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**Saturday, Christmas Eve**

**Kilcullen: 9 p.m. (Vigil Mass)** Christmas Eve Mass (Carol Singing from 8.30pm)

**Gormanstown: 10 p.m. (Vigil Mass)** Christmas Eve Mass (Carol Singing from 9.30pm)

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**Sunday 25th, Christmas Day: Lk 2:1-14, Gormanstown: No Mass on Christmas Day**

**Kilcullen: 10 a.m.** Mass

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**Monday 26th, St. Stephen's Day: 11 am** Mass

**Tues 10a.m.** St. John, Jn 20:2-8, Bill Mullins (1<sup>st</sup> A), Maggie Holden (A), John Ryan (A), Pat Flynn (A), Kenny Family (Birthday Remembrance)

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**Weds 10 a.m.** Holy Innocents, Mt 2:13-18, Vera Rocca (A)

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**Thurs 10a.m.** Lk 2:22-35, Edward Cahill (A), A Special Intention.

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**Fri 10a.m.** Holy Family, Mt 2:13-15, 19-23, Remembrance Mass for the living and deceased.

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**Sat 10 am** Jn 1:1-18 Peter Cowley (A)

**Sat 6.30 pm (Vigil)** Mary, Mother of God, Lk 2:16-21, Monica B Allen (A)

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**Sunday January 1st, World Day of Prayer for Peace**

**Gormanstown 9.30 a.m.:** John & Mary Doran (A) & their son David (A),

**Kilcullen 11 a.m.:** John Talbot (Month's Mind), Mary Behan (Month's Mind), Pat O'Donnell (A), Molly Howard (A) James Dixon (A)

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**Monday 2nd, Public Holiday, Mass at 11 a.m.**

**Tues 3rd, 9.30 a.m. Mass** A Special Intention

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**Weds 4th, Mass at 9.30 a.m.**

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**Thurs 5th: Mass at 9.30 a.m. Vigil Mass: Thursday at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Friday 6th January, Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, Holy day of obligation,**

**9.30 a.m.** Thomas Dillon (A), Annie Webster, (formerly of Brannockstown) (A)  
No evening Mass on Friday.

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**Saturday 7th: 10 a.m.** Mass

**6.30 p.m.(Vigil)** Matt Dunlea (A), Kathleen Kenny (A), Patrick Sweeney (A), Dick Reade (A)

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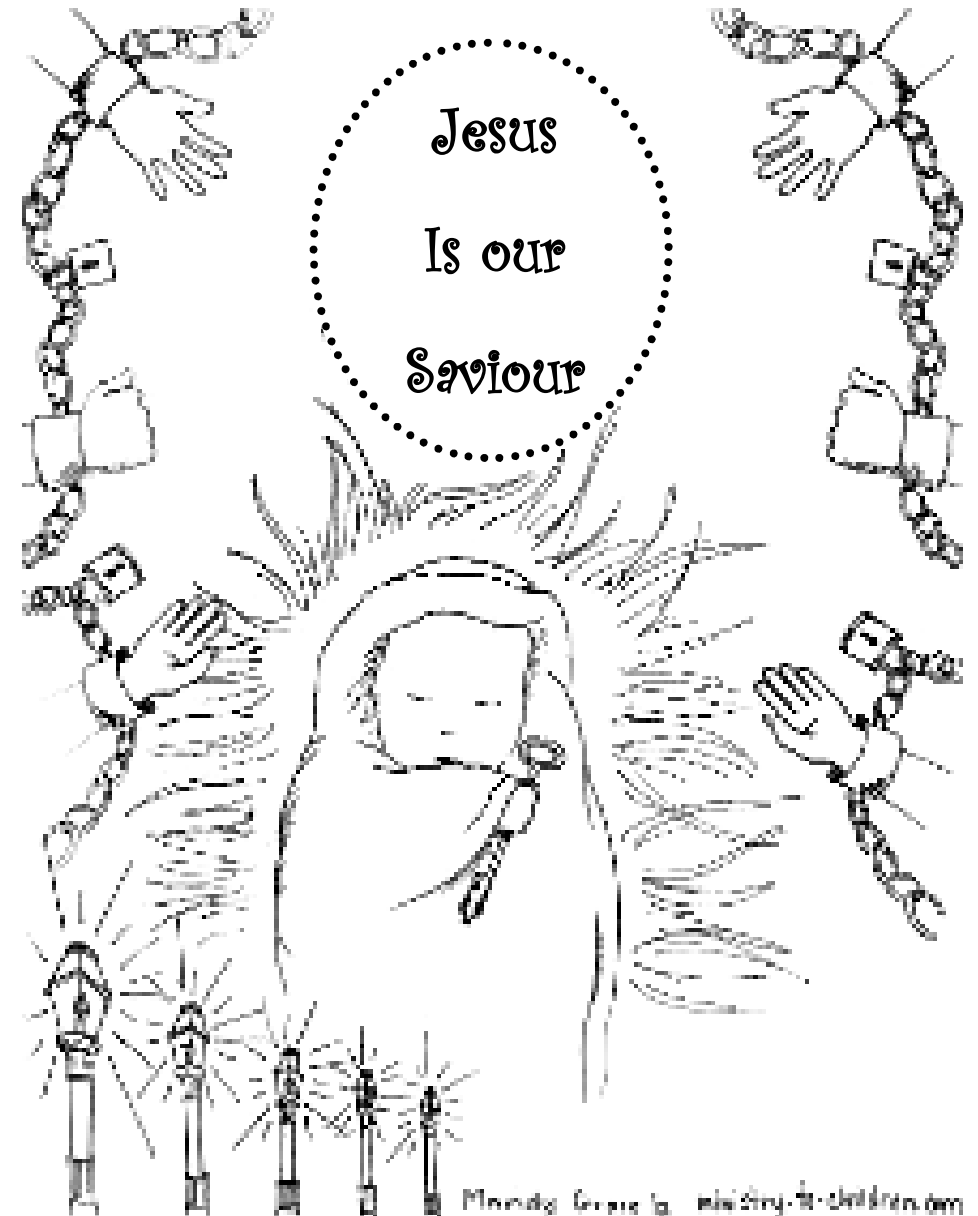
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# Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 25th December, 2016

