Mass Times and Intentions for 2nd August 2020

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 1st August
6.30pm   Anne Brennan (A), Frances Brennan (A), John Dillon (5th A), Betty Kelly (3rd A), John Reilly (A)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 2nd August
9.30am   Mary Keogh (Bogside) (A), Maureen Keogh (Cannycourt) (A)

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 2nd August
11.00am   Margaret Talbot (A), Daniel Breslin (A)

Monday 3rd   **Bank Holiday**
11.00am   **Mass at 11am**

Tuesday
9.30am   Mary Prendergast (6th A)

Wednesday
9.30am   Mass

Thursday
9.30am   Liam Sherry (Birthday Remembrance), Mollie Dillon (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday
9.30am   Mass for Living and Deceased

Saturday
10.00am   Mass
6.30pm   Katie Walsh (A), John Walsh (Remembrance)

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Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

The Transformation of the Lord

Lord, I worship You. I am convinced and confident that He who has begun a good work in me will continue to perfect and complete it until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. This word offers me hope that I will continually be transformed spiritually because You want me to be complete and perfected through You. I pray that I will never become stagnant in my growth with You and I thank You in advance for my transformation,

Amen.

"An Ordinary Man who became a Martyr"

Blessed Stanley Rother was beatified in Oklahoma City in September 2017. His ministry ended with his murder in July 1981. In December 2016 Pope Francis recognised the missionary as the first martyr born in the United States.

Father Rother spent 13 years as a missionary in Guatemala. His enormous courage and commitment to his parishioners in the poor village of Santiago Atitlan cost him his life. Answering the call of Pope John XXIII who wanted pastoral outreach to the Church in Central America, he joined a team of clergy and laity at a mission established by the Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

For those thirteen years he worked alongside the villagers in the fields teaching them techniques he learned growing up on the family farm in Oklahoma. He also began translating the New Testament into their native tongue.

He flunked Latin in the seminary, but learned their language so they could hear the word of Christ in their own language. He helped build a 20-bed hospital and a Catholic radio station!

The 1971 to 1981 civil war in Guatemala on during his time there, and the Catholic Church was caught in the middle of the conflict. Missionaries were helping the Mayan Indians by giving them a written language, and forming co-ops so farmers could earn more money. During a civil war, that's seen as subversive.

Missions shrunk to one or two priests, people began to disappear. Journalists, farmers and teachers were dragged from their homes and murdered or kidnapped. Father Rother would scour the countryside looking for the bodies.

Father Rother and Father Pedro Bocel were named on a death list. Father Rother went back to Oklahoma in January but promised to spend Holy Week with his parishioners - "these are my people, the shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger".

He made the house more secure, but three militants broke in, there was a struggle, and two shots ended his life.

July 28 is his feast day - the anniversary of his death in 1981.

Father Niall Mackey

Part-time Higher Diploma in Theological Studies via Blended Learning

Interested in studying Theology in 2020? The one year, part-time Higher Diploma in Theological Studies at St Patrick's College, Maynooth is now offered as a "Blended Learning" programme. Suitable for those with an undergraduate degree in any discipline (or equivalent). The course will run from September to May, with online lectures taking place on Wednesday evenings, complimented with self-directed study.

There will also be 6 residential weekends over the course of the year. More details of the programme are available at: https://maynoothcollege.ie/courses/higherdiploma-in-theological-studies

For admission to the course or other details, please contact Barbara Mahon, at the SPCM - Admissions Office at: admissions@spcm.ie ; +353 (0)1 708-4772

N.B. If COVID-19 restrictions make the weekend residential impossible, these will be held virtually.

Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

Friendship is one of life's gifts and a grace from God. Faithful friends, who stand at our side in times of difficulty, are a reflection of the Lord's love, His gentle and consoling presence in our lives.

When someone offers us a service, we should not think that we deserve everything. Gratitude, appreciation is, first of all, good manners, but it is also a characteristic of a Christian. It is a simple but genuine sign of the Kingdom of God.

Men and women who pray know that hope is stronger than discouragement. They believe that love is more powerful than death, and that love will surely triumph one day, even if it be in times and ways we do not know.

Parish Lotto The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen & Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw** held on Tuesday 28 July 2020 were 9, 17, 27 and 28. 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 €3,800.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Sabina Reddy (Promoter Ger's Fruit & Veg), Mag & Mary O'Connell (Mag O'Connell) and Martha Kelly (May Coyne).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were Vanessa Clarke and Mary Foley and the winner of the Draw for those in the Parish Centre on the night was Anne Brennan.

Lotto takes place on Tuesday at 9.00pm in the Parish Centre and everyone is welcome.

Tickets are €2 each from Lotto Office, Parish Office, and local outlets.

The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto.