

Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Church of St. Joseph, Gormanstown.

Registered Charity Number 20016166

We've caught up!

On Wednesday and Thursday we had First Communion for two separate classes each day.

Congratulations to the boys and girls and their families - and thanks to so many people involved in making each day special for our First Communicants.

And I've been catching up: On 21 June this year Pope Francis declared the heroic virtue of Robert Schuman, the French statesman whose declaration of 9 May 1950 initiated the process of supra-national European integration. He is now the Venerable Robert Schuman.

Robert Schuman (actually Jean-Baptiste Nicolas Robert Schuman, 1886-1963) was born in Luxembourg, his father was French, his mother Luxembourgish. His father fought for France in the war of 1870-1871 but was from Lorraine: France lost his home was annexed by Germany. He kept his lands but let them out and moved to Luxembourg, rather than lose his French citizenship and live under the Kaiser. Robert grew up in Luxembourg, trained as a lawyer in Germany so he could practice law in Lorraine!

The Third French Republic was engulfed in anti-clericalism, but the more friendly arrangements with the Church that prevailed under the Second Empire had been retained in the French territories annexed by the Germans. After World War I France regained Alsace-Lorraine and had promised during the war not to impose anti-religion on the restored provinces - Schuman was elected to the French legislature to make sure France honoured that pledge.

So that's some of the background of this "Father of Europe".

Father Niall Mackey

The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen and Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw** held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 were 1, 11, 21 and 23. There was no Jackpot winner and the main prize next week will again be €18,000. The value of the follow up Draw stands at €10,600.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Conor Byrne (Promoter Adrienne Byrne), Miriam McDonnell (Miriam McDonnell) and Henry Barker (Martina Clifford).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were Miriam McDonnell and Vivienne Clifford, and the winner of the Draw for those in the Parish Centre on the night was Adrienne Byrne.

The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto.

The lotto draw is open to the Public.

Masks and Vaccine Certificates are mandatory.

Mass Times and Intentions for 16th October 2021

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 16th Oct.

10.00am Mass
6.30pm Mary Clarke (1st A), Mick, Helen and Michael McCarton (A), Sr. Eugene Domican (A), Maura Domican (Birthday Remembrance)

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 17th Oct.

9.30am Mass

Kilcullen Church

Sunday 17th Oct.

11.00am Mass

Monday

9.30am Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Hugh Cooney (6th A) & his parents Tom and Clare Cooney (Remembrance)

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Souls

Thursday

9.30am Jimmy Murphy (A), Mary Hyland (A), Fr. Sean Collier (A)

Friday

9.30am Mass for the Living and Deceased

Saturday

10.00am Mary Delaney (1st A), David McCarton (7th A).
6.30pm Ger Mallon (A).

Diary Week 18th October 2021

Monday 18th

8.00pm AA meeting

Tuesday 19th

10.30am Suas Knitters
7.30pm Legion of Mary (New Start-up)
Everybody welcome.
9.00pm Lotto Draw

Wednesday 20th

10.00am Toddler Group

Thursday 21st

12.00pm Chair Yoga
6.00pm Irish Dancing (**New members welcome**)

The Annual collection for Mission Sunday will take place at all masses next

weekend (Oct 23rd/24 th). It is the second collection and will replace the normal

Share collection.