

AUCTION COMING UP! WE NEED AS MANY ITEMS



AS POSSIBLE PLEASE!

Collecting of items is going full steam ahead now! Here are some examples of what we will take. Glass ware, silverware, candles, ornaments, vouchers for everything and anything, antiques, designer clothes (good as new) jewellery. Just about anything as long as its *new or good as new*.

A big thank you to those who have already donated but we need lots more

PLEASE CONTACT AIDEEN ON 0868182241 OR THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU FEEL WOULD SUIT. COLLECTION CAN BE ARRANGED..

HOSPITALITY



The new hospitality committee are meeting this Tuesday evening 29th August at 7.30 at St Mary's

SOME THOUGHTS FROM WINNIE THE POOH FOR ALL CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

"You can't stay in your corner of the forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes." —Pooh

When life throws you a rainy day, play in the puddles." —Pooh

"Laugh 'til your tummy hurts." —Pooh

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." —Christopher Robin



Annual Blessing of Graves 2023

Curtlestown Today, Sunday 27th August 3pm. Glencree

Next Sunday 3rd September—9.30am

ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

THIS WEEK'S STORY GOD'S SONG

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE."

When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing.

Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy was sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon, his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn't recall what else the great master played - only the classic "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

That's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful. Next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 14



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS!

The first get together will be this Wednesday the 30th of August at 7 30 pm at St Mary's. Just come along and see what you think!

Would you like to be part of a new music ministry for St Mary's. This would be a relaxed, fun, informal group that would fill in from time to time when our regular singers are not available. We will learn a mixture of old and new church music and have a cuppa too!

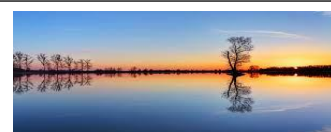
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DOWNTIME THURSDAY

Why not pop into the church for some quiet time on the last Thursday of each month. This month it will be on 31st August from **7pm to 9pm**. You can sit in silence with candlelight and gentle music. Take a few minutes for yourself and just "be". Light a candle, say a prayer. Just sit if that's what you need.

Prayer is sitting in silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful, and praising God until we ourselves are an act of praise. — Richard Rohr



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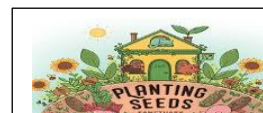
There has been so much loss in our parish recently, maybe some comfort can be found in this excerpt.....

Let us not look for you only in memory,
Where we would grow lonely without you.
You would want us to find you in presence,
Beside us when beauty brightens,
When kindness glows
And music echoes eternal tones.
When orchids brighten the earth,
Darkest winter has turned to spring;
May this dark grief flower with hope
In every heart that loves you.

May you continue to inspire us:
To enter each day with a generous heart.
To serve the call of courage and love
Until we see your beautiful face again
In that land where there is no more separation,
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,
And where we will never lose you again.
JOHN O'DONOHUE



Please Read the parish link and take it home with you. Leave it Loitering with intent, and spread the word about upcoming events, trainings and new groups



Welcome to our celebration of the Eucharist.

We Remember.....

This weekend 26th/27th August

St. Mary's 6pm Sat. Derek McCabe (A) Patrick Byrne (2nd A)

St Patrick's 10am Sun. Moya O'Doherty (1st A)

St Mochonog's 10am Sun. Mat Flynn (30th A) Lizzy Flynn (Sr Camilla) (A), Theresa Dunne (A)

St. Mary's 11am Sun. Mary Walsh (MM) her husband Reginald Walsh and her brother Patrick Kilbride

Next weekend 2nd/3rd September

St. Kevin's 9am Mass, 9.30 am Blessing of graves.

St Kevin's 10.30 am Mass and internment of ashes of Kathleen Manning (nee Smith)

St. Patrick's 10am: Owen Gallagher (RD)

St. Mary's 11am: Elizabeth Keane (A), Michael Flynn (A)

The Ashford Family. Liam McErlane (A)

Phoebe & Bobby Hamilton (A), Loretto Keogh (MM)



Prayers Please...

Prayers please for all suffering from addictions of any kind. Let us pray that they will look for help and will find compassion and understanding when they do



Thought for the week!

Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.

- Maya Angelou -



A Welcome Ministry Training course will start in September and I invite and encourage as many of you as possible to attend. It is a four-week course covering, **Welcoming** in scripture, **Assessing** our parish welcome, what has kept us **Feeling** welcomed in our community and **Understanding** the needs of others in our current culture. If you are interested, even slightly, please leave your name and details in the parish office (St Mary's or St Mochonog's) or text me (Aideen) 0868182241. Thank you!



Kilmacanogue

The Maintenance Committee in St. Mochonog's are now ready to organise the painting of the inside of our tired but lovely Church. If you are a painter/decorator or know of one, and would be interested in pricing this work, please contact Joyce in the Parish Office, or Declan, or myself.

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Declan Carroll 0872529323

Anne O'Grady 0877651463



As soon as you can, please!

LOOK AFTER OUR WORLD- GREEN TIP



Protect Your Groundwater Source! 99% of all available freshwater comes from aquifers underground. To protect our groundwater sources we must keep it safe from contamination and use water wisely. One of the biggest household water wastes is in the bathroom. For starters: Put a bucket in the shower while you're waiting for the water to warm up, and use the water you catch for watering plants, flushing the toilet or cleaning. Install a low-flow showerhead and spend less time in the shower.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How do we receive the Word of God? The response is clear:

As one receives Jesus Christ. The Church tells us that Jesus is present in the Scripture,



in His Word. In your

Always carry a small Gospel with you in your

purse, in your pocket, and read a passage from the Gospel during the day. Not so much to learn something, but mostly to find Jesus, because Jesus actually is in His Word, in His Gospel. Every time I read the Gospel, I find Jesus. –

Pope Francis

CURTLESTOWN

WE ARE ASKING FOR SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AT THE MOMENT, AS WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE UNWELL AND UNDERGOING TREATMENT AT PRESENT



Hard of Hearing

There is a 'hard at hearing acoustic loop' in St. Marys Church.

If you are having difficulties in hearing and you have hearing aids with a 'hard at hearing' radio facility, switch your hearing aid to this radio mode.

