

Mass Times and Intentions for 6th March 2021

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 6th March

- 10.00am Tim and Stasia Orford (A), Paddy and Kathy Bolger (A),
John Domican (A), Frank Russell (A) & deceased members of
the Russell family (Remembrance)
- 6.30pm Kate Keogh (Month's Mind), Sheila O'Neill (1st A), Christy Malone (A),
Kay Byrne (Gormanstown) (A),

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 7th March No Mass due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Kilcullen Church

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- 11.00am Madge Clarke (Months Mind), Pat Carroll (1st A), Mary Keane (3rd A),
Kay Byrne (Gormanstown) (A) John Meehan (A), John Domican (A),
Kathleen Tuohy(A), Harry & Mary McCarney (A),
James & Mary Bergin (A), Jean and Paddy Kelly (A).

Monday

- 9.30am Mass

Tuesday

- 9.30am Mass

Wednesday

- 9.30am Mary Keane (A)

Thursday

- 9.30am Mass

Friday

- 9.30am Mass for Living and Deceased

Saturday

- 10.00am Mass

- 6.30pm Geraldine Clifford O'Dwyer (A), Pat Hughes (A), Hugh Talt (A)

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Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 7th March, 2021

3rd Sunday of Lent

The Fast Life

- Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.
Fast from negatives;
Feast on encouragement.
Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.
Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that
overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith.

- Author Unknown



Who Wants to Go to Iraq this Week?

The Pope goes to Iraq on Friday (I'm writing this on Wednesday).

Pope Francis and his aides are well aware of the security and health risks involved with this trip. "The best way to interpret this journey is as an act of love, an act of love for this land, for this people, for its Christians" said the director of the Vatican press office, Matteo Bruni.

Iraq is a diverse place, permanently divided between different communities (Shia, Sunni, Kurds, Christians, Yazidis), each with their own religious or ethnic culture. Each community carefully guarded its identity and traditions.

Pope Francis will visit the main church in Qaraqosh, its wall blackened by fire, and the former Christian enclaves in Mosul. The exodus of Christians continues unabated.

Travelling while the coronavirus pandemic is continuing (and worsening in Iraq) and at a time when sporadic acts of terrorist violence have increased slightly is a measure of the pope's consideration and attention.

All of the precautions have been taken from a health point of view, Bruni said, with the pope and everyone travelling with him (including about 70 members of the media) having been vaccinated against the virus by the Vatican. The only event scheduled with more than 200 people is a Mass on Sunday 7 March in a stadium in Irbil, which seats 30,000 people, but fewer than 10,000 free tickets were printed.

Father Niall Mackey

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 8th March 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.

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. 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

Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

Tomorrow I will go to [#Iraq](#) for a three-day pilgrimage. I have long wanted to meet those people who have suffered so much. I ask you to accompany this apostolic journey with your prayers, so it may unfold in the best possible way and bear hoped-for fruits.

[#Lent](#) is a time to believe, or rather to receive God into our life so that we may "make our home with Him"