**A BIG THANK YOU**

A big thank you to all who so generously gave to the collections for upkeep of the cemeteries in our parish. The collection for Kilmacanogue was 2685 euro and 998 euro for Curtlestown.



**AUCTION COMING UP! WE NEED AS MANY ITEMS AS POSSIBLE PLEASE! DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**

***Save the date! Saturday the 14th of October.*** We will have a full day’s viewing on the Saturday with the auction itself on Saturday evening. Further details to come.

Collecting of items is going full steam ahead now! Here are some examples of what we will take. Glassware, 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.*

**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



**COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE**

The next community prayer service for St Mary’s and St Patrick’s Powerscourt will take place next Wednesday morning 6th September at 10 am in St Patricks church. The theme is “creation”

And we would love to see as many people as possible there to support Cathy and her community. Coffee afterwards, of course, in

  the distillery

**GOD IS LOVE- A SHORT MEDITATION**

**Pause.** Close your eyes. Take a moment to still your mind. God is with you.

**Breathe.** Take five deep breaths in and out. Focus on quieting your mind.

**Read.** This line of scripture once or twice , out loud , if it helps.

*Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God*  1. John 4

**Reflect.** Think carefully on the words of this passage.

What do they mean. Take a moment to consider that God is love.

**ENNISKERRY JOINT PARISHES GOLF CLASSIC**

This year’s Golf Classic will take place on Sunday 17th September 2023 at Powerscourt Golf Club (East Course). Timesheet from 8.15 am to 3.27 pm. It is a four person team event, two to score on each hole. Refreshments at 10th Tee Box. Presentation on the night with entertainment. €300 per team.

To book a team please telephoneTom Dalton on 087 2783342 or

 email tom@tomdalton.ie

You can also sponsor a tee box/green for €100. Your support is much appreciated.

***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

**THIS WEEK’ S STORY TROUBLE TREE**

##### She hired a plumber to help her restore an old farmhouse, and he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit, and his ancient one ton truck refused to start. While she drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited her in to meet his family. As they walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles, and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward, he walked back to the car. They passed the tree, and her curiosity got the better of her. She asked him about what she had seen him do earlier. "Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure; those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So, I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning, I pick them up again. Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before." ****

**Annual Blessing of Graves 2023**This Sunday 3rd September—9.30am -Glencree

ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS



**Thought for**

**the week!**

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

**Saint Therese of Lisieux**

**PARISH LINK 2nd /3rd September Website: Enniskerryparish.ie**

**Welcome to our celebration of the Eucharist.**

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**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS ……. LAST WEEK**

****Today we remember Saint Monica, mother of Saint Augustine: with her prayers and her tears, she asked the Lord for the conversion of her son; a strong woman, a good woman!

Let us pray for the many mothers who suffer when their children are a little lost or who find themselves on difficult paths in life.

**Pope Francis**

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**LOOK AFTER OUR WORLD- GREEN TIP**

## **Start composting!** We compost virtually everything, from dead flowers and plant-based kitchen scraps to shredded paper and used coffee grounds. It’s remarkably easy to do, helps to reduce waste going to the local landfill, and provides a nutrient boost for your flowers and/or vegetable garden.

**SEASON OF CREATION**- 

what is it?

The Season of Creation begins on September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Individuals and communities are invited to participate through prayer, sustainability projects and advocacy. ***Why not join us next Wednesday for our service with Powerscourt***

Check out the Laudato si movement on line https://laudatosimovement.org/what-we-do/

**This weekend 2nd/3rd September**

St. Mary’s 6pm Sat.

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 Mochonog’s: Mary McGrath Anniversary

St Patrick’s 10am Sun. Owen Gallagher (Rec Dec’d)

St. Mary’s 11am Sun Rosemary O’Reilly (Rec Dec’d)

Loretto Keogh (MM) Elizabeth Keane (A), Michael Flynn (A) The Ashford Family. Liam McErlane (A), Phoebe & Bobby Hamilton (A),

**Next weekend 9th/10th September**

St. Patrick’s 10am: Kathleen (Kitty) Byrne (16th A)

St Mochonog’s (10am) Ann Bulmann (A) Dick O’Toole (A)

 Rosalyn King RIP – Birthday Remembrance

**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.

**SACRAMENTS**

Meetings will be held this week, Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th for First communion and Confirmation families who have registered. St Mary’s and Gerard’s and St Patrick’s will be on Munday at 7 30 pm and St Mooching’s at 7 30pm on Tuesday. They will both be held in St Mary’s church. Looking forward to meeting with all the new families.

**SOMETIMES WE NEES TO HELP OTHERS CARRY THEIR CROSS**When someone encourages you, that person helps you over a threshold you might otherwise never have crossed on your own. There are times of great uncertainty in every life. Left alone at such a time, you feel dishevelment and confusion like gravity. When a friend comes with words of encouragement, a light and lightness visit you and you begin to find the stairs and the door out of the dark. The sense of encouragement you feel from the friend is not simply her words or gestures; it is rather her whole presence enfolding you and helping you find the concealed door. The encouraging presence manages to understand you and put herself in your shoes. There is no judgement but words of relief and release.

JOHN O'DONOHUE



**Prayers Please…**

For all carrying heavy burdens at this time. We think specially of all those who lost loved ones in tragic accidents in the last few weeks. 



