

Mass Times and Intentions for 31st May 2020

We remember in our prayers Tess O'Rourke and Fr. Gerard (Gerry) Byrne, Chaplain Blackrock Clinic who died recently and Chris Abbey whose months mind is at this time.
May they rest in Peace

Kilcullen Church Saturday 30th May

6.30pm Mary Archbold (58th A), Shay Walker (2nd A), Jean Geoghegan (4th A), James Daly (15th A), Sean Byrne (Birthday Remembrance)

Gormanstown Church Sunday 31st May No Mass in Gormanstown Today due to Covid-19

Kilcullen Church Sunday 31st May

11.00am Jim Collins (2nd A), Pat Farrell (3rd A)

Monday 1st June Bank Holiday

11.00am Mass for Parishioners celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary today.

Tuesday

9.30am Mass

Wednesday

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Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

6.30pm Eileen Carroll (6th A) and her husband Jack Carroll (Remembrance)

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Kilcullen Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday 31st May, 2020

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost

Breath of Life, on this Pentecost Sunday, we ask that You breathe on us once again. Make our consciences tender to Your touch. We hunger for the life-changing power that Your Holy Spirit brings. May our lives exemplify the fruit of Your Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May we use the gifts of the Spirit that You have distributed to bless the church and build Your Kingdom on earth.

Amen.

88 Points!

When and how will churches - and specifically Kilcullen churches - reopen for public Mass.

As Christians, we suffer through not being able to celebrate our faith through public worship (Archbishop Diarmuid Martin).

This week's The Irish Catholic reports on an 88 point programme that's expected to be boiled down to key points in coming days. Late June to late July looks like the period within which public Masses could begin.

It's complicated!

How to manage Holy Communion? Should people stay in their places and Communion be brought to them there? How many people can fit in the church now?: Can you spread your Sunday Mass to include weekdays? Should frail people be discouraged from attending, and have a family member safely bring them Communion? Do Missalettes create a risk? Does singing in the congregation or in the choir risk projecting the virus (it has happened)? Collection boxes rather than baskets or bags? Do we need stewards in the church? Or directional signage stickers? What happens if too many people turn up for a particular Mass? What about Confessions? Hand sanitisers near the doors? Slow stream of people leaving after Mass?

I'll bet there are a lot more questions. And that we'll find the answers.

Oh by the way: our webcam was out of action for a few days: the hosting company are upgrading their system to cope with increased demand in recent months. All should be well by the time you read this.

Father Niall Mackey

Thank you to all parishioners who have dropped challenge and Easter dues envelopes into the parochial house. We understand that it is a very difficult time for people and we greatly appreciate your support and generosity. The Easter dues envelopes are still available on the table in the porch of the parochial house should anyone like to take one

Happy 55th Anniversary

We would like to send Fr. Mackey our good wishes on the 55th Anniversary of his ordination.

The Parishioners of Kilcullen, Gormanstown and surrounding Area.

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

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The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

THE 2020 SACRED HEART NOVENA

The Messenger Publications' annual Sacred Heart Novena is held for the nine days leading up to the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which is always celebrated nineteen days after Pentecost. This year the Novena runs from Thursday 11th – Friday 19th June and was written by David Stewart SJ.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is considered a symbol of "God's boundless and passionate love for humanity". Many have found comfort and solace praying the Novena, and this year we have particular reason as a community, a nation and a global people to find strength, patience and reassurance in God's love for us.

DOWNLOAD NOVENA FOR FREE!

This year, as a way of encouraging and supporting our readers and promoters, we have made the 2020 Novena available to download FREE OF CHARGE.

To download the novena go to www.messenger.ie and click on sacred heart novena and you will have the option to download it.

Kilcullen parish will say the novena at the end of mass each day.