Mass Times and Intentions for 31st July 2021

We remember in our prayers John Mulhall whose funeral took place during the week and Fiona Berney (Late of Gilltown & Wexford) who died on Thursday. May they rest in Peace.

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 31st July

10.00amMass6.30pmAlice Coleman (A), Betty Kelly (4th A), Declan O'Toole (27th A) and
Liam O'Toole (17th A), James Gray (A), John Dillon (6th A)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 1st August 9.30am Mary Keogh (Bogside) (A)

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 1st Aug. 11.00am Daniel Breslin (A) Monday (Bank Holiday) 10.00am Mass Tuesdav 9.30am Mass Wednesdav 9.30am Chris Abbey (Birthday Remembrance), Mary Prendergast (A) Thursday 9.30am Mass Friday 9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased Saturday 10.00am Mass Leonard Cain (A), Mollie Dillon (Birthday Remembrance), 6.30pm Liam Sherry (80th Birthday Remembrance)

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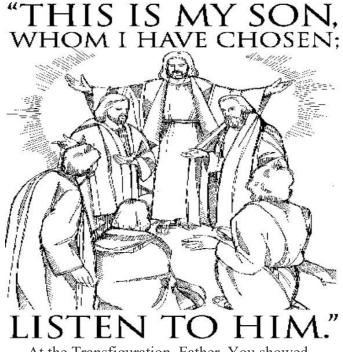


Church of the Sacred Heart & St. Brigid, Kilculler Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

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Sunday 1st August, 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



At the Transfiguration, Father, You showed Jesus in glory, a glimpse of what His disciples would see in His risen life.

Bless us in our humanity, with an awareness of Your presence, leading us to share in Your divine life even in our daily struggle.

Help us to deepen our knowledge of the Law and the Prophets, channels of Your grace throughout history, and signposts for our journey.

Amen.

See These?

Drones have been buzzing over some of Northern Ireland's finest churches, homing in on every nook and cranny. They swoop over vast neo-Gothic piles, neo-classical porticoed masterpieces, ancient stone churches amid spectacular scenery and much else besides. They show up missing tiles and slates, loose lead and blocked gutters. The intention is to spot small problems and fix them before they become big ones. Drone surveys, funded by the Department for Communities at the Northern Ireland office, are one of the ways in which the National Churches Trust supports churches and chapels in Northern Ireland. The trust's project - "Treasure Ireland"! - was launched last year and runs until 2023.

Treasure Ireland is about bringing the denominations together for training workshops covering all aspects of caring for buildings and welcoming visitors.

Many recent grants have been awarded to replace rotten window frames. St Macartan's, near Augher Co Tyrone was one beneficiary. The four newly restored windows by Clarke of Dublin include one commemorates one of the parish's sons, John Joseph Hughes (1797-1864) Archbishop of New York and founder of St Patrick's Cathedral.

This is based on an article in The Tablet 24 July 2021, by the author of the book "Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die". Now that's an eye-catching title!

Father Niall Mackey

Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

It would be good to ask ourselves every day: "What do I bring to Jesus today?". He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things.

In this time of pandemic, the Tokyo Olympics are a sign of hope, a sign of universal brotherhood marked by a healthy competitive spirit.

Diary Week 2nd August 2021

Monday 2nd

8.00pm AA meeting

Tuesday 3rd9.00pmLotto Draw (Public cannot attend)

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw** held on Tuesday 27th July were 3, 6, 22 and 27. There was no Jackpot winner and next week's main prize will again be \in 18,000. The value of the Follow-up Draw now stands at \in 8,400.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Peter Tom Sully (Promoter Ann Sully), G Kelly (Vanessa Clarke) and Bernie Clarke (Martina Clifford). The winners of the Promoters Draw were Vivian Clarke and Ger's Fruit and Veg. The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto.

Walking Together in Hope – Spiritual Journey for Families

Year of the Family 2021/2022

What's Another Year?

Having hosted the World Meeting of Families so recently we could reasonably ask – what's another year going to do for us? Will, we not have enough on our plate adapting to the post-Covid church and society? Is this all a big ask?

Can the two become one?

We propose a 'family first' emphasis for this year by offering accessible ideas for nurturing faith at home.

The Archdiocese of Dublin will provide some simple and achievable ideas for families and parishes starting in September 2021.

We want to encourage families to take part in various initiatives to support faith lived in the home and celebrated together in our parishes. Our goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today.

The 'Walking Together in Hope' initiative will be launched on **25 August 2021 at Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral** on the third anniversary of the visit of Pope Francis to the 'Pro'. Pope Francis asked for this special Year of the Family to be celebrated as a preparation for the next World Meeting of Families in Rome, June 2022.