

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Registered Charity Number 20016166

Up the Walls!

Well, not quite.

An architect called to us today Thursday, to help us plan progress on the roof. A small roof on the south-east corner of the church - the sacristy entrance - was repaired, and guttering replaced. The new guttering had to match the old, a foundry in Athy was able to provide new parts. Inside the passageway the walls were quite wet in parts. The good news is that the wall is drying out - but there's a lot more roof to do!

Remember 1872? That's when the church opened, so we celebrate its 150th birthday this year. Some thought went into preparing a celebration and then the virus hit. Maybe it's time to start thinking again.

The Synod preparations continue. Pope Francis want to hear from everyone, and how do you do that? One parish at a time! Here in Kilcullen we're planning for a listening session. Not just involving Catholic churchgoers, but everyone. How do we reach everyone - now there's a challenge.

Fr Des Wilson and Mother Teresa

The Tablet (15 January) has an interesting article. Mother Teresa in Ballymurphy at Fr Wilson's invitation. And the Troubles: "It was less unusual for clerics to sympathise with republicans than many think. It was not uncommon for young men from Belfast, Derry, Newry or South Armagh to enter the priesthood while one of their siblings or cousins was joining the IRA. At the same time as my cousin Stephen was entering the Redemptorist order, three of his brothers were incarcerated in Long Kesh. During the 1981 hunger strike Fr Brian McCreesh, brother of Raymond, an IRA volunteer who died after 61 days without food, said his brother was not a criminal but a political prisoner." We live on an interesting island!

Father Niall Mackey

Diary Week 31st January 2022

Monday 31st Jan

8.00pm AA meeting

Tuesday 1st Feb

7.00pm Legion of Mary

8.00pm Parish Lotto Draw

Thursday

12.00 Chair Yoga

6.30pm Irish Dancing

Mass Times and Intentions for 30th January 2022

**We remember in our prayers Bernadette Cousins
and Michael O'Connor who died recently.
May they rest in Peace.**

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 29th Jan

10.00am Mass

6.30pm Bill Crowe (A), Michael Byrne (2nd A),
Michael Kelly (A)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 30th Jan

9.30am Joseph and Kathleen Doran (A)

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 30th Jan

11.00am Seamus Downey (A), Alice Dillon (A),
John, Tom, and Rose Kenny (25th A)

Monday 31st Jan

9.30am Mass

Tuesday 1st Feb

9.30am Ronan Downey (5th A)

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

Thursday

9.30am Sean Lambe (A)

Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased

Saturday

10.00am Stephanie Sheehan (A)

6.30pm Mass

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish lotto Draw held on**

Tuesday 25th January 2022 were 18, 21, 24 and 28.

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 €13,600.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were David O'Connell (Promoter Mag O'Connell), Joe O'Connor (Kay Dixon), and Mick Masterson (Parish Office).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were Trish Byrne and Breda McCormack.

***The next Lotto Draw will take place at 8pm on Tuesday
night.***

The lotto draw is open to the Public. Masks are mandatory.