



Pastoral Area Information

Sunday 29th October 2023 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Good evening/morning everyone.

A reminder to all that the First Diocesan Collection supports the priests of the Diocese both working & retired. The Second Diocesan Collection supports Share. This collection is an essential source of funding in the Archdiocese, provide much-needed financial support to disadvantaged parishes and supporting parish life and ministry. Supporting this Parish may be facilitated through the Plan Giving collection.

Last week the Second Collection was for the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas missions and missionaries. On behalf of Pope Francis, thank you for supporting World Mission Sunday, your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people.

In The Holy Rosary Church and from this weekend in St Kilian's Church Blacklion, you will notice a card on the benches. This is an additional facility to support the Diocesan and Parish collections. Using your phone, you can scan this code and follow the instructions on screen to donate. It is possible to use this before or after Mass, as well as at this point in the Mass. Thank you. See some tips on usage overleaf.

"Creative Conversations" continue on Tuesday 31st October. The conversation topic this week is "Why and How Do I Pray?" and will be in Kilian House Family Centre, Greystones from 7.30pm till 9pm. All Welcome.

On Wednesday 1st November, we celebrate the **Feast of All Saints**. Mass times for the Holy Day are as follows: Vigil Masses on Tuesday 31st Oct at 7pm in The Holy Rosary Church and 7pm St. Joseph's Church. Masses on Wednesday 1st Nov will be at 10am in St. Anthony's Church; 10am in The Holy Rosary Church and 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph's Church.

From next Sunday (5th Nov.), we will celebrate **Family Mass** weekly. Accompanied by joyful songs and powerful stories, we will gather every Sunday at 10a.m. in St. Anthony's Church in Kilcoole. Everybody is welcome.

The fifth newsletter available from the **Diocesan Synodal Committee** is available at the doors of the church and on the website. Please take one.

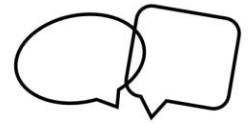
Envelopes for the **Altar List of the Dead** are available from the back of the church. This is an opportunity where we as a community remember deceased family, friends or others in prayer. Please take an envelope and return it to the parish office or the sacristy.

For November we invite you to remember your loved ones who have died, by writing a short prayer or memory, in the **Remembrance Book**. A book will be available in each Church from Thursday 2nd Nov. the Feast of All Souls. There will also be an online Remembrance Book on our website.

The **Blessing of Graves** in Redford and Kilmurray Cemeteries will take place on Sunday 5th November, 3pm. A collection for the upkeep of Redford Cemetery will be held on Sunday 5th Nov. at 10am Mass in St Kilian's Church, the 11.30am Mass in the Holy Rosary Church and outside Redford Cemetery in the afternoon.

As the clocks change this weekend and the evenings will be darker, our **churches will be closing** at the earlier time of 4.30pm each evening, beginning on Monday.

Please check the noticeboards and the Pastoral Area website (www.gkpastoralarea.ie) for updates.



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On behalf of the faith community, the pastoral team, the pastoral council and the priests, we thank all those engaged in ministry, particularly those who have been impacted by the rescheduling of masses, for your dedication, prayer and generosity of spirit in serving the faith community and living out your baptismal calling.

Thank you.

Fr. John
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As of Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November the following changes to **Mass Times** will come into effect: There will be one Saturday Vigil Mass for the Pastoral Area at 6pm in St. Anthony's Church, Kilcoole. Therefore, there will be no Saturday evening Vigil Mass in the following 3 churches:

- St. Joseph's Church, Newtownmountkennedy,
- The Holy Rosary Church, Greystones,
- The Holy Spirit Oratory, Newcastle.

The Family Mass will be held every Sunday at 10am in St. Anthony's Church, Kilcoole.

A big thank you to all in the **Newtownmountkennedy Community Centre** who facilitated the faith community while St. Joseph's Church was being decorated recently.



Be sure to visit the lovely **Harvest displays** in each of our churches this month and give thanks for all the goods produced at this time of the year.



Tips on using the new Tap or Scan to Donate Facility in The Holy Rosary Church and St. Kilian's Church.

Tap Phone on NFC Label

1. Unlock phone.
2. Tap phone on the Contactless label/NFC Tag.
3. Charity branded web landing page will open with a selection of donations e.g. €3 / €5 / €10 / €20.
4. Donor taps the amount of their choice & optional voluntary contribution
5. Donor chooses the payment option:



Scan QR Code

1. Open up the camera or QR Code reader app on mobile phone.
2. Hold the camera so the QR Code is clearly visible.
3. Device will recognise the code and show a link.
4. Tap the link to be taken to Step 3 (above).

*option to manually enter card details if these are not saved on the phone / auto filled.

There is no charge to use this service, which is provided by Fundraising Solutions, so 100% of all donations go to the parish. However, to cover the costs of the service provided, donors are asked to make a voluntary contribution.

