

Mass Times and Intentions for 17th April 2021

**We remember in our prayers Arthur Duffy & Gertie Sheehan who died during the week.
May they rest in Peace.**

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 17th April

10.00am Mass
6.30pm (Vigil) Christopher Byrne (Months Mind)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 18th April No Mass due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 18th April

11.00am Elizabeth (Betty) Keogh (1st A), Patrick Bagnell (A).
James & Bridget Brady (Remembrance)
Mick & Katie Brady (Remembrance)

Monday

9.30am Annie Doyle (A)

Tuesday

9.30am Mass

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

Thursday

9.30am John Dowdall (A)

Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and the Deceased

Saturday

10.00am Mass
6.30pm Tommy Skehan (A), Patrick Nugent (16th A)

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Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 18th April, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter



A Prayer by St. Anselm

**O my God, teach my heart where and how to seek You,
where and how to find You.
You are my God and You are my all and I have never seen You.
You have made me and remade me,
You have bestowed on me all the good things I possess,
Still I do not know You.
I have not yet done that for which I was made.
Teach me to seek You.
I cannot seek You unless You teach me
or find You unless You show Yourself to me.
Let me seek You in my desire,
let me desire You in my seeking.
Let me find You by loving You,
let me love You when I find You.**

Amen

He would have been thirty next month.

Friends of mine contacted me. Their 15-year old son had to write a project about a person of commitment in religion.

Who might you have suggested? Well, I remembered reading about a 15-year old boy so I looked him up.

Carlo Acutis was born in Chelsea in London on 3 May 1991 and baptised on 18 May 1991 in Our Lady of Dolours, Chelsea. His parents were Italian, and a few months later the family moved to Milan.

His parents weren't especially religious, his questions on religious practice were answered by the family's Polish babysitter. He is said to have several models as guides for his life - Francis of Assisi, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, Dominic Savio, Tarcisius and Bernadette Soubirous.

Outside school, he did voluntary work with the homeless and destitute, he liked films and comic editing, video games and travel.

Computers and the internet - he was considered a computer geek! When he was eleven he started cataloguing each reported Eucharistic miracle in the world, developing a website.

He developed leukaemia, and offered his suffering as a prayer. He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages to the sites of all known Eucharistic miracles - his health prevented this.

He died on 12 October 2006. He was fifteen.

On 13 May 2013 he became titled a "Servant of God", on 5 July 2018 he was declared "Venerable" and on 10 October 2020 (10/10/2020!) - postponed because of the virus - he became Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Father Niall Mackey

Diary Week 19th April 2021

The Kilcullen & Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw is currently suspended due to the level 5 Restrictions.

Annual Gift Cards are now available and can be purchased from The Parish Office, Lotto Office, Berney's Chemist, DayBreak and Ger's Fruit & Veg Shop.

They are of value €100 for a year's subscription (54 weeks) in the Draw, €50 for half year (27 weeks), and €25 for 13 weeks.

The parish office is currently closed to the public due to Government restrictions. Emails will be monitored. Masses can be booked by sending an email to kilcullenparish@gmail.com or you can drop a note with your request in one of the letter boxes at the priest's house.

The Website is currently unavailable as it is undergoing essential maintenance. Apologies for any inconvenience but it will be back as soon as possible

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Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

In the midst of the contradictions and perplexities we must confront each day, the din of so many words and opinions, there is the quiet voice of the Risen Lord who keeps saying to us: "Peace be with you!"

Jesus is the Risen One, the Lord who passed through death in order to lead us to safety. Even before we begin to seek Him, He is present beside us. He lifts us back up after our falls. He helps us grow in faith.

Mercy is made tangible, it becomes closeness, service, care for those in difficulty. I hope you will always feel you have been granted mercy, so as to be merciful to others in turn.