

# Mass Times and Intentions for 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

We remember in our prayers Joan O'Connell  
who died recently.  
May she Rest in Peace

## Kilcullen Church

### Saturday 22nd August

10.00am John Brady (Glasnevin) Remembrance  
6.30pm Nancy O'Neill (Month's Mind), Anna May Brady (Month's Mind),  
Niall Browne (4<sup>th</sup> A), Alfie Browne (8<sup>th</sup> A)  
and deceased members of the Browne family.  
Elizabeth Dempsey Duff (7<sup>th</sup> A) and Ned Dempsey (Remembrance),  
Ann Callan (A).

## Kilcullen Church

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

11.00am Paddy Maloney (A), Danny O'Sullivan (A) Gormanstown.

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Bernadette Bowen (A)

### Tuesday

9.30am George Phelan (A)

### Wednesday

9.30am Sile McCann (Victoria, Australia) recently deceased

### Thursday

9.30am Olivia Keaveney James (4<sup>th</sup> A) Keaveney and Abbey families

### Friday

9.30am Mass for Living and Deceased

### Saturday

6.30pm Breda Coffey (A), Don Broe (A), Maisie Broe (A)

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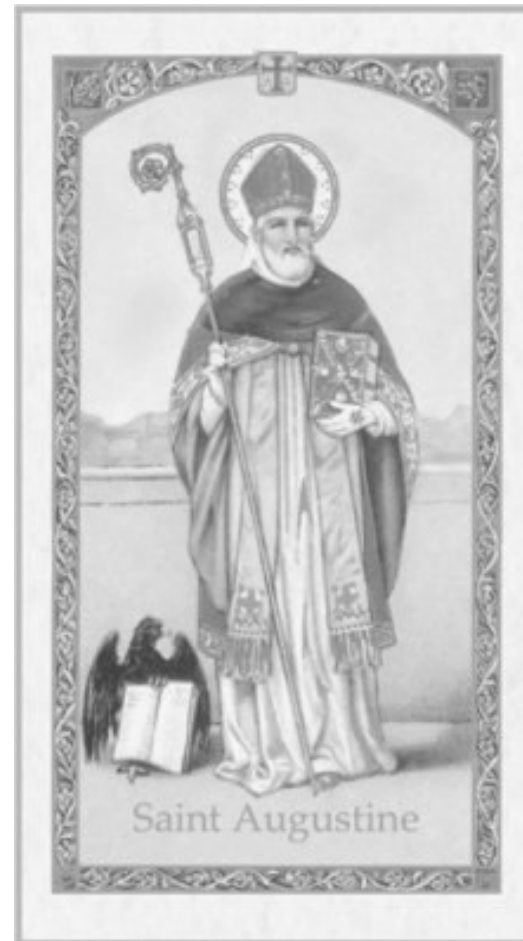
# Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 23rd August, 2020

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Augustine 28th August



Lord, I commit my  
failures as well as my  
successes  
into your hands,  
and I bring for your  
healing the people and  
the situations,  
the wrongs and the  
hurts of the past.

Give me courage,  
strength and generosity  
to let go and move on,  
leaving the past behind  
me, and living the present  
to the full.

Lead me always to be  
positive  
as I 'entrust the past to  
your mercy,  
the present to your love,  
and the future to your  
providence'.

Source: Attributed to  
[St. Augustine](#) of Hippo,  
354-430

## Saint John Wick!

### That headline got me to read about Saint Olga.

That heading was an introduction to Saint Olga. She was queen from 945 to 960, and she died in 969. Her capital city was Kiev. (There's a series of John Wick films, he's an effective killer - "I once saw him kill three men in a bar. With a pencil!")

Olga married Prince Igor I of Kyiv and their son was Svyatoslav. Igor was under the guardianship of Oleg. When Oleg died a local tribe stop paying tribute and gave it instead to a local war lord. Igor's larger army persuaded them to pay tribute but on his way home Igor wanted more. He went back with a small escort and was murdered. Maybe he was badly tortured before he was killed.

Now Olga was queen - her three-year-old son was too young to rule. That tribe sent a messenger to Olga proposing she marry her husband's murderer. Twenty negotiators boated to Kiev to pass on their king's message. They were told to return to their boat but come back the next day to be honoured. When they came back they were carried into the court inside in the boat, dropped into a trench dug the night before, and buried alive. Then she asked that 'their distinguished men' be sent to Kiev so she could go to their Prince with due honour. She killed them too!

She sent another message to them, to prepare a feast so she could weep for her husband and hold a funeral for him. When they were all drunk, she had them killed, followed up by a general massacre. Then she went back to Kiev for her army. She besieged their city for a year, then negotiated a settlement which was a trick to burn the city. The inhabitants fled, were killed, enslaved, or were left behind to pay tribute.

Then she ruled effectively as queen. In the 950s she went to Constantinople and became a Christian, taking the name Helena. Her son wouldn't become a Christian, but stopped persecuting converts. Her grandson Vladimir adopted Christianity in 988. In 1547 the Russian Orthodox named her a saint. In the Catholic Church her feast day is 11 July.

Father Niall Mackey

## Season of Creation

### 1 September – 4 October 2020 – (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)

*"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years," Pope Francis*

Pope Francis has declared 1<sup>st</sup> September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

This year's annual resource pack to mark the Season of Creation 2020 includes podcasts, liturgical resources, a leaflet, prayers and reflections, recommended reading and information on the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si'. These resources have been prepared by the CCO, the Laudato Si' Working Group of the Council for Catechetics, Trócaire, the Council for Justice and Peace and the Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development and can be found at:

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2020/07/15/season-of-creation-2020/>

#### Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

It is not the wealthy who bear fruit in life, but those who build and maintain many friendships through various "riches", namely, through the various gifts God has given them.

**Parish Lotto** The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen & Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw** held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were 18, 20, 24, 27. There was no Jackpot winner and next week's Main prize will again be €18,000.

The follow-up draw fund stands at €4,400

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Judith Matthews (Promoter Martina Clifford), Nancy Fitzpatrick (Nancy Fitzpatrick), Sean Dunne (Mick Dunne).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were Mick Dunne and Anne Brennan .

There was no draw for those in the Parish Centre, as nobody was allowed be there due to the current restrictions.

Lotto takes place on Tuesday at 9.00pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets are €2 each from Lotto Office, Parish Office, and local outlets.

Due to the new restrictions in place for Kildare, the **Kilcullen & Gormanstown Parish Lotto** must limit those attending the Tuesday night Draws to six people only.

An independent observer will be present.

The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto.