

Mass Times and Intentions for 19th April 2020

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 18th April

10.00am Teresa Hilliard (A)
6.30pm Pauline McCabe (recently deceased)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 18th April No Mass in Gormanstown Today due to Covid-19

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 19th April

11.00am Patrick & Catherine Bagnall (A), Mary Clarke (A), Billy Clifford (2nd A)
Sarah Lambe (A), Stephen & Margaret Byrne (A)

Monday 20th

9.30am Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Mass

Wednesday

9.30am John Dowdall (A), and his parents Mary & Thomas Dowdall (Remembrance)

Thursday

9.30am Betty Domican (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday

9.30am Mass

Saturday

10.00am Mass
6.30pm Mass

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Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 19th April, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

Jesus, I Trust in You

Prayer by Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

Second Sunday of Easter

Thank You!

Because of your previous contributions to the Parish, we're all right for now. We're saving for the new roof but we can use some of those funds to keep going.

The Archbishop of New York said that many of his parishes were like families living from one pay cheque to the next, living on this week's collection - but there's no collection!

We thought we wouldn't say anything about our finances until people had a chance to stabilise in the pandemic, and many have more urgent needs than contributing to the parish right now.

You know our various collections: the priests' collection and the Share collection at Mass, the shrine candles, the envelopes, the standing orders from your bank, the Parish Lotto. Well, there's still the standing orders!

This is true: a parishioner asked how he could make his contribution. If we find out how to do it, we might put a Donate button on the website for contributions to the parish (not to the clergy).

Maybe another Donate button for contributions to the diocesan clergy (not just to us).

What about the needs of the diocese? dublindiocese.ie has its own Donate button.

So, remember the urgent needs you hear about from charities that can't fundraise at the moment - but no harm to keep us on your list too!

Father Niall Mackey

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

The worldwide Jesuit online phenomenon that is 'Sacred Space' has introduced a 14 day 'Isolation' retreat specifically for the Coronavirus crisis. The retreat is structured around themes loosely based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius.

Each day has a specific theme, a preparatory prayer, an introduction to the themes, three related scripture quotes, some questions for reflection and a closing prayer. People can use this resource in a number of ways:

- follow the programme for the 14 days;
- dip into the themes that speak to you, for example the meditation on fear;
- or use the meditations as daily prayer.

It can be used in any of these ways to get reassurance that God is with you during this difficult time, to deepen your prayer life or to provide a safe space away from worry and anxiety. Access this valuable spiritual resource at www.newpilgrimpath.ie

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COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of 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.

Nichola Kennedy Optometrist—045-484643

If you are or know someone who is experiencing any significant vision problems such as sudden loss of vision, eye discomfort, red eye, flashing light, back spots in vision we are at the end of the phone to advise them.

We can also help with repairs to glasses and replacements.

Routine eyecare is postponed until the covid crisis situation improves.

Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

The joy of the Lord is your strength (Neh 8:10). The joy of the Lord is the great strength we possess which drives us to continue being witnesses of life. Today let us ask for the grace of this joy, which is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Let us [#PrayTogether](https://twitter.com/PrayTogether) for pharmacists. They are working hard, together with doctors and nurses, to help the sick get better.

Let us [#PrayTogether](https://twitter.com/PrayTogether) for the elderly, especially those who are isolated or in rest homes and are afraid of dying alone. They are our roots. They gave us the faith, tradition, and a sense of belonging. Let us pray that the Lord might be near to them.

God's faithfulness is a patient fidelity to His people. God listens, guides, explains slowly, and kindles the heart as He did with the two disciples who had travelled far from Jerusalem: He made their hearts burn so they would return home.