**St Mary's & St Gerard's NS**

Admissions for Junior Infants

Sept 2024 now open. Please see admissions forms on [www.enniskerryns.ie](http://www.enniskerryns.ie/) and submit to school before end October '23

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## **Prayer of the week**

## **Two Peoples, One Land**

Two peoples, one land,  
Three faiths, one root,  
One earth, one mother,  
One sky, one beginning, one future, one destiny,  
One broken heart, One God.  
We pray to You: Grant us a vision of unity.  
May we see the many in the one and the one in the many.  
May you, Life of All the Worlds, Source of All Amazing Differences help us to see clearly.  
Guide us gently and firmly toward each other, toward peace.  
  
- Rabbi Sheila Weinberg

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**A Huge Thank you to** all who donated, attended or just wished us well for our auction. We thank each and everyone one of you for the support.To date we have raised just over 6,000 euro !

**Synodal Reflection for Sunday 29th October 2023**

Many of us here today have fallen in love at some stage in our lives. How did it happen? You cannot fall in love with someone you haven’t met, or someone you don’t know. So, in each case there was a period of “getting to know you”, of spending time together, of experiencing the other.

This is just how St Paul introduced Jesus to the Thessalonians. He spent time with them so that they could observe him. He accompanied them and invited them to try imitating how he lived his life, and, through him, to become imitators of Jesus and how Jesus lived. In this way their faith in God grew to the extent they became famous for it throughout the rest of Greece. We could say St Paul walked together with them on a synodal pathway of discovery.

The Working Document for the Synod in Rome constantly refers to how our faith must be grounded in practical experiences where walking together means not leaving anyone behind, and remaining alongside those who struggle the most. This too is the clear message of our first reading from Exodus where we are called to welcome the stranger, the widow and the orphan and be just in all our dealings. These are all very practical examples of ‘’Love your neighbour as yourself”.

These practical concerns are central to the Synod. A synodal Church walks together not leaving anyone behind and is alongside those who struggle the most. We can ask ourselves in our parishes how are we building a synodal Church capable of promoting the belonging and participation of the least within the Church and in society? How are we reaching out to those who are different from us to those who are struggling? How are we providing pastoral outreach and care to migrant communities? How are we connecting with the men and women of our time?

The Holy Spirit is moving in all that has happened so far on the synodal pathway and all that is happening now in Rome. We are growing in our awareness that a synodal Church is a listening Church. For many, the great surprise was the experience of being listened to by the community. For some this was a new experience, of receiving recognition of our unique human worth as sons and daughters of God who is love. As we listened attentively to each other’s lived experiences, we grew in mutual respect and began to discern the movements of God’s Spirit in the lives of others and in our own.

By listening carefully, and prayerfully, to one another, and by walking, supportively, together on the synodal pathway, each one of us can draw closer to each other and closer to God. In our listening, each one of us can learn a little bit more about how to love God and how to love our neighbour. This is why listening is so important in this process, it helps us to put words on what God is asking of us and begin to name practical steps we can take to make a difference to people’s lives especially to those in most need.

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**Altar List of the Dead**

November Altar List of the dead,

are available at church porches. Masses are

offered on each first Friday at 10.15 in

St Mary’s for names on list.

Please return list to sacristy when complete.

**Community prayer service**

This month St Patrick’s Powerscourt

are hosting our prayer gathering.

It will be led by Noel Griffin next

**Wednesday 1st November at 10am**

and hopefully as many of you as possible can attend. Refreshments afterwards in the distillery.

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**A word From Pope Francis**

Silence is essential in the

life of the believer. Indeed,

it lies at the beginning and

end of Christ’s earthly existence.

POPE FRANCIS

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**All Saints Day- Attention**

Mass for all Saints Day –

Wednesday 1st November

will be held in St. Mochonog’s at 10am.

We will not be holding a prayer service in St Mary’s that day.

Friday 29th September with a trip to the Botanic Gardens to see the 'Sculpture in Context'

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A BIG WECOME TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

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**PARISH LINK**

**28th Oct/29th Oct**

**Welcome to our celebration of the Eucharist this weekend!**

**We Remember……. This weekend’s intentions –28th/29th October.**

**St. Mary’s** 6 pm Mary and Aidan Whelan (A)

John and Gretta Harman

**St. Patrick’s** 10am:  Lily Kavanagh (Birthday Remembrance)

**St Mochonog’s** 10am: Garrett & May King (A)

Patrick & Margaret Molloy – Deceased Birthday Remembrance

**St Mary’s**11am**–**Eamonn Gibney (A)

Johnny Gallagher (1st A) & his wife Margaret.

Lorraine Sweeney - Thank you Mass Bouquet

**Next week’s Intentions: 4th/5th November**

**St. Mary’s** 6pm:   Marie Hannon (1st A) Stephen Edwards (A)

**St. Kevin’s** 9am:   Madge Quinn (A)

**St Mochonog’s**:    Lily Salter (A)

**St Mary’s 11am:**   Pascal Hackett (A)

Carol Rafferty (2nd A)

**SHARE- The Share Appeal Collection November 11th /12th**

I am writing to you today about Share, the Diocesan Development Fund, the second collection at Sunday Masses, which depends on the generosity of parishioners across the Archdiocese. Building on the wisdom in parishes throughout the world, guided by the Holy Spirit, the Synod in Rome last month grappled with the challenge of renewing the Church worldwide as the listening, participative, active community of the followers of Jesus.

We are acutely aware of the need in the Archdiocese to encourage and support all our people wisely, and to share our resources for the good of all. Through the work of the Dublin Diocesan Offices, Share provides a range of essential services to our partnerships of parishes and to our schools, including pastoral, administrative, financial, strategic, governance, legal, data protection, property, health and safety, communications, education and safeguarding support. In their day-to-day work, priests, deacons, parish pastoral workers and parish offices are resourced by the Diocesan Offices. Planning for the future is also taking place. Training is being provided to develop and resource lay pastoral ministry and leadership roles – for example, parish pastoral councils, catechists and lay funeral leaders.

The *Building Hope* initiative this year is asking us to engage with social justice and the transformation of our world, ‘as constitutive dimensions of the preaching of the Gospel’ (Synod of Bishops, 1971, 6). Promoting pastoral renewal and partnership between parishes can help us focus on the social needs of people locally and face together the challenge of attending to catastrophic humanitarian and environmental concerns. Share continues to provide much-needed financial support to disadvantaged parishes where alternative funding cannot be secured, and for the Travelling Community. It is important for all of us to become more aware of the challenges faced in different parishes in our diocese and find ways to reach out sustainably and creatively to each other. While the purposes of the Share collection have evolved over the years, it is an essential source of funding in the Archdiocese, supporting parish life and ministry. Thank you for your response over the years. Please give as generously as you can on this Share Appeal Sunday, and continue to support Share every Sunday throughout the year.

Like St Paul, we are people of hope, we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who live and die in Jesus... we shall stay with the Lord forever (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). Let us also stay close to each other in the Christian family, and do all we can to resource the mission of Christ handed on to us; wise, sensible, awake to people’s needs, with the door held open to all, full of Christian hope (see Matthew 25:1-13). Gratefully yours, with every blessing,

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**KILMAC**

Kilmacanogue History Society next Talk of the Season will be on Monday 6th November in the Kilmacanogue Parish Hall @ 8p.m. We are delighted to have Dr Pat Wallace, Former Director of the National Museum of Ireland and excavator of Wood Quay as our Speaker. Dr Wallace has popularised archaeology both at home and abroad on radio, television and elsewhere. This time he will be speaking to us on the subject of "Bray, Wicklow and the roads to Wexford and Tullow -1700 to 1850." All welcome.

+Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**A healing service will take place on Monday evening the 20th of November for the parish of Enniskerry. Please pass the word to anyone you know who would be comforted by attending.

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