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**A BIG THANK YOU**

To all the parents who attended the meeting for sacramental preparation during the week. It is always a pleasure to meet the new families and we look forward to welcoming them and getting to know them throughout the coming year.

**AUCTION COMING UP! WE STILL NEED AS MANY ITEMS AS POSSIBLE PLEASE! DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!** *A cartoon of a person holding a gavel

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***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.*

**FUNERAL MINISTRY AND **

**PRAYER SERVICE LEADERSHIP**

Training will begin on Monday the 25th of September at 7 30 at St Mary’s church. This training is for all four churches. If you would like to have an opportunity to lead services in your communities or join our funeral

ministry team, now is your chance. It is the future. Contact the parish office or Aideen 0868182241

**THIS WEEK’ S STORY- Struggle of the Butterfly**

##### A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day, a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.

Then, it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and it could go no further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon.

The butterfly then emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shrivelled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shrivelled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

"I asked for strength, and God gave me difficulties to make me strong  
I asked for wisdom, and God gave me problems to solve.  
I asked for prosperity, and God gave me a brain and brawn to work.  
I asked for courage, and God gave me danger to overcome.  
I asked for love, and God gave me troubled people to help.  
I asked for favours, and God gave me opportunities.  
I received nothing I asked for but I got everything I needed! A group of insects on a branch

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A logo for a plant seed company

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***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

**Charabanc Social Gatherings**

The Charabanc Social Gatherings will resume on Friday 29th September with a trip to the Botanic Gardens to see the 'Sculpture in Context' exhibition.  The bus will leave from St. Patrick's Churchyard at 11.30 a.m.

To book a place phone Phil at 087 9721491 or Jackie at 086 108 2340 .A cartoon of people sitting on their backs

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**GOD IS LOVE- A SHORT MEDITATION**A colorful text on a white background

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**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.

**BOOK REVIEW**

**Maria von Trapp and her musical family**

**by Cheri Blomquist** is a book for younger readers, maybe 5th class and up, but is still enjoyable for adult fans of *The Sound of Music,* Maria, and the rest of the Von Trapp family. The primary theme, carried throughout the book, and a wonderful lesson for children, is that in difficult times, God always comes through for us. A person in blue aprons and white aprons with a group of people in front of them

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



**PARISH LINK 9th/10th September Website: Enniskerryparish.ie**

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

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

**ATTENTION!** Flyers to advertise our Auction/ Community fundraising event, will be available during the week to pick up from the Parish office. If you think you could deliver in your area contact the office or 0868182241 A cartoon text with orange and yellow colors

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**CROSSCARE**

# CROSSCARE COLLECTION

On the weekend of **September 16 and 17**, Crosscare will hold its **Annual Appeal for Homeless Prevention Services**. This will replace the Share collection at all Masses. Crosscare seeks your support to prevent more people from losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis continues. The number of people in emergency accommodation in Dublin is now well over 9,000; sadly, this includes almost 3,000 children. As well as providing residential homeless services, Crosscare is working with hundreds of families and individuals who are at risk of losing their existing accommodation. Please support the Crosscare collection if you can next weekend at all Masses in the Archdiocese, or you can donate online at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie).

**DOING OUR BIT!** A hand holding a green planet

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Would you like to be part of a little group that would assess our parish green-ness! We would like to do our little bit by being as green as possible. This is a chance to invite your children or grandchildren to get involved. Please contact me for further details on what this would involve 086 8182241

**New MusicMusical notes and instruments on a white background

Description automatically generated Ministry** Please join us if you would like the opportunity to sing and fill in from time to time when are regular musicians are not available. We are currently meeting on Wednesday evenings at St Marys church at 7 30 pm. See you there!

**Thought for**

**the week!**

Be the change you want to see in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi

Hands holding a sign with red text

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**Prayers Please…**

For all who have experienced sudden deaths within the family recently Two candles in a glass holder

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A red rectangular sign with a circle and a cross

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**CHURCH COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

**GREEN-** these envelopes are for the weekly family offering and are given to any household that applies for one and the donations are recorded.

**PINK-** are the envelopes that you see left in the churches and can be taken and placed in the basket at collection time. Donations placed in these go directly to the parish and can be anonymous.

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS ……. LAST WEEK**A cartoon of an elephant holding an umbrella

Description automatically generatedAt the heart of Christianity is an amazing and extraordinary message. If you lose your life, if you make it a generous offering in service, if you risk it by choosing to love, if you make it a free gift for others, then it will return to you in abundance, and you will be overwhelmed by endless joy, peace of heart, and inner strength and support; and we need inner peace. You need not be famous, rich or powerful to be happy. No! Only love satisfies our hearts’ thirst, only love heals our wounds, only love brings us true joy. This is the way that Jesus taught us; this is the path that he opened up before us.

**Pope Francis**

**LOOK AFTER OUR WORLD- GREEN TIP**A bag with vegetables and a recycle symbol

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Keep reusable bags in your car or near the door so they are easy to grab when you go. You can also shop with the environment in mind. “Green purchasing” means buying smart. Look for products that help conserve natural resources, save energy, and prevent waste.

**SEASON OF CREATION**- A river running through a field

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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 9th/10th September**

St Mary’s 6pm Christy Mahon (RD)

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

St Mochonog’s (10am) Joby Stephens (Rec Dec’d)

Ann Bulmann (A) Dick O’Toole (A)

Rosalyn King RIP – Birthday Remembrance.

**Next weekend’s intentions – 16th/17th September**

St Mochonog’s 10am: Angel Fernandez (A)

Margaret Redden (A) Sandra Richardson (Rec. Dec.)

St. Mary’s 11am: Meet and Greet Mass – Baptisms.

Paddy Geoghegan (Months Mind)

A drawing of a flower

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