Mass Intentions

20th & 21st November 2021 Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ—King of the Universe

St. Mary's 6pm Saturday

Sarah & Michael Keogh (A)

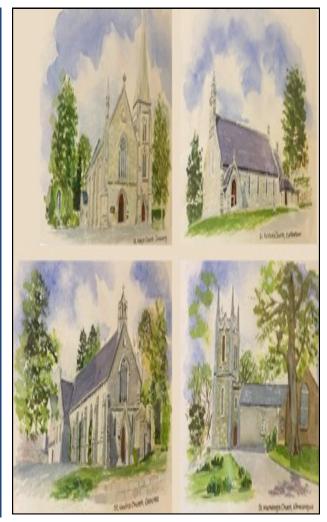
St Patrick's Church, Curtlestown 10am

St Mary's 11am Sunday

For all parishioners whose Funerals were held in St. Mary's this year.

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass 2022 Both Masses viewable on webcam.

St Mochonog's Church and via Zoom at 10am #to join please phone 087 418 9338) or email sally.phalan@gmail.com



Schedule of Masses:

Weekday Masses

St Mary's -Masses—10.15 a.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

Please be aware that attending weekday Masses is in lieu of attending Sunday Mass. Prayer Services - 10.15 a.m. (Wednesday & Saturday)

Week-end Masses: St. Mary's 6.00 pm - Saturday, 11.00 am - Sunday

St. Mochonog's 10.00 am Sunday

St Patrick's, 10.00am Sunday

St Kevin's, 9.00am First Sunday of the Month.

Mass bookings are **not** necessary for weekend Masses

Memorial Mass for the Dead will take place this Sunday next 21st November at 11am in St.Mary's.

As the families of those who had their funeral in St Mary's this year will attend, we will have a good crowd.

Due to current Covid situation if you would feel safer watching Mass online next Sunday please see it on <u>www.enniskerryparish.ie</u>. You may also attend Mass during the week in lieu of Sunday.

COVID 19

At St. Mary's , St. Mochonog's, St Kevin's & St. Patrick's, in accordance with the latest Government guidance, we are now conducting our religious services without capacity limits, but with all other protective measures remaining in place. Although there is now no specific distance recommended for spacing of people within our churches, we ask that you respect the right of others to attend in safety, and that you do not crowd close to people from other households. Please make the best use of the available space so as to maximise distancing between yourself and anybody from outside of your household. Where possible, when you enter the church, please use a vacant pew that is not close to an already occupied one. Please continue to keep your distance when entering and leaving the church, and when moving around, such as when approaching to receive Holy Communion.

Protective measures, including hand sanitising and the wearing of face coverings, will continue for the foreseeable future. We will continue to distribute Holy Communion at the end of Mass, with each household group coming forward in turn. Immediately after receiving Holy Communion, you should leave quietly through the side exit.

Please do not attend at church if you are unusually experiencing any common symptom of Covid-19, such as fever, new cough, shortness of breath, breathing difficulty or loss of, or change to, sense of smell or taste.

For your own safety and for the safety of the community at large, we urge you to accept vaccination when advised.

Helplines during Covid 19

AA: 087 255 1361 ALONE = 818 222 024. AL ALON: (01) 8783624 AMEN: (01) 554 3811 ACTION AID 01) 878 7911 FIVE LOAVES: (01) 2040960.

KILMACANOGUE & ENNISKERRY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP FOR COVID 19 KILMACANOGUE; 086 380 5627—ENNISKERRY: 083 364 2439

LGBTQ: 1890 929 539, LOCAL MEALS ON WHEELS: 086 832 2466 PURPLE HOUSE CANCER SUPPORT: (01) 204 0960 SAMARATINS= 115123

Sign Up As A Volunteer for the Church Re-Opening

If you're interested in getting involved to help out in the Parish we would be delighted to have you on board. Volunteers are always needed on our Parish teams and in churches to assist and to help out at Public Masses. The more volunteers we have means the demand on volunteers' time will be less, also. If you have not signed up as a volunteer yet, please sign up via the form on the home -page of the website

<u>www.enniskerryparish.ie</u> or contact the parish office and a member of the parish team will be in touch. Thanks to our new recruits; we are delighted to welcome you on board. A BIG thank you to all who continue to partake of Parish Life so generously and freely.

