

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Registered Charity Number 20016166

The Tap and Go machine

From time to time, you could tap but it wouldn't go!
The machine arrived mid-December, and worked intermittently until late January. I'm told they did a software update, and it's working fine now at the beginning of February. In the second half of December (at the times it was working) there were 30 transactions.

In January (at the times it was working) there were 21 transactions.

(Five of those 51 transactions were mine! I was testing the system.)

Some parishioners find the machine helpful - hopefully, it will continue working.

The Vanishing

That's the title of Janine di Giovanni's book, on The Twilight of Christianity the Middle East. John Casey in his book review writes of visiting the Syriac Patriarch of Antioch in Damascus, near the Street Called Straight where St Paul recovered his sight. The patriarch apologised for being unable to give his visitors tea - he was completely on his own. A contrast: in 1980 when the same patriarch visited Pope John Paul II in Rome, the pope said "The first of the Second Church welcomes the First of the First Church!"

The theme of the book? The decline and perhaps imminent disappearance Christianity from many of the places in the Middle East in which it was born.

Obviously, that book review is a lot shorter than the book, and this is a lot shorter than the review. It's in The Tablet of 22 January 2022.

Father Niall Mackey

Diary Week 14th February 2022

Monday 14th Feb

8.00pm AA meeting

Tuesday 15th Feb

10.30am Arthritis Group

7.00pm Legion of Mary

8.00pm Parish Lotto Draw

Wednesday 16th Feb

10.00am Toddler & Baby Group

Thursday 17th Feb

12.00pm Chair Yoga

6.30pm Irish Dancing

Mass Times and Intentions for 13th February 2022

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 12th Feb

10.00am Mary Warnock (A), Fr. Brendan Donnelly (A),
6.30pm Ing-Britt Jonsson (3rd A), Patrick Aspell (Sunnyhill) (A),
Michael Clifford (15th A) and
his daughter Betty Potts (Remembrance)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 13th Feb

9.30am Mass

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 13th Feb

11.00am Kathleen Moran (Month's Mind),
Marjorie O'Connell (22nd A),

Monday 14th Feb

9.30am Majorie O'Connell (22nd A), Averil Glynn (A),
John Guidera (A)

Tuesday 15th Feb

9.30am Mass

Wednesday

9.30a Mass

Thursday

9.30am Mass

Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased

Saturday

10.00am Mass
6.30pm John Reddy (31st A) his parents, sister and
grandparents (A).

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish lotto Draw held on Tuesday 8th February 2022** were . 13, 19, 22 and 26.

There was no Jackpot winner and next week's main prize will again be €18,000. The value of the follow-on draw stands at €14,000.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Mary McKernan (Promoter Ethna Dempsey), Brigid Cully (Ger's Fruit & Veg Shop), and Noel Sherry (Vivian Clarke).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were PJ Lydon and Anne Brennan.

The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto.

The next Lotto Draw will take place at 8pm on Tuesday night.

The lotto draw is open to the Public. Masks are mandatory.

The **ANNUAL COLLECTION** of **ACCORD Dublin**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family takes place this weekend **12th & 13th February 2022**.

It is the second Collection and will replace the normal Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

v Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups

v Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.

Helpline 01 9059555.

v A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

You can donate if you wish in the following ways:

Second collection at all masses this weekend.

Online at www.accorddublin.ie where you will find a DONATE button.

By post to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

By bank transfer to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2. IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03; BIC:BOFIE2D