

Mass Times and Intentions for 24th May 2020

**We remember in our prayers Gerry Lambe who died recently.
May he rest in Peace**

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 23rd May

6.30pm Emer Nolan (Recently deceased), Paul Byrne (12th A)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 24th May No Mass in Gormanstown Today due to Covid-19

Kilcullen Church

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11.00am Sheila Bathe (12th A), Queenie Clifford (13th A)

Monday 25th May

9.30am Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Sean Phelan (4th A), Conleth Sweeney (3rd A)

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

Thursday

9.30am Christopher (Chris) Abbey (Months Mind)
Marie Martin (Bishop Rogan Pk) (Anniversary & Birthday Rem)

Friday

9.30am Mass

Saturday

6.30pm Shay Walker (2nd A), Jean Geoghegan (4th A), James Daly (15th A),
Mary Archbold (58th A)

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Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 24th May, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord



O God, you have glorified our victorious Saviour
with a triumphant resurrection from the dead,
and ascension into heaven,
where he sits at your right hand.

Grant, we ask you,
that his triumphs and glories may ever shine in our eyes
to make us see more clearly through his sufferings,
and more courageously endure our own;
being assured by his example,
that if we endeavour to live and die like him,
for the cause of your love in ourselves and others,
you will raise our dead bodies again,
and conforming them to his glorious body,
call us above the clouds,
and give us possession of your everlasting kingdom.
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Life after the Leaving Cert

Two days during this past week: on Wednesday we marked the feast of Saint Bernardino “Little Bernard”, and on Thursday we were meant to have the Graduation Mass for CPC. And there’s a connection!

Saint Bernardino of Siena (1380 - 1444) was orphaned while still a child, but still went to university. While he was still a student at Siena University he took charge of the hospital there when an epidemic killed most of the staff. Later he looked after a bedridden aunt until her death. Then when he was 22 he became a Franciscan.

He spent years travelling through Italy preaching to enormous audiences, denounced usury, promoted peace among the warring Italian cities of the time, and worked hard for the renewal of the Franciscan order and for church unity.

So, 600 years ago, a teenager, coping with an epidemic - and more than coping. His achievements BEFORE he became a Franciscan show what the young can achieve if given the chance.

Our Leaving Cert students like the rest of us are facing strange challenges, but they are well prepared for life after secondary school.

We couldn’t have that Graduation Mass for them this week, but our thoughts and prayers go with them into their future.

Father Niall Mackey

Wider Options September 2020 - Now Enrolling: Wider Options is a one year mature adult education programme (morning classes, Monday to Friday) at St. Conleth’s Community College, Station Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

It is ideally suited to people who have been in the home for a number of years wishing to return to employment, those in minimum wage jobs looking to progress their career, people who left school early without a formal qualification, people with school going children wanting to upskill or retired people.

For further information and application forms please email your enquiries to the course coordinator on mcurlley@stconlethsc.ie, visit our website www.stconlethsc.ie/wider-options, contact the College Secretary on (045) 431417/433047 or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

Places offered on a First Come First Served Basis.

Thanks to the people of Kilcullen for their regular and generous support of **Kilcullen St Vincent de Paul Society**. Unfortunately, one of the main sources of income for the local St Vincent de Paul society, has dried up as it was the monthly church door collection at weekend mass. However there are many ways to still contribute. There is a collection box on the main counter in **Eurospar** and sincere thanks to **Derek in Eurospar in Kilcullen** for permitting collection in that way. Donations can be posted to Kilcullen St Vincent de Paul, c/o Mary Kelly, St Brigid’s Avenue, Kilcullen. Contributions can be transferred directly to the bank account of Kilcullen St Vincent de Paul at Bank of Ireland, Kilcullen and the details of that can be found on

Brian Byrne's, A Kilcullen Diary.

Donations made to the national society of St Vincent de Paul will only be directed to the Kilcullen branch if it is specified at the time of donation.

All donations made to Kilcullen St Vincent de Paul will be gratefully accepted and will be used at a local level.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE still has in place the national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Please remind older people in your parish who may be struggling at this time.

Covid19 Tech Support for Older people

Covid19 Tech is a group of I.T professionals who have come together from across Ireland to volunteer and offer free tech support to Irish seniors in our communities so they can stay connected with their loved ones and required services during the Covid19 crisis. More information visit:

<https://covid19tech.ie/> or

<https://www.facebook.com/Covid19TechHelp/posts/118344963168927>

Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

Receiving the joy of the Spirit is a grace. Moreover, it is the only force that enables us to preach the Gospel and to confess our faith in the Lord. Faith means bearing witness to the joy that the Lord gives to us. A joy such as this cannot be the result of our own efforts.

This life is the gift that God has given us. It is too short to be spent in sadness. Let us praise God, content simply to exist. We are children of the great King, capable of reading His signature in all Creation.