#### PARISH LINK—24th/25th December —also on website

www.enniskerry parish.ie St Mary's Masses viewable on webcam., www.enniskerryparish.ie

# Mass Times 24th/25th December Feast of the Nativity

Saturday St Mary's 6pm - Family Mass, - 9pm Vigil Mass
Sunday—St. Kevin's, Glencree 9am.
St Patrick's, 10am Sunday St Mary's 11am
Sunday St Mochonog's 10am

#### **ENNISKERRY PARISH FUNDRAISER LOTTO**

Jackpot increases weekly up to €5,000.

Draw each Thursday evening

Join Now. Scan the QR code on our website or go to: https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/enniskerryparish

Winners viewable on webcam.

Jackpot now stands at €1,475,

Results will be in next week's Link

Thank you for your support



## **Curtlestown Wren Boys**

Hurrah! We're back for music, dance and fun. We are so looking forward to being together after a two year break. Get ready on St. Stephen's Day 1.30pm at Shop River, Enniskerry (Where the 185 bus turns back towards the village).

Bring your instruments, bells, dancing boots and funds for the great Charabanc Charity.

**Down Time** Why not make five minutes a day over Christmas your down time. Thomas Merton writes that "contemplation is the highest expression of mans spiritual life. It is that life itself, fully awake, fully active. It is a wonder" Suggestion: Sit in front of a lighted candle, in a quiet space and slowly repeat the word *Maranatha* for five minutes daily.



**Former ICA Annual Party** will take place on Saturday 7th January 2023 at 3pm in the Parochial Hall (opposite Kingfishers). All Enniskerry senior citizens are invited. We look forward to seeing you all. Please let us know if you will be joining us in order that we can cater for the correct numbers.

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#### New Look for 2023

In the coming year we need to evaluate what path we want to take to be a thriving vibrant all-embracing community. How do we pull together to make this a reality for the parish of Enniskerry. Moving forward we need to be radical, brave and bold in our response to the declining population of church goers.

It is not enough to maintain the status quo. Status quo is simply another way of saying *steady* as she sinks.

We are in emergency mode now. The time is now, but for what?

We are a Christian community. We must welcome. We must serve.

We must pray. Can we do this differently without throwing the

baby out with the bath water. Can we identify new ways to serve our community?

Can we provide a safe nurturing space for people to connect with each other? Can we provide a sanctuary for down time, for peace, for

contemplation? The answer is we must!

For 2023 let's **CONTEMPLATE** in quiet spaces and emerge as better people.

Let's **CREATE** new, bold and radical ideas for serving each other.

Let's **CELEBRATE** the hope that comes when faith is fully active, fully alive.

"Two roads diverged in a wood and I, I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference". Robert Frost

## **Ideas for implementation for 2023**

Contemplative practices. They can become part of our traditional prayer and opportunities for new contemplative practices to be put in place.

**Eco Awareness.** The opportunity for appreciation of the natural world is endless in Enniskerry. We plan to provide the chance to become more eco aware and combine this with moments of meditation and prayer.

We plan to provide "Down Time" days where all are welcome.

New date for A Day of Reflection in Glencree to follow shortly

Pope Francis film "The letter "will be shown at the end of January. Date to follow.