Food:
Food in demand includes tea/coffee, jam, soup, biscuits, crackers, toiletries, tinned meat and curry sauce. They can be donated at local Churches and at the Parish Centre, Tesco, SuperValu, Dealz and Dunnes. We have adequate supplies of pasta at present. Many thanks to all our donors.

Arthritis Ireland: Beginners Seated Exercise Classes in Newbridge Day Care Centre at 11am sharp every Monday. Admission €5.

Newbridge Walking Group for People with Arthritis: Meet at Lumville House Car Park on Tuesdays at 10.30am sharp for a walk on the Curragh.

Newbridge Town Bingo every Tuesday night at 8pm in Newbridge Town Football Club. Supporting your local community.

Newbridge Circuit Training for people with Arthritis: Newbridge Parish Centre on Tuesdays at 7pm led by physiotherapist Meadhbh O Sullivan. Admission €5.

Camino de Santiago. Follow the way of St James. Places available on our trip in June. Please email curraghcaminotours@gmail.com for details.

Adoration Chapel: Why not visit our Adoration Chapel attached to the Parish Church (separate entrance on the left hand side of the Church). Take some quiet time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. New visitors are always welcome. The Adoration Chapel is open daily from 10 am to 10 pm.

Easter Celebrations in Kildare. This year our Easter celebrations will include a performance of The Passion of Christ, on Good Friday 10th April. If you would like to be involved or take part in any way in this exciting production we would be delighted to hear from you. For more information contact Michael Hanbury 087 7165676

Parish Envelopes
New boxes of envelopes for your parish contribution are still available in the churches. Your contribution goes towards the day to day running of the parish and covers wages, heating, electricity, insurance, repairs and all of the other expenses that are part of parish life. The majority of our funds comes in through the Parish Envelope system. We thank all parishioners who continue to support parish funds in such a generous way.
**NOTICEBOARD**

**Patrician Secondary School incoming 1st year 2020/2021.**
An information meeting for parents and students will take place in our Assembly Hall on Wednesday 1st April 2020 at 7pm. One to one meetings will take place at a later stage – dates to be confirmed.

**Newbridge and Kildare Samaritans** are recruiting new volunteers. If you live in County Kildare or surrounding counties and are interested in volunteering with the Samaritans, please come along to one of our upcoming information nights for prospective volunteers. Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th at 8.00pm, Venue 3 McElwain Terrace, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. For further information phone 0860855785 or email samaritansrecruitment@gmail.com

**ARISE – Young Adult 18+ National Event**
Takes place in Knock Shrine on March 7th 2020. There will be inspirational speakers, music, celebration, fun, a chance to meet with other young adults and much more. For more information, booking, etc. please contact Robert Norton, Youth Co-Ordinator on 059-9164084

**St Willibrord Echternach Pilgrimage 31st May to 4th June 2020**
Spiritual Directors Bishop Denis Nulty and Bishop Michael Burrows. Participate in the UNESCO recognised ‘Hopping Procession’ in honour of St Willibrord (reliquary in Carlow Cathedral), trip includes 3 nights B&B in Luxembourg, I night B&B in Utrecht, city tour of Cologne to include Cologne Cathedral. Cost €745pps. The Hopping Procession is a great experience in the beautiful town of Echternach, all who travelled on the first pilgrimage in 2017 loved it. Our group will once again be led in the procession by the Presentation School Band from Carlow. Book with Tullys Travel Carlow 059 9136100.
Ministers of the Word

Parish Church
6.00pm: Áine Foley
8.30pm: Anne Doyle
11.00am: Margaret Roche
12.30pm: Colette Curtin
7.00pm: Sean Murphy

Cill Mhuire
7.00pm: Ciara McCormack
10.30am: Paula Meehan

Saints of the Week

Monday 17th  St. Fintan
Thursday 20th  St. Jacinta
Friday 21st  St. Peter Damien
Saturday 22nd  Chair of St. Peter

Parish Finances

Sunday, 9th February 2020

Development Fund: €3,665.00
Offertory: €2,035.00
Total: €5,700.00

Many thanks to our parishioners for their continued support

Recently Deceased

Fr. Jim Donleavy O.P. – Drogheda & former Prior of Dominican College
Joseph Canton – Newbridge & formerly Daingean, Co Offaly
Derek (Scol) Callopy – Standhouse Rise
Ann Dominican – Mount Carmel

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

Thought of the Week

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.

Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Newbridge Parish Lotto

Wednesday, 12th February 2020
Numbers Drawn  8 15 16 18
No Winner of €10,000 Jackpot
11 Matched 3’s shared €1,000

Next week’s Jackpot - €11,000

“If you’re not in you can’t win!”
Tickets can be purchased from various outlets throughout the town. Tickets are on sale every day in the Parish Centre and until 12.30pm on Wednesday (the day of the draw). Many thanks to all who support the Lotto and special thanks to all our promoters.

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AND BEING
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