Reopening of St. Patrick's church - Curtlestown

As you may already have read in the Parish Link, St. Patrick's Church, Curtlestown, has re-opened for 10am Sunday Mass. We are delighted to welcome back our parishioners on this special occasion!

The pandemic and our concern for everyone's health and safety still restricts how we can celebrate this, and some of the safety measures are listed below. Help will be on hand at the door if there are any questions.

Please don't attend if you are displaying any COVID symptoms

- Please sanitise your hands upon entering the church and, if you're over 12, please wear a face mask
- Attendees are encouraged to maintain social distancing, for example by sitting in alternate pews as the space allows. Of course, family pods / bubbles can sit together as per Government Guidelines.
- Adequate ventilation will be maintained by keeping the doors and window open, so please wrap up warmly!
- There will be a one-way entry / exit system (entry via the main door and exit via the sacristy). This will be on a pew-by-pew basis upon receipt of communion at the end of Mass. The congregation will be informed of this at the Mass.

We thank everyone for following these guidelines so that we may continue to keep our community safe and look forward to seeing you.

<u>St. Kevin's Church, Glencree</u> has also re-opened for 9am Mass which will continue on the 1st Sunday of each month. Above restrictions also apply.

St Mary's & St Gerard's National School

School now open for Junior Infant Enrolments for the next school year (Children starting September 2022). Under the new Admissions policy introduced by the Department of Education.

You can download our Enrolment Forms directly from our website, <u>enniskerryns.ie</u> if you wish to complete them and deliver by hand at the front door of the school. You may complete the forms online and send them by email to info@<u>enniskerryns.ie</u> or of course, post them to the school at St Mary's & St Gerard's National School, Co. Wicklow, A98DP70.

All PREVIOUS applications MUST be resubmitted before the end of the month and if you have any queries, please phone Annette in the office at 01-2868851.

Notice re upcoming Baptisms

Beginning first week November on Monday night 7.30pm, this will be first Monday of each month, a baptism introduction will take place by Zoom for baptisms booked ongoing. This is for Parents and God Parents. Zoom link will be sent before meeting. Baptism booklet will be used to explain sacrament of baptism. Please inform office if you cannot attend.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

St Mary's & St Gerard's NS Enniskerry First Holy Communion Children

We want to send our best wishes to all the wonderful children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 6th November in St. Mary's Church. We know you had to wait a long time for this special sacrament – but it was worth it in the end.

You all looked so lovely and behaved so well during the mass. You are a credit to your parents, your school and your parish community. We are very proud of you. Well done. We wish to thank the parents and guardians for preparing the children to receive this sacrament. Our thanks also goes to Fr.Hyacinth, Ms Langan and the school team for all the work involved in the Holy Communion ceremony. We greatly appreciate your time and dedication to the service of the Parish.

Warmest and Best Wishes Enniskerry Parish Team.



Being Catholic in Contemporary Ireland

Tom Inglis to Zoom for ACI

November 25th, 2021, at 8.00 p.m.

"The majority of Irish people see and understand themselves as Catholics. Being Catholic is embedded in school, community and family life. And yet there seems to be little interest in salvation in and through the Church. Moreover, being Catholic seems no longer relevant to fulfilling social, political, economic and, more significantly, environmental interests." Tom Inglis - Irish Sociologist and Commentator

This observation - by the renowned writer on the Catholic Church's 'Moral Monopoly' in 20th century Ireland - will be expanded by Tom on 25th November - for discussion by all who are interested.

