

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Registered Charity Number 20016166

The Baptism of the Lord

9 January 2002

The Square on the Statues in the Square

It's a long time since I was in St Peter's Square in the Vatican - back in the last Millennium! - but there's a group of statues there now, "Angels Unawares" by the Canadian sculptor Timothy Schmalz.

There's a little square fixed to it, a QR code like on your Covid vaccination certificate, that links to information about the sculptor and about Catholic teaching on migration. The life-size bronze sculpture of migrants and refugees was in the square for over two years before the QR code was fixed to it, shortly after Pope Francis had encouraged people at his general audience to pray for migrants and refugees.

"Migration today is a reality to which we cannot close our eyes," the pope said. "It is a social scandal of humanity."

The title "Angels Unawares" cites Hebrews 13:2 which in one translation says "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

The sculpture depicts a group of migrants and refugees from different cultural and racial backgrounds, and from diverse historic periods of time. Angel wings emerge from the centre suggesting the presence of the sacred among them.

Father Niall Mackey

Diary Week 10th January 2022

Monday 10th Jan

8.00pm AA meeting

Tuesday 11th Jan

8.00pm Parish Lotto Draw

Mass Times and Intentions for 9th January 2022

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 8th

10.00am Peter Lynch (1st A), Tom and Alice Linehan (A), Edith Daly (A).

6.30pm Kathleen Kenny & her daughter Anne Langan (A), Hannah Muldoon (A), Joseph Burke (Snr.) (A), Dick Burke (5th A)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 9th Jan

9.30am Mass

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 9th Jan

11.00am Billy Dowling (16th A), Ned O'Rourke (A), Tess O'Rourke (Birthday Remembrance), Helen Whelan (A), Matt Dunlea (A).

Monday 10th Jan

9.30am Martin Carey (19th A)

Tuesday

9.30am Sean McDonnell (Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

Thursday

9.30am Mass

Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased

Saturday

10.00am Mass

6.30pm Jimmy Aspell (4th A), Laurence Moran (40th A), Jack Bathe (A), Pru McGlinchey (5th A)

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish lotto Draw held on Tuesday 4th January 2022** were 12, 15, 22 and 23. 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 €13,000.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Gillian Lawlor (Kilcullen Credit Union), Karen Ennis (Mag O'Connell), and Nuala Regan (Vivienne Clifford).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were Adrienne Byrne and Ronan Murray.

The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto and wishes all Customers and Promoters a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

The next Lotto Draw will take place at 8pm on Tuesday night.

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

Lord help me to remember that
nothing is going to happen to me today
that You and I together can't handle.
Amen.