

# Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Registered Charity Number 20016166

## 4th Sunday of Easter 2022

Last week we had First Communion for students in Scoil Bríd. Congratulations to the Communicants and to their families - a great occasion for the parish.

One of the great Catholic magazines is The Tablet, and I have used it as a source for these notes. Their 30 April issue remembered a former editor (1982 to 2003), John Wilkins, who died last month. The Second Vatican Council which had closed in 1965 had left many loose ends still untied. Pope John Paul II's wanted to close down the discussion on issues such as female ordination, homosexuality, abortion, contraception and the admission of divorced and remarried Catholics to Holy Communion. He issued definitive answers and made assent to them a test of Catholic orthodoxy. Wilkins had grave misgivings, he wanted to keep the debate open. There were periodic bouts of conflict as senior Catholic leaders took their cue from Rome's inflexible line. Wilkin's technique was to accept the inevitability of the occasional yellow card but to avoid being shown the red one!

He said that is no far as he was in opposition to the papacy of the time, it was always a "loyal opposition". The Tablet was famous as a breath of Catholic fresh air and for its excellent writing. The Church and The Tablet owe him an immeasurable debt.

**Father Niall Mackey**

## Diary Week 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

8.00pm AA meeting

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

10.30am Arthritis Group  
10.30am Suas Knitting Group  
7.00pm Legion of Mary  
8.00pm Parish Lotto Draw

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Toddler and Baby group  
7.00pm Wednesday Bridge Club

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

12.00n Chair Yoga  
6.30pm Irish Dancing

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am New Abbey Bridge

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## Mass Times and Intentions 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

We remember in our prayers Daniel O'Neill who died during the week. May he rest in Peace.

### Kilcullen Church

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Mass  
6.30pm Christy Malone (Birthday Remembrance),  
Deceased members of Kilcullen Indoor Bowls Club,  
Marie Tyrrell (A), Margaret Joyce (A), Michael Dillon (A),  
Thomas Dillon (Birthday Remembrance)

### Gormanstown Church

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am Anne Keatley (Month's Mind), William and  
Teresa O'Connell and deceased members of the  
O'Connell family, Jack Boothman (A).

#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

12.00pm First Holy Communion

### Kilcullen Church

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

11.00am William and Teresa O'Connell and deceased members of  
the O'Connell family, Jack Bootman (A),  
Fran Dooley (6<sup>th</sup> A), Daisy and Bill Sammon (A).

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am Mass

#### Tuesday

9.30am Kathleen Crowe (A), Mary Cosgrove (A).

#### Wednesday

9.30am Chris Abbey and deceased members of the Abbey family

#### Thursday

9.30am Mass

#### Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased

#### Saturday

10.00am Mass  
6.30pm Mass

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations and is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday". The Lord asked his disciples to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2)

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

The Annual Lay Ministry Collection will take place next weekend Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May 2022. This will replace the normal Share collection.