

Mass Intentions for Sunday 22nd December

10am Kilmacanogue: Michael Doyle (10th A)
Kieran Doyle, Jack Stephens (A) Ben O'Brien (A)
Eddie Elliot (A), The Geelon Family.

10am Curtlestown:

11am Enniskerry: Mary Kelly (8th A)
Patrick & Josephine Geraghty (A),
Stephen Edwards, JP & Margaret Kelly (A),
James Kirwan (A), Kay Cleary (Rec Dec'd)

Mass Intentions for Sunday 29th December

10am Kilmacanogue:

10am Curtlestown:

11am Enniskerry: Nancy Walsh (10th A)

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I wish you the joy and peace which the Infant Jesus offers us during this beautiful season. I would also like to offer you a review of our work in 2019.

Looking back, it has been a year of significant new beginnings for the Parish Pastoral Council, laying the ground for what we hope to achieve in the coming year. Our primary task, as a PPC, is to provide spiritual leadership, offering opportunities for faith formation, prayer and Christian service, also for reaching out to bring Christ's love to those on the margins, those in most need. To do all this we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Prayer is prominent in our meetings. We also need to listen to each other, to the wider Church, and particularly to you, our parishioners, as we discern our way ahead. Planning practical projects to build us up as a faith community and extend our mission is an important aspect of our work. All of this is demanding, and we continue to rely on your ideas and suggestions, your practical cooperation, and crucially, your prayers.

The flow of the past year really began with the Parish Assembly we organised in November 2018 in response to Archbishop Diarmuid Martin's request to parishes, following Pope Francis' visit in August. It was well attended and afterwards we got down to the considerable task of processing the feedback. We gradually simplified it down to a set of bullet points for presentation back to you.

One of those bullet points in the section, "What is missing in our parish?" is "Helping Parishioners to increase their faith and that of their children". In March, we organised the "Week of Guided Prayer" facilitated by a team from the Archdiocese who were impressed with the level of participation. The Week included daily individual spiritual direction and a commitment to daily prayer with scripture. The participants' feedback was hugely positive. In September, we promoted "Faith for Life" held in Holy Cross Diocesan Centre. Six parishioners are currently engaged in this in-depth process of faith development (actually the largest of any parish group in the diocese).

Another bullet point in the section "What is not working well in our parish?" is "Communication of all types and at all levels needs improvement". While much remains to be done, our parish website has been completely refurbished this year, including updated information (check out the PPC!) and providing spiritual nourishment through links that change frequently. We also reviewed the Parish Link and Mass leaflets, and brought in new material introducing a new combined format.

This is just a beginning! A sub-group of three members continued to work on the Assembly feedback throughout the Summer, drawing it together into a strategy and action plan. It's an on-going process.

It was also a year of big change and renewal for us as a Council. Patricia Carroll, from the Diocesan Office with responsibility for parishes, began to work with us in June. This led to a nomination process in September. All nominees were offered a training day on October 12th, and a group of five men and five women were publicly commissioned in St Mary's on Sunday, November 17th, committing to serve for three years.

Because the Parish Pastoral Council is tasked to be the "eyes and ears of the Parish" we need to be a strong, visible presence for everyone. Therefore, you will soon see photos and names of Council members displayed in the church porches. If you have any ideas, concerns or inspirations which might help us to grow as a Christian community and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to approach any of us personally. We are here to serve.

May the peace and grace of Our Infant Saviour be with you all, Sally Phalan

St Mary's & St Gerard's N.S are looking for a school cleaner, starting on 6th January 2020, (Monday- Friday, 2pm - 6pm daily). If you are interested please contact the school by phone on 01 2868851 or email: info@enniskerryins.ie

Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary Fund Raising Appeal.

Parishioners have received an invitation to donate to the Parish Fund Raising Appeal either by increasing their Direct Debit/ Family Offering Envelope donation or by donating through our website. Envelopes are available at the rear of Church.



**Support our Parish—buy beautiful unique
Christmas Cards**

Our special designed Parish Christmas Card with a beautiful print of the four Churches of the Parish will be on sale in all Churches at today's Masses. This is a Fundraising project for our parish so please support it. **Pack of 10—€10.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Four Churches One Faith Community

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Mass Times

St. Patrick's Curtlestown

Sundays 10am

Choir sing at 10am Mass (Sept-June)

St. Mary's Enniskerry

Sundays 11am

Holy Days - 10:15am

Morning Mass: 10:15am Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri & Sat.

Prayer Service each Wednesday at 10.15am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.15am

Service each Friday Morning

Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be in St. Mary's each

First Friday at 10.15am Mass

Confessions after 10.15am Mass on Sat. morning

St. Mochoonog's Kilmacanogue

Sundays 10am

Wednesdays/ & Fridays 10am

(Holy Days as announced)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament First

Wednesday of each month 6pm-7pm.

St. Kevin's Glencree

1st Sunday of the Month, Christmas Day & Easter Sunday.

**Former ICA Annual Party will take place
on Saturday 11th January 2020 at 3pm in
the Parochial Hall
(opposite Kingfishers).**

All Enniskerry senior citizens are invited. We look forward to seeing you all and hope you have a lovely Christmas and a happy new year. Phone Rosemary 087 2608933/Jackie 086 1082340

**Christmas Shoebox Appeal
in aid of Inner City Helping Homeless**

**If you would like to donate to above please see
Poster in Porch or contact 086 224 5080**

PARISH COLLECTIONS

(Curtlestown, Enniskerry, Glencree & Kilmacanogue
15th December .

1st Collection: Diocesan & Retired Priests Fund: €423

2nd Collection: 1st Dec. SHARE €342

Family Offering Envelopes & Pink Envelopes: €355

***We thank you for your continued generous support of
our Parish and the Diocese.***

A VERY SPECIAL ADVENT CALENDAR ONLINE

Help yourself and your children get ready for Christmas with seasonal activities and nourishment for your souls.

Check out our Parish Website (enniskerryparish.ie) for

links to the Irish Catholic Bishops Advent Calendar

2019. You will find a treasure of resources that are

different every day during this beautiful Season of

Preparation.

“Curtlestown Wren Boys ‘

**Shopriver at 1.30pm on St. Stephen's
Day. Please come and join the singing,
dancing and fun. Collection in aid of our
local CHARABANC Community Bus.**

**Useful Help Lines:— Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 01 8550022— Samaritans: 1850 609090
Recovery: 01 6260775 Accord: 01 5053112**