

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Registered Charity Number 20016166

"Hope is not Deceptive"

That's a great quote from St Paul. And here's a true story about Adam.

Adam Piekarski migrated from Poland to Rome seeking a better life, and it didn't work out for him. The harsh reality of finding work and fondness for Italian wine led to alcoholism (that he continues to fight each day).

Father Ruben (also from Poland) wanted a painting of a co-founder of the Redemptorists for the 200th anniversary of his death. The Vatican has free showers available for the poor, Sister Anna helps people at the public showers and often spotted Adam sketching while waiting for his turn at the showers. Fr Ruben told sister Anna of his problem, was introduced to Adam (who had a passion for art but never studied it). Fr Ruben provided Adam with paints and brushes, and provided a workspace in a church crypt.

In November the Vatican Philatelic and Numismatic Office announced that this year's Christmas stamps would have pictures of the Magi and the Holy Family painted by Adam.

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Happy Christmas.

Father Niall Mackey

Don't Use Cash?

Since the start of the pandemic I have hardly ever used cash, and lots of sales points ask us to avoid cash.

We've been reluctant to have a "Donate" button on our website - many parishes and dioceses do - but we'd like to provide a service.

So now in the church there's a cash-free way of contributing, and the method is simple. It's well explained at the machine.

If you choose to contribute this way, your donation is split between the two church collections, the Common Fund Collection for the clergy of the parish and diocese, and the Share Collection. Giving directly avoids any charges for using the system.

I tested the system on Wednesday. It accepted my money but it hasn't yet (10.30 Thursday) shown up as a payment from my credit card.

Thanks for supporting the parish and the diocese by whatever method you choose.

Father Niall Mackey

Mass Times and Intentions for 18th December 2021

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 18th Dec

10.00am Donal St Ledger (4th A)

6.30pm Sheila Schwer (A), Johanna Schwer (A)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 19th Dec

9.30am Leo and Anne Sully (A)

Friday 24th Dec Christmas Eve

9.00pm Mass

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 19th Dec

11.00am Ann Meehan (A), Margaret Aspell (A), Nancy O'Connor (3rd A), Margaret Gray (A)

Monday

9.30am Nan Mackey A)

Tuesday

9.30am Laura Bathe (2nd A), Michael Bathe (Jnr) (19th A)

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

Thursday

9.30am James Dixon (34th A), Bridget Dixon (Remembrance)

Friday 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE

9.30am Mass

Masses of the Nativity

6.30pm Mass

9.00pm Mass

Saturday 25th Christmas Day

10.00am Mass

12.00pm Mass

There will be no vigil Mass for Sunday 26th December on Christmas day

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw** held on Tuesday 14th December were 14 December 2021 were 4, 15, 19 and 26. There was no Jackpot winner and next week's main prize will again be €18,000. The value of the follow up draw stands at €12,400.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Brian Coyne (Promoter May Coyne), Noel Bergin (Valerie McTernan) and Masie Clarke (Vivian Clarke).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were May Coyne and Tom Tyrell.

The winner of the draw for those in the Parish Centre on the night was Martina Clifford

The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto. The Lotto draws throughout the Christmas season will be on 21st and 28th December.

The Parish Lotto Draw will take place at 8pm each week.

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

The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto.

***Christmas 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 €100 for a year's subscription (54 weeks) in the Draw,
€50 for half year (27 weeks), and €25 for 13 weeks.***

***This is a great Gift for a Family Member or Friend and it also helps support your
Local Community.***

Diary Week 20th December 2021

Monday 20th Dec

8.00pm AA meeting

Tuesday 21st Dec

8.00pm Lotto Draw

**The Parish office will be closed for Christmas Holidays from 1am on Thursday 23rd December until 10am on Tuesday 4th January 2022.
We wish all our parishioners and customers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.**