

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

Sunday 21st February, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Families in South Sudan need your support now more than ever. Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on www.trocaire.org and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

By collecting a Trócaire box *from the back of the Church*

Online at www.trocaire.org

By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

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.

Mass is broadcast each day on

Radio: FM107

Webcam: : www.mcimedia.tv/camera/kilcullen/

That Ship has Sailed!

Imagine you're in a shipyard. It's the most important day in quite a while. This particular special ship is going to be launched today - launched the old-fashioned way, sliding down the slipway. (I met a Belfast man years ago who told me that when he was a boy he saw the Titanic going down - he meant going down the ways, not sinking.)

Anyway, they're all ready. The platform with the microphones is high up just in front of the bow of the ship, the shipowner's wife is there to name the ship. The chairman of the shipbuilder's is there, the Union reps are there, they've removed much of the material stabilising the ship preparing for the launch.

Consternation! No champagne! "You can't launch the ship without the bottle of champagne!" Well, you'll have to launch very soon or we'll lose control of the ship. We can use two bottles for the next ship!

So here we are on the First Sunday of Lent. How's it going so far? Like that imaginary ship, we couldn't have the proper formalities of the Ash Wednesday formal launching of Lent. But Lent is focussed on Easter: the Ash Wednesday prayers remind us of that.

And here we are. That ship has sailed. Maybe next year everyone will get two lots of blessed ashes!

Father Niall Mackey

Mass Times and Intentions for 20th February 2021

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 20th Feb

10.00am Michael Fitzpatrick (6th A)

6.30pm Claire Byrne (nee Cogan) (A)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 21st February No Mass due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 21st Feb.

11.00am Conor Walsh (A),
Michael Fitzpatrick (6th A),

John Reddy (Whitehall) (30th A),

Laurence Bathe (A),

Catherine Bagnall (A)

Monday

9.30am Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Holy Souls

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

Thursday

9.30am Mass

Friday

9.30am Mass for Living and Deceased

Saturday

10.00am Mass

6.30pm Mass

There will be no AA Meetings in the Parish Centre for the month of February due to Government restrictions.

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

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.

Prayers for Lent













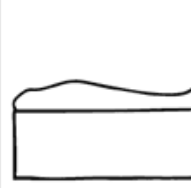
The Stations of the Cross (traditional form)

The Stations of the Cross are often called The Way of the Cross (via Crucis) and the form that we have them today with their 14 stations or stopping places originated in Spain in the first part of the 17th century, and the devotion was very popular among Franciscan communities. Prior to this time the Way of the Cross was commemorated as far back as the 13th century when St Bernard of Clairvaux, St Boniface and St Francis of Assisi first laid down a form of via Crucis.

An opening prayer is used and then as we announce each Station the verse "We adore you O Christ" is said followed by a short meditation and prayer. Silence can also be kept. In between each Station there can be silence, or a verse from a suitable hymn can be sung or said. Verses from the Stabat Mater (At the Cross her station keeping) are often used. At the conclusion of the Stations, there is a closing prayer and it is traditional to offer prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

**I love you Jesus my love above all things
I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.
Never to permit me to separate myself from you again.
Grant that I may love you always
And then do with me what you will.**

<p>First Station</p>  <p>Jesus is condemned to death</p>	<p>Second Station</p>  <p>Jesus receives the Cross</p>	<p>Third Station</p>  <p>Jesus falls the first time</p>
<p>Fourth Station</p>  <p>Jesus is met by his Blessed Mother</p>	<p>Fifth Station</p>  <p>The Cross is laid upon Simon of Cyrene</p>	<p>Sixth Station</p>  <p>Veronica wipes the face of Jesus</p>
<p>Seventh Station</p>  <p>Jesus falls the second time</p>	<p>Eighth Station</p>  <p>The women of Jerusalem mourn for our Lord</p>	<p>Ninth Station</p>  <p>Jesus falls the third time</p>
<p>Tenth Station</p>  <p>Jesus is stripped of his garments</p>	<p>Eleventh Station</p>  <p>Jesus is nailed to the Cross</p>	<p>Twelfth Station</p>  <p>Jesus dies on the Cross</p>
<p>Thirteenth Station</p>  <p>Jesus is taken down from the Cross</p>	<p>Fourteenth Station</p>  <p>Jesus is laid in the sepulchre</p>	