

Mass Times and Intentions for 12th July 2020

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 11th July

6.30pm Brigid Aspell (Sunnyhill) (6th A), Paddy McMahon (10th A),
John & Catherine Brady (A)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 12th July

9.30am William Keogh (A)

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 12th July

11.00am Joy Cullen (Months Mind), Hugh & Elizabeth Talt (A),
John & Jane Irwin (A), Brendan Broughall (A),
Aidan, Jimmy & Gary Britton (A), Bridget Dixon (7th A)

Monday 13th July

9.30am Special Intention

Tuesday

9.30am Holy Souls

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

Thursday

9.30am Mass

Friday

9.30am Mass

Saturday

10.00am Mary Kelly (nee Markey) (10th A), Peter Kelly (46th A)
6.30pm Joe & Mary Ryan A).

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Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 12th July, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 16th July



O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine,
Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God,
Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the
Sea, help me and show me herein that thou art my Mother.
O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth,
I humbly beseech thee, from the depth of my heart, to help me
in this my necessity; there are none that can withstand thy
power. O show me herein that thou art my Mother.
O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse
to thee. (3 times)
Sweet Mother, I place this cause in thy hands. (3 times)

Thought for the Week:

“Pray, hope, and don't worry.”

Padre Pio

Visually Obtrusive

Or should that be “Intrusive”? Either way, many thanks to our Covid teams who prepared the churches for public Mass and who disinfect the churches after each Mass.

A bit of extra work this week: the Saturday 10.00am resumes this weekend.

Anyway, the red tape about the red-and-white tape: we need reminders that the virus is still there, and is no respecter of religious celebrations.

One of the first big localised outbreaks (they came up with the word “hotspot”) in New York State was in New Rochelle: many hundreds were at a religious funeral, and hundreds were infected by just one person. I was amused when some time ago Israel started a quarantine - arrive in Israel and you're quarantined for fourteen days. Go on a holiday and it's time to come home! But they were right. Very recently they eased the regulations and there were many weddings with many people: families and friends danced and hugged and kissed and sang, infections multiplied and they had to have strict regulation again.

So, you can get the virus from touching a surface. Or breathing it - it's airborne too.

It's a nuisance, but take care of each other. The signage and the tapes in the churches and elsewhere are reminders of that need.

Maybe things can be less intrusive visually fairly soon!

Father Niall Mackey

Come and Study Theology in the Loyola Institute, TCD.

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New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

According to the American mystic, Thomas Merton, the more we try to analyse life, the more we involve ourselves in sadness. “But it does not matter much because no despair of ours can alter the reality of things, or stain the joy of the cosmic dance which is always there. Indeed, we are in the midst of it, and it is in the midst of us, for it beats in our very blood, whether we want it to or not”.

James Finley spent six years at the monastery of Gethsemane, where Thomas Merton was director of novices. He has given a series of insightful online talks and retreats on Merton's spiritual writings. Access them at:

www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

Faith makes us walk with Jesus on the roads of this world, in the certainty that the power of His Spirit will bend the forces of evil, subjecting them to the power of God's love.

On the anniversary of my visit to [#Lampedusa](https://twitter.com/Lampedusa), let us pray that we might discover the face of Jesus in all people forced to flee their homeland because of the many injustices that continue to afflict our world.

Parish Lotto The numbers drawn in the Kilcullen & Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw held on Tuesday 7 July were 2, 8, 10 and 24. There was no Jackpot winner and next week's main prize will again be €18,000. The follow-up Draw fund stands at €3,200. The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Dymphna Murray (Promoter Vivian Clarke), Shane Holohan (Ger's Fruit & Veg Shop), and Stephen McCormack (Breda McCormack).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were Mag O'Connell and Berny's Chemist and the winner of the Draw for those in the Parish Centre on the night was Francesca Broughall. 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.