

Mass Times and Intentions for 3rd April 2021

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 3rd April Easter Vigil

9.00pm J.J. Hillery (1st A), Joe Murray (Snr.) (A), Fr. Oliver Ellis (A).

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 4th April **No Mass due to Covid-19 Restrictions**

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 4th April **Easter Sunday**

11.00am Matt Aspell (A), Sadie Lambe (7th A), Paddy Howard (29th A),
Jimmy Kavanagh (Recently deceased)

Monday **Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)**
10.00am Mass

Tuesday
9.30am Patty Dunne (Month's Mind), Special Intentions.

Wednesday
9.30am Mass

Thursday
9.30am Mass

Friday
9.30am Mass for the Living and the Deceased

Saturday
10.00am Mass
6.30pm Paddy Moloney (A) and his sister and brothers (Remembrance)

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Live video from church: www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/kilcullen/

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

Church of the Sacred Heart & St. Brigid, Kilcullen.
Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Sunday 4th April, 2021

Easter Sunday



Joyous Time of Year

May the glory
and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace
and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ,
Our Risen Saviour,
always be there by your side
to bless you
most abundantly
and be your loving guide.

Swieconka

On Holy Saturday some years ago (in a previous parish) I was in the church and a couple came in and asked me if I would bless their food. An hour or two later another couple arrived and asked the same thing. So I learned more about it! It's a tradition in Poland (and some other countries) to bring a basket of food to the parish church to be blessed.

Obviously, the next stage was to schedule a time for the blessing - Swieconka - and invite people. It was amazing! Respecting this Easter tradition was well worth while: I could only do it badly, but people knew I was doing my best.

That church was fan-shaped, and the people lined up at the curved steps at the front of the sanctuary - the smell of the food was a delight.

This tradition continues in Kilcullen: we arranged it at a different time to the blessing in Newbridge (with a Polish priest), giving people a choice of place and time. In Kilcullen the people spread through the church, so the smell of the food is less concentrated.

The baskets typically contain butter (often shaped into a lamb), eggs (often painted), ham, smoked bacon, cheese, Easter bread, spicy sausage.

And of course, this year we can't have that Holy Saturday blessing, but on the table at the back of the church there are information pages and colouring pages.

Father Niall Mackey

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

The Novena to the Divine Mercy starts on Good Friday and finishes 9 days later on Divine Mercy Sunday. We would like to invite everyone to join in this novena as great graces are available through it.

Novena leaflets will be available at the back of the church.

It is also usually broadcast on EWTN TV channel 588.

HAVE YOU THE TIME TO OFFER BREAKS TO AN **ADULT** OR **CHILD** WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IN YOUR HOME FOR MID-WEEK AND WEEKEND OVERNIGHT BREAKS?

YOU DON'T NEED A QUALIFICATION, JUST ENERGY, COMMITMENT AND THE DESIRE TO SUPPORT A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

INFORMATION AND SUPPORT ARE PROVIDED, AND YOU WILL BE PAID AN ALLOWANCE.

If you are interested in hosting, please contact:

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AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie