



Mass Intentions for this Weekend

Sunday 28th April

10am Curtlestown:

10am Kilmacanogue: Lily Ryan (A)
Peter & Eileen Lawlor(A)

11am Enniskerry: Garry McGovern(A)
Leo & Eveline McGovern(A)
Michael Walsh(MM)
Christopher (Snitchy) Murphy(MM)



Kilmacanogue History Society

KHS will present a Talk on "Irish Bank Notes- an Inside Story" in the Glenview Hotel on Tuesday May 7th at 8p.m. Speaker is Louis O'Byrne the former Head of the Irish Banknote Printing Works and Mint. He was centrally involved in the changeover to the Euro and is currently Chair of the Central Bank of Ireland's Numismatic Advisory Committee. Although we use our banknotes on a daily basis, very few of us have actually looked at them closely. The talk will look at our history from this very different perspective.



New Parish Website

Our Parish Website has undergone a facelift We hope that all those who visit will see it as a useful resource. We welcome your feedback! In the meantime, please take a look.
www.enniskerryparish.ie



Parish Office Closure

Our Parish Offices will be closed the will re open tomorrow Monday 29th April at 10:00am



Please return your Trocaire boxes to the Parish Office as soon as possible

Thank you to all who returned their Easter Dues. Spare Dues envelopes are available in the church porches for anyone who did not receive one



Mass Intentions for next Weekend

Sunday 28th April

10am Curtlestown: Patrick King (A)

10am Kilmacanogue: Edward & Esther Sally (A)

11am Enniskerry:



A Saint for Dark Times

It's perfectly understandable: Thomas is having trouble believing that Jesus has returned to be with his friends again. The disciples, who witnessed Jesus' arrest, torture, death and burial, are now talking about having seen Jesus in the flesh again. It sounds impossible. Thomas was not there when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, so of course he is doubtful.

Thomas' moment of doubt earned him the nickname 'Doubting Thomas', and I sometimes think this is a little unfair. Or rather, I feel that Thomas's wobble of faith does not necessarily cast him in a negative light – it makes him easier to relate to. He is grieving after the death of his master and friend. He is not ready to hear the words of comfort and consolation offered by the others, when they tell him 'We have seen the Lord.' His pain is too deep. He can't believe it, or won't believe it, until he experiences it for himself. And when he does finally encounter Jesus, an agonising eight days later, his declaration of faith is swift: 'My Lord and my God!'. We can almost hear the relief and joy in this exclamation.

We all know that life can be painful and messy at times. It can be hard to hang onto our faith when we are in pain, or grieving, or anxious. It might be difficult to accept the assurances of others that God is with us and will help us through it. We might also struggle to pray. In dark times, sometimes we just can't see the light. Thomas is a saint for those times of darkness and doubt. In our darkest days, may we, like Thomas, encounter the healing presence of the Risen Christ.

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Prayer

Mysterious God, we are those who have seen and at the same time not seen. Help to look beyond the simple gifts of each day to see you the giver behind—and in—every gift. Help us acknowledge Jesus that we may know true blessedness in believing.