If, like ACI, you are convinced that 'being Catholic' is far from irrelevant in an ongoing world secular crisis - climatic and otherwise - be sure to join us to tell us why.

To join us click the link below.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85832005890? pwd=Y111UEp4OXVxbWsxOFIyWUpCTmF0Zz09

Meeting ID: 858 3200 5890 Passcode: 021468

For other ACI news, <u>click here</u>

Pastoral Letter Booklet for the Season of Creation 2021

by Archbishop Der.mot Farrell—The Cry of the Earth—the Cry of the Poor is available at the Exit porch in St. Mary's Church.

Update from your Parish Pastoral Council

Our Changing and Challenged Church

Over the centuries the church has always changed. Now the winds of change are again blowing. In 2020, the imminent serious shortage of priests instigated the PPC to study how our parish might adapt to this new reality. Then earlier this year Archbishop Dermot Farrell took the initiative to formally consult all parishes on this topic via a Task Force. In July your parish submitted its recommendations and initiatives already undertaken by the parish communities in a document entitled:

"Parish Transformation - An Answer to Parish Viability Concerns" (click to see link)

A letter of acknowledgement and thanks has been received.

In October 2021 Pope Francis formally launched a two-year global consultation process

(Synodal Pathway) with a call to "look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say." Archbishop Farrell then asked all parishes in the diocese to get involved and asked that each parish appoint two local Synodal Animators to act as facilitators in the local consultation process over the next six months to April 2022. (*See www.dublindiocese.ie*)

The PPC recently had a special meeting to consider how best to realise an authentic consultation process and would welcome expressions of interest particularly from our younger parishioners for the above-mentioned role. They will work through and be supported by the active participation of the PPC and our local communities.

In this way it is hoped that a process of authentic consultation can take place to hear the views of **all** sections of our Christian community, especially our younger generation who are the future of the church.

In the meantime several interesting discussions have been taking place in our parish hosted by Aideen Darcy, Pastoral Coordinator for Bray/Enniskerry and a member of our PPC, on the subject of a Lay Led Parish. The next one is on **Saturday 13 November in St. Mochonog's Parish Hall, Kilmacanogue at 11:00 a.m.** All are invited and welcome.

The result of all these wide-ranging consultations will feed into the Parish Transformation Process we in Enniskerry are already embarked on. It will point to a new and exciting way forward for our church; a church that is welcoming, open and that truly listens to the words of Jesus; a church for all the people of God!

Any inputs from anyone would be very welcome!

Contributions

We thank all parishioners who continue to contribute and help keep parish finance healthy. Your generosity is very much appreciated. The parish has now set up **QR Scan Codes** for various collections which are available in our Churches.

By using the **QR Scan Code** on this newsletter your donation will go directly to parish offerings which will assist in the upkeep of the four churches in the parish.

It is simple - for newer phones all you have to do is hold your phone camera over the code and the Payzone page will automatically open. Then simply "tap", enter the amount you wish to donate and press "proceed", add your card details and press "pay now". For older smart phone just download a free QR scanner from the App Store.



You may also donate to the Parish in the following ways:-

1. Online by using "Donate" feature on the parish website <u>www.enniskerryparish.ie</u>

- 2. Donate by scanning your credit card on Payzone Tap and Go in the porch in St. Mary's
 - 3. Standing Orders
 - 4. Dropping Green and Pink envelopes into Parish Office during 10am-1pm Mon-Frid.
 - 5. You may leave your envelopes for Parish and Common Fund into the 'Donation Box' at the Porch in St. Mary's. & St. Patrick's.

Envelopes for 1st and 2nd collections are available at the entrance of St Mary's Church.

If you wish to activate a **Standing Order** for these collections please take a form as you exit.

The normal Mass Collections have recommenced. You may bring your envelopes and hand them to collector during Mass.

You may also donate to the 1st and 2nd Collections by scanning your credit card on the **Payzone Tap and Go machine** on the Stand in the porch in St. Mary's.





















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