

## Mass Times and Intentions for 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020

We remember in our prayers Bernadette Horgan who died during the week.  
May she rest in Peace

### Kilcullen Church

#### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.

10.00am Mass  
6.30pm Donal St. Ledger (3<sup>rd</sup> A), Noel O'Brien (A), Margaret Gray (A)

### Gormanstown Church

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

9.30am Leo and Anne Sully (A), Carol Sully (Remembrance),  
Thomas and Ellen O'Leary and their son Tommy (Remembrance)  
Peter, Paddy and Molly Curran (Remembrance)

#### Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Dec **Christmas Eve**

9.00pm Mass

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec **Christmas Day**

9.30am Mass

### Kilcullen Church

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

11.00am Laura Bathe (1<sup>st</sup> A), Michael Bathe (Jnr.) (A), Anne Meehan (11<sup>th</sup> A),  
David King (A), Timmy King (A), Billy Byrne (A).

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

9.30am Mary Harte (A)

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9.30am Laura Bathe (1<sup>st</sup> A), Michael Bathe (Jnr) (A), Special Intention

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

9.30am John Dixon (A), Bridget Dixon (A), James Dixon (A), Brigid Dixon (A),  
Christopher Dixon (A), Birdie Flynn (A).

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> **CHRISTMAS EVE**

9.30am Mass

6.30pm Mass

9.00pm Mass

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> **CHRISTMAS DAY**

8.00am Mass

10.00am Mass

12.00noon Mass

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> **ST STEPHEN'S DAY**

11.00am Fr John Morris (Remembrance)

6.30pm (Vigil) Mass

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# Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 20th December, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent



*Christ born in a stable is born in me  
Christ accepted by shepherds accepts me  
Christ receiving the wise men receives me  
Christ revealed to the nations be revealed in me  
Christ dwelling in Nazareth You dwell in me  
Christ, grant that people may look at me and see  
Your Presence.  
Amen.*

## We're the Best!

No news there, then - it's obvious.

But: it's complicated. What I mean is that we're trying our best.

You know the schedule of Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas: Gormanstown at 9.00pm and 9.30am; Kilcullen at 6.30pm and 9.00pm, and at 8.00am, 10.00am and 12 noon (Yes, I know noon means 12.00 anyway, but it's neither 12.00am nor 12.00pm - both of those mean midnight.)

That's the schedule, but how will it work out? The first thirty people (Gormanstown) or fifty people can enter the church for Mass.

Just that? Some parishes have a ticket system; some parishes only have on-line Masses for Christmas. Which is best? The best is whatever a particular parish is doing! There's no perfect answer, each parish is trying to do its best.

A point I made before: remember the Twelve Days of Christmas. Some people choose to come to the church on a weekday for their "Sunday" Mass - similarly, some people might like to come for their "Christmas Mass" during the Twelve Days of Christmas.

It's just a thought.

On the vision thing, thinking about the effects of the virus on us all, on the many disappointments it has brought and continues to bring, I'm reminded of the final sentence of Senator Ted Kennedy's speech in 1980 conceding that he would not be his party's presidential candidate: "For all those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die."

**Father Niall Mackey**

## COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**, and will remain open over the Christmas period.

### **Crosscare Appeal for Support this Christmas as food collections cancelled**

Crosscare is appealing to people to support them on line this Advent as they will be unable to hold their annual Parish Food Collection for those most in need.

<http://www.crosscare.ie/>

### **Diary Week 21st December 2020**

#### **Monday**

8.00pm AA Meeting in the Parish Centre

**The numbers drawn in the Kilcullen & Gormanstown Parish Lotto Draw** held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December were 10, 19, 28 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 €6,600.

The winners of the €50 Open Draws were Mag Lambe (Promoter Ger Kelly), Anne Bird (Kilcullen Credit Union) and Anne Bathe (Kilcullen Credit Union). The winners of the Promoters Draw were Valerie McTernan and Ger's Fruit & Veg.

Due to covid-19 restrictions there was no Draw for people in the Parish Centre on the night. An independent observer was present.

The Parish thanks all who continue to support the Lotto.

*Christmas Annual Gift Cards are now available and can be purchased from The Parish Office, Lotto Office, Berney's Chemist, DayBreak and Ger's Fruit & Veg Shop.*

*They are of value €100 for a year's subscription (54 weeks) to the Draw, €50 for half year (27 weeks), and €25 for 13 weeks*