

Mass Times and Intentions for 12th December 2020

Kilcullen Church

Saturday 12th

6.30pm George Domican (A), Agnes Coleman (A), Joseph Burke Junior (A)
Jim Mackey (Birthday Remembrance), Margaret Doonan (A),

Gormanstown Church

Sunday 13th Dec

9.30am Joseph & Kathleen Doran (A)

Kilcullen Church

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11.00am Bernard Hillis (11th A), Frank McNally (A), Lil Anderson (A),
Kathleen Lambe (A) her daughter Mary Bridget (A) & Son in Law
Ian Beadle (A)

Monday

9.30am Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Margaret and James Gray (A)

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

Thursday

9.30am George Hyland (A)

Friday

9.30am Mass for Living and Deceased

Saturday

6.30pm Laura Bathe (1st A), Michael Bathe (Jnr.) (A), Donal St. Ledger (3rd A),
Noel O'Brien (A)

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Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 13th December, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent



Lord, would you restore the joy of our salvation? Help us to be willing to follow you with all we have. As we read the Scriptures that remind us who you are and the ways you love us, ignite in us a sense of joy that overflows out of our hearts! Let this holy joy be contagious and spill over onto the lives of those around us. May your peace that surpasses all understanding be upon us...especially as we're wrapping up a year that has felt very scary and uncertain. Encourage our hearts with the knowledge that with *you* we can live in your perfect peace, no matter our circumstances. We thank you for the joy and peace you give!

Amen.

***Yes, we have no Bananas!
(or: The Twelve Days of Christmas)***

Suppose you go to the shop and they have no bananas: what do you do? Or suppose you come to the church for a Christmas Mass but can't get in because the congregation has reached its allowed number. what do you do?

Early this week there was a Zoom meeting of the clergy of the Blessington Deanery (it stretches from Athy to Castledermot to Blessington to Saggart and Kilcullen) and the question naturally arose: How do we manage Christmas Masses? Many (all?) parishes are putting on extra Masses, but how will people know what Mass to attend? Only a certain number are allowed at each Mass. Issue tickets? How? To people at Sunday Mass? Through email or the Parish Centre? (Rathmines Parish website tells how they are managing things.).

Anyway, representatives from each Deanery met together to work through all this, and on balance suggested that on balance tickets were not a great idea. Each parish will decide what works best locally.

Earlier this year when 100 was the maximum size of the congregation fewer than fifty people turned up. What will happen at Christmas? Some people will be nervous about attending.

The thing is: we'll do the best we can, and we know that some people may be disappointed. Let us keep each other safe.

An interesting comment: Just like you can attend "Sunday Mass" any day of the week, the same applies to Christmas Mass - and the Twelve Days of Christmas provide an extended opportunity for your attendance at a Christmas Mass.

Father Niall Mackey

There is a wonderful display of over 100 cribs on view in the parish centre after every mass until December 13th .

Donations if desired to Maintain Hope & The Parish

Irish Hospice Foundation - Living with Loss

As part of our bereavement support function at Irish Hospice Foundation we are arranging our annual event for the public entitled 'Living with Loss'. This year the event will be online on **9th December at 7pm**. This event is free to attend, but you would need to book a place using the following link <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/living-with-loss-tickets-130420626605>

The Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat will take place from the 18th - 20th of December. Registration is now free on www.youth2000.ie

The Irish Catholic Grandparents Association

His Excellency, the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Okolo will tell the story of Christmas in his village in Africa to an Irish family, in the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road, on **December 12th at 2.30pm** by webcam. [Webcam \(Navan Road\) - Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians](http://www.youth2000.ie). The Irish Catholic Grandparents Association will also publish a Booklet on Christmas Memories by Grandparents inviting the grandchildren to ask their grandparents to tell their grandchildren their memories and to write them on the blank pages of the Booklet as a keepsake bringing to life their memories for the future generations.

The numbers drawn in the Kilcullen & Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw

held on Tuesday 8th December were 8, 11, 24 and 31. There was no Jackpot winner. Next week's main prize is €18,000. The value of the follow up draw stands at €6,400.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Fr Niall Mackey (Promoter The Parish), Ciara Cunningham (Siobhan Tuite), and Lily Welton (Ger Hillery). The winners of the Promoters Draw were Toby Phelan and The Parish.

The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto. Due to covid-19 restrictions there was no Draw for people in the Parish Centre on the night.

We will have Christmas Annual Gift Cards available in the coming weeks. This is a great Gift for a Family Member or Friend and it also helps support your Local Community.

1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION 54 Weeks (2 Draws Free) — €100
½ YEAR SUBSCRIPTION 27 Weeks (1 Draw Free) — €50
¼ YEAR SUBSCRIPTION 13 Weeks — €25