

Mass Times and Intentions for 22nd May 2021

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 22nd May

10.00am Mass
6.30pm Kathleen Cahill (Month's Mind), Ita Guidera (1st A), Tess O'Rourke (A), Paul Byrne (A), Shay Mackey (A & Birthday Remembrance) and deceased members of the Mackey family, Marie Martin (10th A & Birthday Remembrance), Christopher Fogarty (A), Angela Fogarty (A), Vincent Nolan (3rd A)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday May 23rd Mass

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 23rd May Pentecost Sunday

11.00am Gerry Lambe (1st A), Teresa Howard (A), Richard Kuprelis (Lithuania) who died recently Josephine Calunod who died recently in Philippines (A sister of Jenny & Janette of Curragh Lawn Nursing Home), Sheila Bathe (A) & her Father Patrick Bathe (65th A), Vincent Nolan (3rd A)

Monday
9.30am Mass

Tuesday
9.30am Kathleen O'Connor (A), Thomas O'Connor (A)

Wednesday
9.30am Sean Phelan (5th A), Conleth Sweeney (4th A)

Thursday
9.30am Mass

Friday
9.30am Mass for the Living and the Deceased

Saturday
10.00am Mass
6.30pm Vera Berney (Month's Mind), Lauri Carroll (3rd A), Daisy Lennon (A), Mary Archbold (59th A), David Browne (A)

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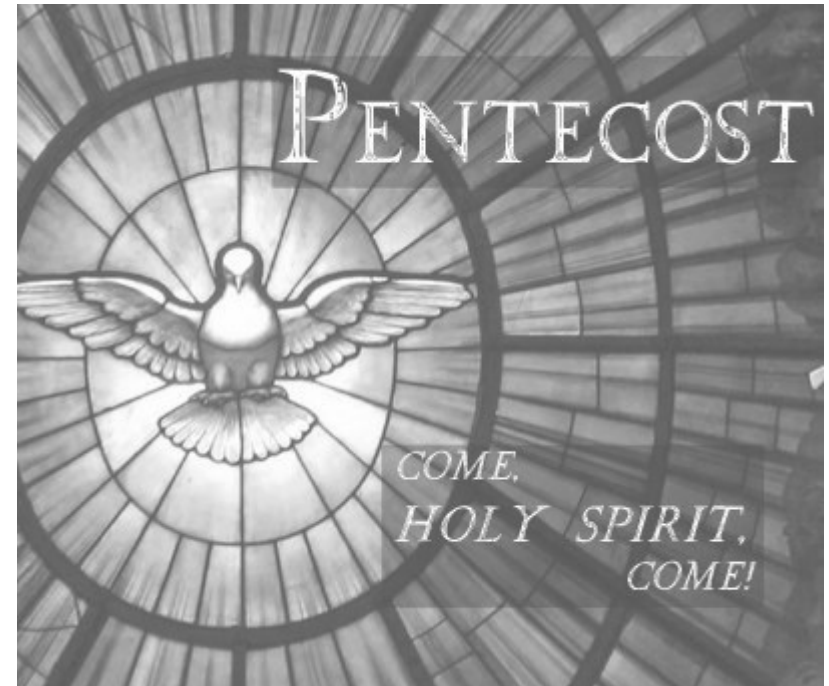
Live video from church: www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/kilcullen/

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 23rd May, 2021

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost Prayer

Again, our hearts were tasked with faith—
a promise made by Jesus.
Another gift was soon to come,
right after he would leave us.

The Holy Spirit would visit soon.
The disciples lit by fire.
Behold the birthday of our Church—
these events that did inspire.

And from this day, the path was set
of many tongues, so all could get
the Word of God, for all to hear
to spread our faith, both far and near.

There's a Hole in the Roof!

The Pantheon in Rome has a hole in the roof - that's the way the structure is. (Look it up online - you can see the hole.) It was built as a pagan temple to all the gods, hence its name. Now a Catholic church (Basilica of St Mary and the Martyrs), it's still better known by its old name.

(The Pantheon in Paris was planned as a Catholic church named for Saint Genevieve but was transformed into a mausoleum - the French Revolution had started by the time the church was finished. In the nineteenth century it was restored to church use - twice! but now it's a mausoleum again.)

But back to Rome. What happens when it rains? They mop up the water! I hope it stays fine on Sunday, because on Pentecost some people go up on the roof to release a shower of red rose petals through the hole and down into the church, symbolising the Holy Spirit descending on the first Christians that first Pentecost. What a great tradition!

On Sunday remember your Confirmation and your Baptism - and remember what each means to you.

Father Niall Mackey

Are you, or someone you know, looking for a preschool place this September? Places are now available in the new preschool at Brannoxtown Community National School (W91 NY67), managed by Busy Fingers Creche. Participation in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme is free-of-charge for all children of preschool age. Children can participate in the ECCE Scheme from 2 years and 8 months and continue until they transfer to primary school (up to 5 years and 6 months at the end of the preschool year). The service is three hours daily, 9am to 12noon. To apply, parents can complete and return the form available at: www.brannoxtowncns.ie/busy-fingers/

Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy & Holy Land. For more information or to register your interest please visit www.marian.ie or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159

Diary Week 24th May 2021

The Kilcullen & Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw will resume on Tuesday 15th June.

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 €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 reopen to the public
Opening hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am – 1pm and 2pm - 4pm
Tuesday & Thursday 10am – 1 pm

SOS Prayerline 083-3377897 Monday-Friday 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Rosary @ The Grotto 7.30pm every evening in May

Wider Options - September 2021 - Now Enrolling. Wider Options is a one-year, mature adult education programme, suitable for people who have been out of the workplace and wish to upskill or move out of low paid employment. Core classes are from 9 to 1pm Monday to Friday and would, therefore, suit people who have school going children. There are no tuition fees for EU citizens. You are invited to attend an **online Information Meeting on Wednesday 26th May @ 10am.**

For further information and a link to the meeting please email the course coordinator on MCurley@stconlethcc365.ie or contact the school secretary on (045) 431417. All are welcome

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.

Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

In these days of preparation for the Solemnity of [#Pentecost](#), let us ask the Lord to send us the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we may persevere in our life of [#prayer](#) with humility and joy, overcoming difficulties with wisdom and determination.