

We, the Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are updating our website. It will be launched TODAY, Palm Sunday. Please check out 'Enniskerryparish.ie' for the latest information in our parish.

**St. Vincent dePaul—Sunshine House—Sunshine Fund—Advocate Collection**

The annual Advocate collection for the Sunshine Fund takes place TODAY Sunday 14th April. The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St. Vincent de Paul provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This collection is their only source of funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Towards the Cross**

We know where Jesus is going to end up, and Jesus knows it too. At the beginning of today's Mass, we hear of Jesus' spectacular entry into Jerusalem. The crowds who greet him cry out and praise God—the King has come! It is similar to how victorious army generals were welcomed home. These people have set their hopes on Jesus. They are waiting for a Messiah and King, and have heard so much about this preacher—is he the one they've been waiting for?

But Jesus is not the hero they've been expecting. He has not come to raise up an army or become a great political leader. Quite the opposite: Jesus has come to Jerusalem to die. The story takes a dark and dramatic turn, and we are plunged into a tale of arrest, trial, torture and death. Before long, the crowd are shouting 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' and taunting him on the cross to 'save himself if he is the Christ of God', Jesus' triumphant entrance into the city is also his entry into his betrayal, suffering, and death.

We play our part in the unfolding drama today, as we first hold up our palm branches and later join the crowds condemning Jesus. In his Palm Sunday homily to young people last year, Pope Francis said the changing reactions of the crowds 'expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love, but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to 'wash our hands'

Today we place ourselves in the passion of Jesus, and we look to the Cross as our consolation and our challenge.

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**Masses in our Parish:**

**Enniskerry: Sunday:** Mass: Sun. 11am. In Enniskerry N.S. for month of September.

**Morning Mass** at 10.15am, Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat.

**Prayer Services** Each Wed - **Holy Days—10.15am**

**Curtlestown: Sunday 10 am.**

**Glencree:** First Sunday of Month—9.00am

**Kilmacanogue:** Sunday 10.00am, Friday 10.00am,

**Mass Intentions for this weekend**

10am Curtlestown: Joan Byrne (A)  
10am Kilmacanogue: Ciara Coolahan (MM)  
11am Enniskerry Evie Palmer (A)  
Margaret Palmer (A)  
Frank & Mary Maguire, Killegar (A)  
Paddy Hannon (A)

**Mass Intentions for next weekend**

9am Glencree:  
10am Curtlestown:  
10am Kilmacanogue: Kieran Doyle (1st A), Michael Doyle (RIP).  
Cpt. Pat Donlon (1st A)  
11am Enniskerry: James & Kathleen Gerry Hickey (A) Troy (A),

**Collections — Curtlestown, Enniskerry, Glencree, Kilmacanogue.**

**7th April:** 1st collection: Diocesan and Retired Priests Fund: €395

2nd Collection: **SHARE:** €406

Own Parish Collection: Family Offering Envelopes: €620

**Holy Week Timetable 2019—April 2019**

Wed. 17th 7.30pm Easter Penance Service – St. Mary's.

Thurs. 18th Holy Thursday—St. Mary's  
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper – Adoration to 9.00pm  
9.15pm—9.30pm—Night Prayer.  
7.30pm—St. Mochonog's—Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri. 19th Good Friday  
11.00am Way of the Cross – commencing in St. Mary's processing through the village to Powerscourt Church.  
12.00 noon Stations of the Cross – St. Mochonog's led by Legion of Mary and Choir.  
3.00pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – St. Mary's.  
8.00pm—Stations of the Cross—St. Mary's

Sat. 20th Holy Saturday— 9.00pm Vigil Mass – St. Mary's

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday—9.00am Mass in St. Kevin's, 10.00am Mass in St. Patrick's & St. Mochonog's, 11.00am Mass in St. Mary's.

Parish Offices will close on Wed 17th April and re open Mon 29th April 10am