

We remember Cardinal Desmond O'Connell & Mary Moran in our prayers.
May they rest in peace.

Sat 6.30pm(Vigil Mass) Rose Fay (A), Eva & Matthew O'Neill (A)

Sunday 26th Mt 6:24-34

Gormanstown 9.30am Billy, Molly, Maurice, Peter, Tiny & Lily Barker (A)

Kilcullen 11 am Conor Walsh (A), Jack Lambe (A), Maureen Ann Walsh (A),
Jim Dempsey (A) & Tommy Buckley (A)

Mon 9.30 am Mk 10:17-27 Mass

Tues 9.30 am Mt 5:13-16 Mass

Weds 9.30 am, Ash Wednesday Kenneth Lennon (Birthday remembrance)

7.30 pm Mt 6:1-6,16-18 Mass

Thurs 9.30 am Lk 9:22-25 Mass

Fri 9.30 am Mt 9:14-15 Remembrance Mass for living and deceased

Sat 10 am Lk 5:27-32 Mass

Sat 6.30 pm(Vigil Mass) Mt 4:1-11 Mary Schwer Foley (A)

Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

- Do not underestimate the value of example, for it is more powerful than a thousand words, a thousand "likes", retweets or YouTube videos.
- God knows better than we do about what we need. We must have faith, because his ways are different from ours.
- Let us be moved by the Holy Spirit in order to be courageous in finding new ways to proclaim the Gospel.

Confession: Saturday: after 10am Mass & on request before Vigil Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon-Weds:10am, Thurs 10am-7pm (Parish Centre), Sat: 10.30am.

Rosary: before 9.30 Masses

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Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 26th February, 2017

8th Sunday in Ordinary time (A)



"This is the time of fulfilment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe the good news."

Mark 1:15

O Mary, Mother of the Life Within,
all life we entrust to you,
The life of every expectant mother
and the child within her womb:
The life of every human body,
the life of every human soul;
The life of every newborn child
and the life of all grown old.
You held the Lord to your own heart
and drew Him so close in.
So draw us now in all our needs,
O Mother of the Life Within.
Amen.

Gospel musings: All of us, ordinary and flawed, have at heart a seemingly boundless longing for fulfilment. On this Day of Prayer for Temperance, we consider Matt Talbot, who had only seven people at his funeral in 1925, but whom hundreds of thousands came to see as a beacon of hope that reflects the struggles addiction can impose on someone's life. He relied on a higher power that affirmed and accepted him, without preconditions. He made an extraordinary journey from the darkness of excessive addiction to wholeness and the light of holiness. Amidst the anxieties and personal anguishes of his own pain-filled days and nights, he shows us the answer to one of the seven questions that Jesus asks in the Gospel today: 'Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life?'

Matt Talbot could identify with the words of today's Psalm: 'In God is my safety and glory, trust him at all times, pour out your hearts before him'. He imbibed the refreshing waters of grace and renewed his life as a heroic witness of the power and presence of God at work within him. Fr John Cullen, Athlone,

Make-A-Wish Ireland Annual Wish Day – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Make-A-Wish® Ireland aims to grant the wishes of children aged between 3 and 17 years living with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy and create extraordinary memories for them and their families. Volunteer are needed for our annual fundraising day, on Friday 31st March. Ways you could get involved include:

- * select a location nearby and volunteer to sell our badges there for the day
- * hold a coffee morning or bake sale in aid of Make-A-Wish
- * hold a Jersey Day or a similar themed day in aid of Make-A-Wish

Money raised on the day goes to continuing to grant wishes to our brave wish children. If you can commit to the full day or even a few hours selling our badges, please visit www.makeawish.ie to register online at one of our collection points. Alternatively contact Emma Horgan emma@makeawish.ie or call 01 2052012 for more details On behalf of everyone at Make-A-Wish; our wish children and their families, thank you for your support, we really do appreciate it.

'The National Learning Network in Naas has a range of **free courses** to give you the skills and confidence you need to gain employment. The Advance programme is for students aged 18-25 years and provides the opportunity for personal, social and life skills development, which will lead to greater independence and community participation'. Please phone 045 988415

For lots of local news see kilcullenbridge.blogspot.ie

A **Poker Classic** in aid of St. Joseph's N.S, Halverstown will be held in the Stray Inn (Markeys) on Friday 10th March at 8:30 p.m. Admission €20. and there will be refreshments and a raffle on the night. All proceeds will go towards buying new laptops for the students. Tickets are available from the school at (045) 485 374, or from Jacinta Scully (087) 668 9028 and Nick Egan (086) 249 8573. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Annual **Kilcullen 5k Fun Run:** 2.30pm, Sunday March 5th in aid of St Josephs National School Halverstown and St Anne's Special School on the Curragh. Starting at the Parish Centre in Kilcullen. Registration is online through popuraces.com or register on the day.

Kilcullen Community Action annual **Table Quiz**, Fallon's, Friday 7 April.

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Figs.
Figs. who?
Figs the doorbell,
it's broken!



As part of **Seachtain na Gaeilge** the Blessington Cois Locha Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann presents:
The Tramway Sessions - Music, Song & Poetry -
Saturday 11 March 7pm Tramway Theatre Blessington.
Tickets €10, 2 for €15, Family €20. Tel. 086 075 2072 or 087 207 5516

The numbers drawn in the Kilcullen & Gormanstown **Parish Lotto** Draw, Tuesday 21 February were 1, 19, 21 and 30. There was no Jackpot winner and next week's main prize will be €5,000. The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Rita Thorpe (Promoter Vivienne Clifford), Dennis Dalton (PJ Lydon) and Kathleen Enright (Leanne Clifford). The winners of the Promoters Draw were Miriam McDonnell and Ger's Fruit & Veg, and the winner of the Draw for those in the Parish Centre on the night was Anne Corrigan. Many thanks to all who support the Parish and the Parish Lotto in any way.

Monday
8pm AA Meeting
Tuesday
10am Teas & Scones, all welcome
10.30am Knitting group,
10am Arthritis seated exercises, all welcome
9pm Parish Lotto draw
Wednesday
10am Carer & Toddler group
10am Tai Chi with Yuki, all welcome
7.30pm Bridge Club
7.50pm Prayer Group, all welcome
Thursday
10am-7pm Eucharistic Adoration
10.30am Yoga
6.15pm Irish Dancing
Friday
10am New Abbey Bridge Club.

The blood donation clinic will be in Scoll Bhride - note the change of location, on Wednesday 1st March 5pm - 8.30 pm.