

# Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Registered Charity Number 20016166

## This Old House "The House of Secrets"

Many years ago I was staying with my Birmingham cousins, and we went to visit Harvington Hall, Harvington, Kidderminster. And then last month I saw an item about it is The Tablet.

It's billed as the "House of Secrets" for its connection with the intrigue and dangers that faced recusant Catholics in Elizabethan England. It has seven priest holes, the most ingenious of which are thought to be the work of Nicholas Owen.

The manor house was built by Humphrey Pakington, a Catholic who inherited the estate from his great-uncle. Since the 1920s it has belonged to the Archdiocese of Birmingham but it is only in the last eighteen months that major efforts have been made to attract visitors using a revamped website and social media. Entry to the grounds is free, there are guided tours, and a programme of events.

Their recent repair and restoration grant will pay for repairs to the two bridges that cross the moat and provide access to the house.

Next target? Restoring rare Elizabethan wall paintings.

[www.taking-stock.org.uk](http://www.taking-stock.org.uk)

**Father Niall Mackey**

## Mass Times and Intentions for 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021

We remember in our prayers Henk van Zegveld and Margaret Mentos who died recently. May they rest in peace.

### Kilcullen Church

#### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**

10.00am Mass

6.30pm Elizabeth & Patrick Sweeney (A), Helen Mallon (1<sup>st</sup> A)

### Gormanstown Church

#### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

9.30am Margaret Conlan (A).

### Kilcullen Church

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**

11.00am Phil & Pat O'Donnell (A), Moll Aspell (A)

#### **Monday**

9.30am John Caplis (A)

#### **Tuesday**

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Vigil Mass (For Holy Day)

Jim & Bridget Quinn (A), Dick O'Brien (Remembrance)

#### **Wednesday Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

##### **Holy Day of Obligation**

9.30am Mass

#### **Thursday**

9.30am Mass

#### **Friday**

9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased

#### **Saturday**

10.00am Mass

6.30pm Eamonn Dunne (Months Mind), Matt O'Neill (1<sup>st</sup> A), Bernard Hillis (12<sup>th</sup> A), Dymphna Reddy (A), George Domican (A),

## On line appeal for families in food poverty

### December 2021

We in Crosscare need your support to help families experiencing food poverty this Christmas. We are working with hundreds of families and children in Dublin who struggle to get basic food supplies.

Families need our help this Christmas, but not just for Christmas in the months after Christmas, which many people find challenging. Crosscare helps people with food parcels and meals in our cafes and food banks in the short term, and we work with them to move out of food poverty in the long term.

We keep in touch with families, helping them to help themselves. We help them with budgeting, healthy eating, and long-term housing and welfare support they may need, giving them the dignity and independence to provide for themselves.

*Due to Covid restrictions, the online appeal for donations replaces the food collection in parishes in previous years. Your ongoing support for Crosscare makes a huge*

*difference to those most in need.*

We are asking for donations to continue this vital work at Christmas and into 2022.

Please help us to help them.

Support our appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online at [www.crosscare.ie/donate](http://www.crosscare.ie/donate) or call 01 8360011

Thank you for your ongoing support from all in Crosscare, working for those most in need with love, respect and excellence.

## Diary Week 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

8.00pm AA meeting

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**

10.30am Seated Arthritis Class

7.30pm Legion of Mary. Everybody welcome.

8.00pm Lotto Draw

### **Thursday**

12.00pm Chair Yoga Exercise

6.00pm Irish Dancing

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw** held on Tuesday 30 November 2021 were 18, 22, 26 and 30. 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 €12,000.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Bernie Clifford (Promoter Kilcullen Credit Union), Ross & Chloe (Vivian Clarke), and Marie Brennan (Kay Dixon).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were Vivienne Clifford and Kay Dixon and the winner of the Draw for those in the Parish Centre on the night was Adrienne Byrne.

**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.