

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Registered Charity Number 20016166

No Big Deal?

Lent has started. Or we've begun Lent? There's a difference: Lent just happens, or we're involved in Lent. 46 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter - 40 days plus the six Sundays of Lent.

Ash Wednesday no big deal? It's the other end of Lent, Easter, that's important. Ash Wednesday gets its value as a prominent launch day of our preparation time for Easter. And Easter is a big deal!

Time for a change: a change inside each of us, signified by our accepting the ashes and by whatever extra we do for Lent. "Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn, turn to the Lord your God again" the prophet Joel says in the first reading in Ash Wednesday's Mass.

Reflecting on Lent? The booklet Return to Me with All your Heart" by Gerard Gallagher is useful (Woodbine Books stock it).

St Patrick's Day? Woodbine also stock Joseph Duffy's great translation of St Patrick's writings: "Patrick in his own Words". (There's more than one Joseph Duffy!)

Both are a good preparation for Easter, and that's what Lent is about.

Father Niall Mackey

Diary Week 7th March 2022

Monday 7th March

8.00pm AA meeting

Tuesday 8th March

10.30am Arthritis Group

10.30am Suas Knitting Group

7.00pm Legion of Mary

8.00pm Parish Lotto Draw

Wednesday 9th March

10.00am Toddler & Baby Group

Thursday 10th March

12.00n Chair Yoga

6.30pm Irish Dancing

7.30pm Gathering of Synod Group Leaders

"Alpha is a way which leads people to Jesus, the real Jesus, the living Jesus." Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher to the Papal Household, has said. Bayside Alpha invites you to take part in a 12-week Zoom course exploring the basics of Christian faith in a friendly, open and welcoming environment where you can share with other people. The course is for an hour each week and starts on Wednesday the 9th of March at 7.30pm. To find out more or register your interest email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

Mass Times and Intentions for 6th March 2022

We remember in our prayers Elizabeth (Betty) Duffy whose funeral took place during the week. May she rest in peace.

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 5th March

10.00am Tim and Stasia Orford (A), Katty and Paddy Bolger (A), Mary Keane (4th A).

6.30pm Maisie Cardiff (Month's Mind), Patty Dunne (1st A), Jean and Patrick Kelly (A), Paul Kenny (Birthday Remembrance), John Domican (A).

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 6th March

9.30am Peter Keogh (10th A), Kay Byrne (A), Baby Orla Curley (Remembrance)

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11.00am James Mackey (10th A), John Meehan (A).

Monday 7th March

9.30am Teresa Jones (A), Michael (Mike) Nolan (7th A)

Tuesday 8th March

9.30am Mass

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

Thursday

9.30am Mary Keane (4th A)

Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased

Saturday

10.00am Mass

6.30pm Geraldine Clifford O'Dwyer (A), Pat Hughes (A), Christy Malone (A), Sr Mary Margaret O'Grady (A) her Parents, Brothers and Sisters (Remembrance)

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish lotto Draw held on Tuesday** 1st March 2022 were 14, 19, 28 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 €14,600.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Justin Nolan (Promoter Kathy Flynn), Gavin Coyne (May Coyne) and Gay Harris (May Coyne).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were Vanessa Clarke and Mick Dunne.

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.

The annual church gate collection for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland, Kildare Branch, is scheduled to take place on weekend of 12th & 13th March 2022.