

# Mass Times and Intentions for 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020

We remember in our Prayers J.J. Hillery and Elizabeth Keogh who died recently.  
May they Rest in Peace

## Kilcullen Church

**Saturday**                      **Easter Vigil**  
9.00pm                              **Easter Vigil of the Lords Resurrection**

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**      **Easter Sunday**  
11.00am                      Fr Ellis (A), Sheila O'Neill (Months Mind), Mary Farrell (A),  
Sean Byrne( A), James & Margaret Bergin (A), Ann Price (A),  
Rosaleen & Harry McCarney (A),

**Monday 30th**  
10.00am                      Mass

**Tuesday**  
9.30am                              Breda Casey (A)

**Wednesday**  
9.30am                              Mass

**Thursday**  
9.30am                              Mass

**Friday**  
9.30am                              Mass for Living and Deceased

**Saturday**  
10.00am                              Mass

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# Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 12th April, 2020

Easter Sunday



## Easter Sunday Prayer

Lord God,  
You loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord,  
Amen.

Celebrate Easter!

Remember all those plans various groups had in past years looking ahead to this year: "2020 Vision"? Well, here we are.

And here we are at Easter 2020, so what do we do now as a Parish?

There are bundles of Mass Leaflets and the Easter page for younger parishioners and visitors for April in the porch of the Parish House, help yourself.

We're hoping to open the church for the afternoon of Easter Sunday, but we'll need to have a good think about it. If the weather is good we might be able to open both sets of main doors contact-free entry, limited numbers, everybody spread out.

It's a plan, but no promises yet.

The more important promise is the promise of Easter. That page for younger parishioners outlines Easter through headlines: Jesus is Alive!; Is it True? The stone is rolled away.

We celebrate differently this year - but we celebrate!

Father Niall Mackey

According to the parish in Tralee (Co Kerry), the last time the Holy Week ceremonies were suspended was in 1847, on account of the number of burials during the Great Famine. It gives something of the scale of what we are experiencing. For believers, it will indeed be strange not to be in church for Holy Week with the whole community of believers, marking "the great events that give us new life in Christ." Nevertheless, we can indeed celebrate both personally at home and with others through the live streaming of services. The Scriptures readings are especially rich and repay close attention.

You might take a look at our website for Kilcullen Parish  
<https://www.kilcullenparish.com/>

Here you will find a link which will bring you to the services being held in our church. Also, you will see the timetable for these services, the newsletter and a children's page to download

## FURTHER GUIDANCE FOR CORONAVIRUS SITUATION FROM THE ARCHDIOSESE

Holy Thursday, 9<sup>TH</sup> April 2020

1. I wish to support an initiative that asks as a celebration of Easter, and as an act of prayerful solidarity to lift spirits at this time of social isolation, Cathedral and Church bells should ring at 12 noon on Easter Sunday. Where feasible, each parish should, carry out this gesture.
2. The health care authorities have updated their advice concerning funerals.

You can read the updated advice on "Kilcullen Parish" website  
<https://www.kilcullenparish.com/>

Archdiocese of Dublin

A Reconciliation Service will be broadcast live from the Pro Cathedral Dublin this Saturday at 11am. Join via webcam  
[procathedral.ie](http://procathedral.ie) #HolyWeek2020@CatholicBishops

### Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

From the open heart of the Crucified one, God's love reaches each one of us. Let us allow His gaze to rest on us. We will understand that we are not alone, but loved, for the Lord does not abandon us and He never, ever forgets us.

In these holy days let us stand before the Crucified One and let us ask for the grace to live in order to serve. May we reach out to those who are suffering and those most in need. May we not be concerned about what we lack, but what good we can do for others.

There are always times in life when we fall, each one of us is a sinner. But what matters is our attitude before God. We ask for the grace to persevere in service and, when we fall, the grace to weep as Peter wept.

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