

## Mass Times and Intentions for 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### Kilcullen Church

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug.

10.00am Olivia Keaveney James (5<sup>th</sup> A).  
6.30pm Geraldine Bailey (2<sup>nd</sup> A), Breda Coffey (12<sup>th</sup> A)

### Gormanstown Church

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August

9.30am Mass

### Kilcullen Church

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug.

11.00am Mass

#### Monday

9.30am Mass

#### Tuesday

9.30am Mass

#### Wednesday

9.30am George Phelan (A)

#### Thursday

9.30am Mass

#### Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased

#### Saturday

10.00am Mass  
6.30pm Mass

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# Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Registered Charity Number 20016166

Sunday 22nd August, 2021

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Monica 27th August and her son St. Augustine 28th August



## Prayer to St. Monica, Patroness of Mothers

Blessed Monica, mother of St. Augustine,  
we give thanks to our Father in Heaven  
Who looked with mercy upon your tears  
over your wayward son.  
His conversion and heroic sanctification  
were the fruit of your prayers.

Dear St. Monica  
we now ask you to pray with us  
for all those sons and daughters that have wandered away from God,  
and to add your prayers to those of all mothers  
who are worried over their children.  
Pray also for us that,  
following your example, we may,  
in the company of our children,  
one day enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in Heaven.

Amen.

## Volunteers

Three volunteer Red Cross nurses have been beatified as Catholic martyrs in Spain, 84 years after being raped and shot by anti-clerical Republicans at the start of the 1936-9 Civil War.

“These devout women died proclaiming Christ as King, and it is that profession of faith which makes them martyrs,” Cardinal Semeraro said. “Despite the danger, they did not abandon the wounded.

Completely different, another beatified person: Blessed Carlo Acutis. He is of the digital age, born to immigrant parents, and a keen amateur computer programmer. At age 11 he took it upon himself to start assembling an online database of all the reported eucharistic miracles in the world. In 2006 he contacted leukaemia at 15, dying in October 2006. He was proclaimed a Servant of God in 2013 and in 2019 a miracle in Brazil was confirmed when a young boy was healed of a pancreatic defect.

Different again: The Camino de Santiago is officially paired with the Kumano Kodo pilgrimage in Honshu, Japan - the only two pilgrimage routes on the UN World Heritage List. (The arduous final leg of the Kumano includes a climb five kilometres long and 800 metres in elevation: the “body-breaking slope”.)

## Father Niall Mackey

### PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let’s answer God’s call and “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest”

### AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

## COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19.

Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

## CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION

The Crosscare Annual Social Care Collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of the 18th and 19th September 2021.

Crosscare thank you for your ongoing support. [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)

### Diary Week 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August

8.00pm AA meeting

#### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

9.00pm Lotto Draw (Public cannot attend)

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw** held on Tuesday 17 August 2021 were 10, 13, 17 and 20. There was no Jackpot winner and next week’s main prize will again be €18,000.

The value of the follow up draw now stands at €9,000.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Caroline McCarton (Promoter Tom McCarton), Zoe Fitzpatrick (Nancy Fitzpatrick) and Tommy Dignam (Vanessa Clarke).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were the Parish Office and Vivienne Clifford.

The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto.

### Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

Vaccination is a simple way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable.

God does not come to free us from our ever-present daily problems, but to free us from the real problem, which is the lack of love. This is the main cause of our personal, social, international and environmental ills.

Thinking only of ourselves: this is the father of all evils.

[#LetUsPray](https://twitter.com/Pontifex) also for Haiti. I want to express my closeness to the dear people hard hit by the earthquake. May the solidarity of all alleviate the consequences of the tragedy!

[#LetUsPray](https://twitter.com/Pontifex) for Afghanistan, so that the clamour of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue. Only thus can the battered population of that country return to their own homes and live in peace.