

# Mass Times and Intentions for 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Kilcullen Church

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.

6.30pm Anna Coleman (A), Helen Nolan (A), Michael Nolan (Remembrance),  
James (Jim) Aspell (7<sup>th</sup> A).

## Gormanstown Church

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept

9.30am Mary Dunne (A), John & Eileen Fogarty (A) , Andy O'Connor (A)

## Kilcullen Church

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.

11.00am Luke Fise (2<sup>nd</sup> A), James Dempsey (A) and William Dempsey (A),  
Paddy Reilly (Formerly of Conroy Park) (Remembrance),  
Michael & Christina Walker (A)

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.

9.30am Mass

### Tuesday

9.30am Thomas Warknock (A)

### Wednesday

9.30am Mass

### Thursday

9.30am William Martin Snell (2<sup>nd</sup> A)

### Friday

9.30am Mass for Living and Deceased

### Saturday

10.00am Donal St Leger (Birthday Remembrance)  
6.30pm Jack Dooner (A), Michael Murphy (A), Harry Clarke (30<sup>th</sup> A).  
Mary McEvoy (A), Ray Sheridan (A), Tony Darby (A).

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# Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 13th September

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time



## *Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows*

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen!

## An End of Island Life

The last inhabitants left the Great Blasket island in 1953: a young man died because weather conditions had made it impossible for him to get medical attention, and that prompted the evacuation.

The 5 September issue of The Tablet has an article reflection on life on the island, and Catholicism as part of that life.

There was no priest living on the island, so burials of islanders took place on the mainland, a three-mile journey in a currach. Babies were taken to Ballyferriter for baptism. Confirmations? Young teenagers stayed in Ballyferriter for up to a week before Confirmation: the journey across the sea was often impossible in winter and they wanted to ensure the weather didn't prevent them from being confirmed. Marriages, too, took place on the mainland.

The national school opened in 1864.

Once a year Mass was celebrated on the island : the stations". Only the men went to Sunday Mass on the mainland, the women and children remained on the island to say the rosary. Two boats were needed to pick up the clergy for the "stations", one for the parish priest and one for the curate and sacristan. That also was the time when you fasted from midnight if you were receiving Communion, and rowing boats to Dunquin and back was hard work.

Great Blasket stories are in Peig, in Twenty Years a-Growing and in The Islander. Changed times.

**Father Niall Mackey**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 13, 2020**

(Romans 14: 7)

**“The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord”.**

If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, or in the consecrated life, speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

Archbishop of Dublin Diarmuid Martin has arranged that our Parish is to receive €2,000 after the Kildare lockdown to help with our ongoing expenses.

### Recent tweets by Pope Francis @ Pontifex:

Today, in the tragedy of a [#pandemic](#), in the face of the many false securities that have now crumbled, in the face of so many hopes betrayed, in the sense of abandonment that weighs upon our hearts, Jesus says to each one of us: “Courage, open your heart to my love”.

### SOS Prayerline 083 3377897 Thursday 6-7pm

The \*54 Day Rosary Novena\* for Life & Faith began on the great Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother on August 15th. We finish on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7th.

This year we need prayer more than ever for protection, faith & life in our parish and so we are asking you to pray everyday, if you can manage it. The first 27 days we pray in petition and the second 27 days we pray in thanksgiving to Our Lady. Join us please for the Rosary any evening at 8pm at the Church Grotto.

We desperately need your prayers.

If you don't feel like coming out in person, there are THREE Whatsapp Groups listed below which you could join. You will be sent daily updates & Gospel reflections by Fr Marius O'Reilly pp from Cork.

\*Please only join 1 of the groups.\*

Group 1

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EP8fxygtJLL72SKB3xDCtL>

Group 2

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KU5XRr3fjKwGelxTtewjdW>

Group 3

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FIPpbpA8fEaJqdTr2ykVyS>

**Parish Lotto** The numbers drawn in the **Kilcullen & Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw** held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were 18, 21, 23 and 29. 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 €5,000.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Brenda & Paul Kavanagh (Promoter Vivian Clarke), Carmel Gleeson (Ger Hillery) and Ann Hannon (Vanessa Clarke).

The winners of the Promoters Draw were Eithna Dempsey and Adrienne Byrne and there was no draw for those present due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The Parish thanks all who support the Lotto.