

**AUCTION COMING UP! WE NEED AS MANY ITEMS AS POSSIBLE PLEASE!** If**** you have any ***good as new or New Items*** that you would like to off load, we would be delighted to take them!

WE ARE IN NEED OF EXTRA FUNDS TO UPGRADE THE SOUND SYSTEM IN ST MARY’S, AND WE HOPE TO RAISE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS IT BY RUNNING A FUN AUCTION IN THE AUTUMN.

WE ARE STARTING TO GET SOME LOVELY BITS AND PIECES FOR THE AUCTION 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. THANK YOU.

**Difficulty 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.

**Story of the Week**

**Don’t Hope, Decide**

While waiting to pick up a friend at the airport last week, I had one of those life- changing experiences that you hear other people talk about. This one occurred a mere two feet away from me.

Straining to locate my friend among the passengers, I noticed a man coming toward me with two light bags. He stopped right beside me to greet his young family.

First he gave his youngest son(about six) a long loving hug. As they separated he looked him in the eyes and said “It’s good to see you son, I missed you so much” His son smiled shyly and softly replied “me too dad”.

The man stood up, gazed in the eyes of his eldest son (eleven or so) and said fondly, “you’re quite a young man David” and they hugged a most loving tender hug.

A little girl was squirming excitedly in her mother’s arms and her father took her and kissed her face gently and rocked her close to him for several moments. He then gave her to his eldest son and turning to his wife said” I’ve kept the best till last”.

He gazed at her and silently mouthed” I love you so much”. As they smiled at each other and held each other’s hands, they reminded me of newlyweds. I puzzled at this wonderful display of love, not more than an arm’s length away from me.

I was amazed to hear myself ask” Wow, how long have you two been married”?

“Fourteen years” he replied, still gazing at his wife.

“How long have you been away”?

“Two whole days” he answered, still smiling joyously. Two days. I was stunned. “I hope my marriage is that passionate after fourteen years”.

The man suddenly stopped smiling.

He looked me straight in the eye, and with forcefulness, he told me something that made me a different person. “Don’t hope friend……decide”. Then he gave me that wonderful smile, shook my hand and said “God bless”.



Music Ministry

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! Please contact me on 0868182241 (Aideen)

Poem of the Week - **TRANSFIGURATION** By [Malcolm Guite
​](https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2017/08/03/transfiguration-3/)​For that one moment, ‘in and out of time’,
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.

**Annual Blessing of Graves 2023**Kilmacanogue—Sunday 20th August 3pm. Curtlestown Sunday 27th August 3pm. Glencree Sunday 3rd September—9.30am

ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS



Escorted 3 Night Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 19th August 2023.

 Price includes return transfers via train, 3 nights’ in Knock House Hotel with full board.  All entertainment and excursions included.  Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. €549.00 per person sharing.  Single supplement €150.00.  For more information contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

What Does Love Look Like. Love doesn’t expect or demand. Love doesn't yell at friends to get out of the way. Love doesn’t cry for attention. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can’t. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, gold necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, designer clothes will wear out, but the gift of LOVE will endure forever.

**FINANCE** we need new people to come on board to help count the collections after the weekend masses.

If you are free during the week and have an hour or two to spare, please contact the parish office St Mary’s 01 2760030 or St Mochonog’s 01 2021882

***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



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**Family space -Thank you.**

A big thank you to all who dropped in books for the family space in the last few weeks. It has not gone un-noticed. 

**Kilmacanogue**

CAN YOU HELP?

Cleaning of the Cemetery will take place on this coming **Wednesday,16th August at 6 pm.** Please bring Rakes, strimmers and bags. Hoping for a good turn out so please come along if you can. Thanks to all who turn up and we will continue until Blessing of the Graves. ………………………………………………….

The Maintenance Committee in St. Mochonog’s are now ready to organize 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.

Joyce    01 2021882, Anne O'Grady       0877651463

Declan Carroll      0872529323

 As soon as you can, please!

**Feeling lonely or just lost? The Beginning Experience® Mission and Programme aims to facilitate the grief resolution process for the separated, divorced and widowed, thus enabling them to love themselves, others and God again. Check it out online or call** 

**LOOK AFTER OUR WORLD- GREEN TIP**

If your washing machine has a temperature setting for the amount of clothing you're washing, choose a low setting—you'll use less water and your clothes will be just as clean. Using cold water can save up to **80% of the energy required to wash clothes**.





Curtlestown

There has been a Whats App Group

set up for volunteers who wish to help in our Cemetery. If you would like to be added to the group please text your name and number to Martin King on 086 1026709. We appeal to people who have read this to encourage others to join the Group.

**Thought for the Week**

All things are possible for those who believe.

Mark 9: 23



**Prayers Please…**

For all experiencing fear and anxiety at this time



**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!



We Remember………….

**This weekend 12th/13th August**

**St Mary’s 6pm**: Michael Norris (2nd A)

**St Mochonog’s 10am:** Sean and Noel Lawless (A)

**St. Patrick’s 10am** Gerry Blackbyrne(A) his parents Frank & Catherine Blackbyrne. AnnHussey (3rd A) Darryl Manning (A)

**St Mary’s 11am:** Marie Fisher (1stA) Michael Norris (2ndA)

 Robert&Ciaran Fisher Dec’d Patrick Brennan (A)

**Next weekend 19th/20th August**

**10am St. Patrick’s** – Lorraine Grimley (1st A)



**PARISH LINK 12th /13th August Website: Enniskerryparish.ie**

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