

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Registered Charity Number 20016166

It Was Easier Then

Some years ago I was appointed to Kilcullen Parish, and when I arrived here Father Harte made the transfer from my previous parish easy, covering some of my duties here while I was moving my stuff - no matter where you're moving from or moving to, it's all a nuisance! Change of address for all correspondence, magazine subscriptions re-addressed too. After moving, there's the settling in. Getting in to the new routine, finding my way around ("Do you know Hillcrest?" "No." "Do you know Centra?" "No."). For so many things, what is obvious now was puzzling then.

Why am I going on about this?

It's about the Ukrainians we are welcoming and caring for in Kilcullen. Think of the contrasts. They come from challenges we can hardly imagine, and when they arrive they face new challenges. When I was in Primary School there were refugee children. a German and a Belgian in my class, and there were German girls in my sisters' school. They mightn't have known English when they came, but they knew the alphabet - many Ukrainians know only the Cyrillic alphabet.

So. Get to know Kilcullen and the people of Kilcullen. Learn English and a new alphabet. Hope that your family can be reunited whether in Kilcullen or elsewhere. Mourn family and friends whom none of us here knew. Treasure your heritage while sharing in ours. Understand that we have no real idea of the horrors you might have faced.

As I said at the start, it was infinitely easier for me moving here.

But Ukrainians: know that you are welcome in Kilcullen!

Father Niall Mackey

Prayers for World Peace during Lent 3pm to 4pm on Sundays in Church of the Sacred Heart & St Brigid, Kilcullen.
Divine mercy Chaplet & Rosary. All Welcome.

Diary Week 28th March 2022

Monday 28th March

8.00pm AA meeting

Tuesday 29th March

10.30am Arthritis Group

10.30am Suas Knitting Group

7.00pm Legion of Mary

8.00pm Parish Lotto Draw

Wednesday 30th

10am Baby & Toddler Group

7.00pm Wednesday Bridge Club

Thursday 31st

12pm Chair Yoga

6.30pm Irish Dancing

Friday 1st April

9.30am New Abbey Bridge Club

New Members welcome to Parish Choir on Sunday Mornings at 11am

Mass Times and Intentions for 27th March 2022

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 26th March

6.30pm Tom Byrne (1st A), Vera Farrell (3rd A),
Nuala, Marcella, Richard and Michael Browne (A),
Shay Finglas (A), Maisie Broe (A),

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 27th March

9.30am Mass

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 27th March

11.00am Betty Duffy (Month's Mind),

Monday 28th March

9.30a Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Mass

11.00am Confirmation Scoil Bhride

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9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased

11.00am Confirmation Scoil Bhride

Saturday

10.00am Mass

6.30pm Joe Murray (A)

The **Synod Assemblies for Kilcullen Parish** will be held in St Brigid's National School on Thursday 31st March and Tuesday 5th April 2022. Two questions will be addressed each night.

All questions begin the same way:

"When you think of your experience of church ..."

Q1 ... *what brings joy?*

Q2 ... *what brings sorrow?*

Q3 ... *what brings hope?*

Q4 ... *what brings fear or anxiety?*

Both nights will begin at 7.30pm and, it is expected, will take no more the 90 minutes. All are welcome, including those who no longer go to church on a regular basis, or at all, for whatever reason.

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish lotto Draw held on 15th March** were 22 March 2022 were 2, 6, 10 and 30.

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 €15,200.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Ivan Keatley (Promoter Miriam McDonnell), Lorraine Hegarty Kelly (Ger Kelly) and Marie Brennan (Kay Dixon).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were Kilcullen Credit Union and Fr Mackey.

The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto.

The next Lotto Draw will take place at 8pm on Tuesday night and is open to the public.

Special Collection for Ukraine: The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on the weekend of 26/27 March This will replace the normal share Collection. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.