

# Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Registered Charity Number 20016166

## Did you hear of Akash?

I don't remember hearing of Akash Bashir, but last month Pope Francis proclaimed him a "Servant of God" - Pakistan's first.

He was a student at the Don Bosco Institute in Lahore: the Pope's declaration was on the feast of Don Bosco, 31 January. He was 20 when he blocked a suicide bomber from entering St John's Church in Lahore on 15 March 2015.

The archbishop of Lahore said: "He gave his life to save more than 1,000 people in the church for Sunday Mass."

His last words were: "I will die, but I won't let you in."

Our Volunteers:

There's a short information meeting for our many volunteers: what's the best time and place?

So, Saturday 12 March, in the parish church, straight after 10.00 am Mass.  
Book the date!

Synod

Our preparations for a meeting about the Synod are proceeding - a lot of thinking is going on.

**Father Niall Mackey**

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish lotto Draw held on Tuesday 22 February 2022** were 15, 20, 25 and 28. 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 €14,400.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were William Nowlan (Promoter PJ Lydon), Siobhan Tuite (Siobhan Tuite), and Jane-Ann McGettigan (Adrienne Byrne). The winners of the Promoters Draw were Michelle Behan and Mick Dunne.

The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto.

***The next Lotto Draw will take place at 8pm on Tuesday night and is open to the public.***

## Diary Week 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

8.00pm AA meeting

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

10.30am Arthritis Group

10.30am Suas Knitting Group

7.00pm Legion of Mary

8.00pm Parish Lotto Draw

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

10.00am Toddler & Baby Group

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

12.00n Chair Yoga

6.30pm Irish Dancing

## Mass Times and Intentions for 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Kilcullen Church

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

10.00am Mass

6.30pm Thomas O'Connor (A), Thomas Talbot (A),  
Sean O'Neill (A), Eva and Matthew O'Neill (A).

### Gormanstown Church

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

9.30am Mass

### Kilcullen Church

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

11.00am Jack Lambe (A), Sadie McTernan (A),  
Maureen Anne Walsh (A), James Dempsey (A),  
Tommy Buckley (A), Barry Coffey (43<sup>rd</sup> A),  
Kathleen V Slattery (A), Teresa McEllistrim (A),  
Sarah Slattery & Deceased members of Slattery family (Rem)

#### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

9.30am Mass

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

9.30am Peter Keogh (10<sup>th</sup> A)

#### Wednesday (Ash Wednesday)

9.30am Mass

#### Thursday

9.30am Mass

#### Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased

#### Saturday

10.00am Tim and Stasia Orford (A),  
Katty and Paddy Bolger (A), Mary Keane (4<sup>th</sup> A).  
6.30pm Maisie Cardiff (Month's Mind),  
Patty Dunne (1<sup>st</sup> A), Jean and Patrick Kelly (A).

When we're not at Mass, sometimes we just need short, simple prayers to remain close to God during our busy days.

Lent is no different.

Here are some easy prayers you can say to feel connected to God during Lent this year:

- "God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen."
- "God, may my sacrifice of today of (state your Lenten sacrifice) remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen."
- "May I stand in solidarity today with all my brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering. May we be united in your love, and may I work to build your kingdom here on earth."
- "Heavenly Father, I'm truly sorry for the moments today where I missed the mark. I ask for your forgiveness and the strength to better follow Your call tomorrow. Amen."
- "Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything. Amen."