

Mass Times and Intentions for 1st May 2021

We remember in our prayers Vera Berney who died during the week. May she rest in Peace.

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 1st May

10.00am Finbar O'Mahony (1st A)
6.30pm (Vigil) Nora Kelly (A), John & Catherine Brady (A),
Mary & Sean Singleton (A)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 2nd May No Mass due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 2nd May

11.00am Florrie O'Connor (A)

Monday (Bank Holiday)

10.00am John and Dympna Reddy (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday

9.30am Mass

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

Thursday

9.30am Mass

Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and the Deceased

Saturday

10.00am Mass

6.30pm Mass

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Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Sunday 2nd May, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter



St Conleth (Approx. 450 – 519), who was probably from County Wicklow (Ireland), was a hermit who lived a life of prayer and penance.

He was persuaded, by St Brigid of Ireland, to make sacred church chalices, crosses and other beautiful metalwork decorations for her convent. A noted artefact that he made for St Finbar of Termonbarry (Roscommon) was his crozier (staff with crook head). He became Head of the Kildare School of metalwork and Priest for St Brigid's monastic community in Kildare. Later he was elected "Bishop and Abbot of Monks" for Kildare.

St Conleth devoted his life to the service of God in every "detail" of his daily work. He died while travelling on pilgrimage to Rome, attacked by wolves in the Forest of Leinster.

St Conleth's Feast Day is the 4th of May.

He is the Patron Saint of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

St Conleth:

We pray that while we carry out our daily work, Jesus will be in our continuous thoughts and prayers.

Glory be to the Father...

Oooooops!

Some people are irritated by me playing with my phone during Mass - except I'm not playing with my phone during Mass! The phone controls what the webcam shows, so to get the best picture for each part of the Mass someone has to control the phone. When people are allowed into the church again for Mass, someone else can do that - but for now,

I'm generally alone in the church.

Easier for you and easier for me when someone else can manage that task: in the meantime I apologise for any annoyance.

The Teacher who Inspired Me

Whenever a newspaper or magazine runs a series of articles on this theme you're almost guaranteed to find something of great interest.

David Lammy's music teacher in Tottenham, north London, was

Mary Shepherd who'd a vocation for teaching in the inner-city environment of the 1970s. As a child, David always loved music and Mrs Shepherd decided he should apply to be a cathedral chorister - an idea that was far outside his and his family's experience. He became a chorister in Peterborough Cathedral.

Many years later he visited Mrs Shepherd in a day care centre for the elderly. She wondered if going to Peterborough had been the right decision - would he be bullied because he was black?

he writes "I reassured her that if it had not been for that dramatic intervention from her, I would not have got to Harvard Law School, or become an MP".

Father Niall Mackey

FAITHFEST – POWERED BY THE SPIRIT

Calling all teenagers! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place **21 May from 6:30 – 8:30 online**. You can register online using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZRLPXhUvSP>

Registration closes on the 13th May at 5pm.

For more information email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.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 (Coronavirus). 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.

Diary Week 3rd May 2021

The Kilcullen & Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw is currently suspended due to the level 5 Restrictions.

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

The parish office is currently closed to the public due to Government restrictions. Emails will be monitored. Masses can be booked by sending an email to kilcullenparish@gmail.com or you can drop a note with your request in one of the letter boxes at the priest's house.

Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

The Christian journey begins from the grace of receiving mercy. If we trust in our own abilities, in the efficiency of our structures and projects, we will not go far. Only if we accept the love of God, will we be able to offer something new to the world.

There is no page of the Gospel on which there is no place for us. For us Christians, meditating is a way of coming into contact with Jesus. And in this way, only in this way, can we discover ourselves.

In daily life, we can find the Risen One in the faces of our brothers and sisters above all in the poor and those on the fringes. We will be amazed how the greatness of God is revealed in littleness, how his beauty shines forth in the poor and simple.