

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

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Fifteen Minutes of Faith

There's an art exhibition of Andy Warhol's work - the "fifteen minutes of fame" man - in the Brooklyn Museum in New York. I didn't see it and almost certainly won't see it.

At the heart of the exhibition is the question How much did his work owe to the Catholicism that infused his early life? He was born in Pittsburgh in 1928, his parents were Catholic immigrants from what is now Slovakia. Bedridden for many months in boyhood, and in adolescence his father died in a mining accident. Through these adversities he clung to his mother, and clung to the angels and saints.

The exhibition begins with "Immigrant Roots and Religion" with personal items, shoeboxes full of his mother's holy cards and prayerbooks, a baptismal and confirmation certificate and other items.

He would drop in to the Dominican Church of St Vincent Ferrer on the Upper East side. But! There was a cartoon in one of the magazines in the 1970s of "Cardinal Cooke Hearing Andy Warhol's Confession". The cardinal's biretta (a square cap) is about a foot above his head.

His "Last Supper" paintings were commissioned by an art dealer - and there had been a reproduction of the Leonardo da Vinci work in the family kitchen in Pittsburgh.

His studio was called "The Factory": "Sure, we're all Catholic down at the Factory", but I understand that wasn't obvious by the life-style of people there! I still don't know the answer to the question at the start of this item.

Father Niall Mackey

Diary Week 13th December 2021

Monday 13th Dec

8.00pm AA meeting

Tuesday 14th Dec

7.30pm Legion of Mary. Everybody welcome.

8.00pm Lotto Draw

Thursday

6.00pm Irish Dancing

ON LINE APPEAL FOR FAMILIES IN FOOD POVERTY - DECEMBER 2021

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 or call 01 8360011

Mass Times and Intentions for 11th December 2021

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 11th Dec

10.00am Mass

6.30pm

Eamonn Dunne (Month's Mind), Matt O'Neill (1st A), Dymna Reddy (A), George Domican (A), Bernard Hillis (12th A), Noel Brady (Milemill) (4th A), Agnes Coleman (A), Joseph Burke (Jnr) (A), Michael O'Brien (A)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 12th Dec

9.30am Mass

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 12th Dec

11.00am

Tommy O'Connor (Month's Mind), Frank McNally (A), Jason Maloney (A), Jim Mackey (Birthday Remembrance), Alfie Brennan (A), Bernard Hillis (12th A). Kathleen Lambe (A) & her daughter Mary Bridget and son in law Ian Beadle (A), Nicholas Bardon (A)

Monday

9.30am Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Sean Mackey (16th A)

Wednesday

9.30am

Chris Abbey and deceased members of the Abbey family (Remembrance)

Thursday

9.30am

John Murphy (43rd A), John O'Halloran (35th A)

Friday

9.30am

Mass for the Living and Deceased

Saturday

10.00am

Donal St Ledger (4th A)

6.30pm

Mass

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw** held on Tuesday 7th December were 6, 11, 15 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 €12,200.

The winners of the #50 Open Draws were Martha Kelly (Promoter May Coyne), Gary Bailey (Vivian Clarke) and Ger Kelly (Ger Kelly). The winners of the Promoters Draw were Miriam McDonnell and Vivian Clarke, and the winner of the draw for those in the Parish Centre on the night was Vivian Clarke.

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.

Christmas Annual Gift Cards are now available and can be purchased from The Parish Office, Lotto Office, Berney's Chemist, DayBreak and Ger's Fruit & Veg Shop.

They are €100 for a year's subscription (54 weeks) in the Draw, €50 for half year (27 weeks), and €25 for 13 weeks.

This is a great Gift for a Family Member or Friend and it also helps support your Local Community

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/ If you would like to volunteer with Aware, please see their website for more information: <https://www.aware.ie/get-involved/volunteering/>