

Mass Times and Intentions for 24th April 2021
We remember in our prayers Kathleen Cahill who died
during the week. May she rest in Peace.

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 25th April, 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 24th April

10.00am Special Intention
 6.30pm (Vigil) Tom Byrne (Month's Mind),
 Tommy Skehan (A), Paddy Nugent (16th A),
 John Tyrrell (A), John Farrell (A), Rory Mackey (A)
 John and Betty Domican (Birthday Remembrance)
 Helen Mallon (Birthday Remembrance)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 25th April No Mass due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 25th April Vocations Sunday

11.00am Patrick Dowling (A), Gerry Clarke (A).

Monday

9.30am Philomena Berney (Sunnyside) (41st A)

Tuesday

9.30am David Farmer (14th A)

Wednesday

9.30am Chris Abbey (1st A)

Thursday

9.30am Finbar O'Mahony (1st A)

Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and the Deceased

Saturday

10.00am Mass
 6.30pm Nora Kelly (A),

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**O Saint Catherine of Siena,
 God our Father enkindled
 the flame of holy love in
 your heart as you
 meditated on the Passion
 of Jesus His Son. Moved
 by His grace, you devoted
 your life to the poor and
 the sick, as well as to the
 peace and unity of the
 Church. Through your
 intercession, may we also
 come to know the love of
 Jesus, bring His
 compassion to all, and
 work for the unity of His
 Church. We ask this in
 Jesus' Name and for His
 sake. God, You caused
 St. Catherine to shine
 with Divine love in the
 contemplation of the
 Lord's Passion and in the
 service of Your Church.
 By her help, grant that
 Your people, associated in
 the mystery of Christ,
 may ever exult in the
 revelation of His glory.
 Amen.**

A Good Catholic in his Own Way

That's the title of an article in The Tablet about Hans Küng who died on 6 April. "(Pope Benedict) knows I am an honest person. And I think he knows very well that I am a good Catholic in my own way and that I am not alone at all (in my views)." (From a 2012 interview.)

A priest of the diocese of Basel, he served for a few months in a parish in Lucerne, then a doctorate in Rome followed by studies in Louvain and Paris. He completed his study of justification, the key doctrinal divergence between sixteenth-century Reformers and Catholic teaching.

Reading about him, his sense of humour appears - it's less evident in his theological works.

Pope Benedict and Hans Küng were both expert advisers to bishops at the Vatican Council. They shared unease in the outcome of the Council, but collaborated in establishing an international journal - Concilium - to continue the work of the Council. Küng became a professor at Tübingen: when a vacancy occurred he proposed his friend Joseph Ratzinger and were colleagues for a number of years, colleagues but very different characters.

After the student revolt of 1968 their paths diverged. Küng kept writing (more than 70 books!): "in the 1950s I dealt with the problems of personal existence and justification; in the 1960s the problem of the Church, renewal and ecumenism; in the 1970s the basis of Christianity; in the 1980s Christianity and world religions; and in the 1990s ethics". And other books including one on Thomas More and one on Mozart!

For many years his views were censured by Vatican authorities. When it was evident he hadn't long to live, Pope Francis sent greetings and blessings in Christian communion. Hans was overjoyed: it was important for him. He now felt reconciled with the Church and with Pope Francis.

Father Niall Mackey

Trócaire boxes and Trócaire envelopes can be dropped to the parish centre on Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th April between 12.30pm and 1pm.

The parish centre is currently closed to the public so we will take these at the door.

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Diary Week 26th April 2021

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.

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.

Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

The fullness of life and of joy is found by giving oneself for the Gospel and for our brothers and sisters, with openness, welcoming and goodness.

We have broken the bonds of our relationship with the Creator, with our fellow human beings, and with the rest of creation. We need to heal the damaged relationships that are essential to supporting us and the entire fabric of life.

Let us not abandon the simple prayers we learned in our families as children that we preserve in our memories and hearts. They are sure ways to access the Father's heart.