Christmas (A)



**MUSINGS: Midnight Mass Luke 2: 1-14**

**And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son... (Lk 2:7)**

In the Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth we don't hear anything of what Mary, might have gone through giving birth in a smelly, cold stable on that starry night. We have sanitised it. Why? To emphasise pain and holiness are not good bedfellows; to claim sweat and blood are unholy things? We're well aware of how women were treated by our Church after giving birth in the past. We don't sanitise the death of Jesus. We hear his last agonised cries from the cross. Pain is an essential step along the path to glory. God wants us to know that holiness comes through living life to the full which will bring joy and sorrow. In charitable love there is great satisfaction but it comes at a price. For Jesus, it was death on the cross. The pain of childbirth is a bonding moment. The death of Jesus is, also, a bonding moment for us with the God who came to save us. Through pain a fierce and tender relationship is established. Ask any mother! So, as we gaze into the crib this Christmas may we wonder at the beauty of our being and the unbreakable bond God wants with us. Fr Iomar Daniels, Co Galway

Very best wishes for a happy, holy, love filled & prosperous Christmas & New Year, from all involved in the parish newsletter and website. Keep the Faith!

**A Cup of Christmas Cocoa**

- C** is for **CHRIST**, our reason for Christmas!
- O** is for **ORNAMENTS** that decorate our tree and remind us to adorn our hearts and homes with God's love.
- C** is for **CELEBRATE** as we give gifts and remember all God has given us.
- O** is for **OVERJOYED!** Instead of feeling overwhelmed let's choose to be overjoyed with the fact that Christ was born.
- A** reminds us in the **ABUNDANCE** of holiday activities that what we really need is the abundant life Jesus offers through a relationship with Him.



"Chase about as we do, we never reach a moment in time ahead of anyone else." Robert Brault

**St. Joseph's National School,**

**Halverstown:** Many thanks to everyone who supported us over the course of the last year and particularly in recent weeks by purchasing lines for our raffle and Christmas logs and candles. Your support for the school is very much appreciated. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2017. Kind regards, Barry Whelan, Principal.

Q. How do you make a jacket last?  
A. Make the trousers first.



Knock knock. Who's there? Olive. Olive who? Olive the other reindeer!

Knock knock. Who's there? Holly. Holly who? Holly Days are here again!

Are you finding things difficult or concerned about a loved one: Aware Support Line 1800 80 48 48. Available Monday - Sunday, 10am to 10pm. A supporting light through depression.

**Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:**

Mercy gives rise to joy, because our hearts are opened to the hope of a new life. Nothing of what a repentant sinner places before God's mercy can be excluded from the embrace of his forgiveness.

**Parentline support over Christmas:**

The stresses of parenting can continue over Christmas so facilitators will be there for you to call if you need support or information. Phone lines open 10 am - 1 pm December 24th to January 3rd

Take some time for Yourself  
**A Week of Guided Prayer**  
29th January- 4th February 2017  
in Kilcullen.  
More details in the New Year.

**Parish Lotto** Numbers drawn on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December were **7, 14, 25, 27**. There was no winner. €50 prize winners were Josephine Kelly (John Archbold), Majella Murray (John Archbold) and Patricia McNeary (Vivienne Clifford). Winner of the Promoters Draws were the Parish and Vivienne Clarke. Katelyn Hegarty won €25 in Draw for those present.

No Lotto Draw on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December. Next Lotto is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 9pm and the Jackpot will be €3,400. Tickets are €2 and are available from the Lotto Office, Parish Office and local outlets. The Parish wishes to thank everyone who supported the Lotto during the year.

**Monday December 26th & 8pm AA Meeting, Parish Centre**

**The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.**