

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Registered Charity Number 20016166

Second Sunday of Christmas

2 January 2002

It's late December as I write this - 1,500 years after the birth of Saint Columba.

He left Ireland under a shadow in 563, sailed for Scotland and eventually settled in Iona.

This was a most unpromising beginning for one of the most important missionary careers in the history of Christianity. Like Patrick before him (who had arrived in Ireland without any episcopal oversight, or any institutional support), Columba and his friends used political rather than religious connections - a local king presented Iona to Columba as a gift.

Taking the Gospel to the Picts was a challenging mission, but one that many Irish monks would have understood. It was only a century since Palladius, Patrick and other missionaries had arrived in Ireland to communicate the Gospel in a culture with an unfamiliar language that seemed entirely content with its traditional beliefs. Less than three generations later those who had accepted their strange new teaching were taking the Gospel into similar situations elsewhere.

The other side of the mountains, inland, was an opportunity for Columba. With a small group of friends, he rowed up the lochs of the Great Glen, moving ever further from Christian civilisation and ever deeper into the land of the Picts, proclaiming Jesus like the Apostles and the other early Christians.

Don't overlook Columba! And Happy New Year.

Father Niall Mackey

Mass Times and Intentions for 2nd January 2022

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 1st Jan World Day of Prayer for Peace

11.00am Tom Landers (1st A)

6.30pm Marion Callan (A)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 2nd Jan

9.30am Margaret Conlan (A)

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 2nd Jan

11.00am Mary Howard (10th A)

Monday 3rd Jan

10.00am Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Mass

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

Vigil Mass

7.30pm Tom Dillon (A)

Thursday

9.30am Holy Day of Obligation

Mary Caplis (A)

Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased

Saturday

10.00am Peter Lynch (1st A)

6.30pm Kathleen Kenny & her daughter Anne Langan (A)

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish**

Lotto Draw held on Tuesday 28th December were 7, 17, 19 and 27. 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 €12,800.

The winners of the €50 open draws were Ronan Murray (Promoter Vivian Clarke), Gillian Lambe (Kilcullen Credit Union) and Patricia Dowling (Mags O'Connell). The winners of the Promoters Draw were P.J. Lydon and Anne Brennan.

The Parish thanks all who supported the Lotto in 2021 and takes this opportunity to wish all Customers and Promoters a Happy New Year.

The next Lotto Draw will take place at 8pm on Tuesday night.

The lotto draw is open to the Public.

Masks and Vaccine Certificates are mandatory.

The Parish office will be re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2022

Diary Week 3rd January 2021

Monday 3rd Jan

8.00pm AA meeting

Tuesday 4th Jan

8.00pm Parish Lotto Draw