

# Mass Times and Intentions for 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Kilcullen Church

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July

10.00am Mass  
6.30pm Brigid Aspell (A).

## Gormanstown Church

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July Joan Birchall (1<sup>st</sup> A),

### Kilcullen Church

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July

11.00am Paddy Mc Mahon (A), William Keogh (A)

#### Monday

9.30am Tom Quinn (U.K.) (Recently deceased)

#### Tuesday

9.30am 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration

#### Wednesday

9.30am Michael Nolan (A) & his son Michael (Birthday Remembrance), Holy Souls & special Intention.

#### Thursday

9.30am Mass

#### Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased

#### Saturday

10.00am Mass

6.30pm Nancy O'Neill (1<sup>st</sup> A), Joe and Mary Ryan (A)

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# Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Registered Charity Number 20016166

Sunday 11th July, 2021

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time



**O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.**

**O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succour me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.**

**O, show me herein you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)  
Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)**

**"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."**

*Mother Teresa*

## **Religion is good for your health!**

I read during the week: Another book about religion and mental health - "The Awakened Brain", or The Psychology of Spirituality and Our Search for Meaning". It's by a psychologist who has spent years working on the association between the two. Lisa Miller - the author - tells that in 2012 she and her team at Columbia University first looked at MRI scans from patients with a high and low genetic risk of depression - because this, like so much else has a hereditary component. But respondents were also asked whether religion and spirituality were important to them.

The results made the sceptical team fall silent: "The high-spiritual brain was healthier and more robust than the non-spiritual brain. And the high-spiritual brain was thicker and stronger in exactly the same regions that weaken and wither in depressed brains."

Dr Patricia Casey of UCD has done work not just on the association between spirituality and mental health but on the far more interesting question of religion and mental health - so, on the link between active religious observance (such as going to Mass) and better outcomes when it comes to depression. And it's not simply what you'd expect from any social activity (choir, book club, knitting group).

Actively religious people have better mental health than secular people. The article, by Melanie McDonagh in The Tablet, obviously expands on that idea - this is just the introduction but I thought I'd share it with you.

Also as I write this we're in the middle of the week when we were due to have Confirmation: once again, our Confirmation candidates and their families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Stay well.

**Father Niall Mackey**

## **Diary Week 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

8.00pm AA meeting

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

9.00pm Lotto Draw (Public cannot attend)

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw** held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were 7, 15, 21 and 25. 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 €7,800.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Peter Mac Sully (Promoter Ann Sully), Eugene Hall (Miriam McDonnell), and May and Kevin Keogh (Eileen Doyle).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were Kathy Flynn and Fr Michael Murphy.

The Parish thanks all those who support the Lotto.

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

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

I am touched by the many caring messages received in these days. I thank everyone for their closeness and prayer.

Like Jesus's fellow villagers, we risk not recognising him. An abstract and distant god who doesn't get himself involved in situations is more comfortable. God incarnated Himself: humble, tender, hidden, drawing near to us, living the normality of our daily life.

In the [#GospelOfTheDay](#) (Mk 6:1-6), Jesus invites us to have eyes and hearts free of prejudices and open to be amazed at God's surprises, at His humble and hidden presence in daily life.

May the night of conflicts recede before a new dawn of hope. May hostilities cease, disagreements fade away, and Lebanon once more radiate the light of peace.