

Mass Intentions Sunday 21st

Zoom Mass 10am

(to join 087 418 9338)

St. Mary's—on webcam 12 noon

May Byrne Rec Dec'd

Robert Byrne (A)

Brendan O'Connor (1stA)



Stations of the Cross will be on Zoom at
5.30pm each Friday during Lent.
(enquiries 087 418 9338)

Novena to the Miraculous Medal is held
after 10.15am Mass each Monday morning,
The Rosary is recited at 09.45am each
morning in St Mary's and is available to
view on the webcam
www.enniskerryparish.ie

Living Word Lenten Guidance Wednesdays @ 10.30 am on Zoom. Commencing 24th
February and continuing on 3rd, 10th, 17th, 23rd & 31st March. All very welcome to join.

Gospel of Mark chAPER 1 Verse 12=RWE 1 V 12-1—12—15 Gospel Meditation for 1st week of Lent

As we begin Lent let us read the Gospel with our inner ear—as Cardinal Newman described prayer 'cor ad cor loquitor—'heart to heart speaks' and having read it slowly, (twice' in silence as 'what speaks'. The desert of silence and atmosphere of corona virus—we are in the desert. What associations are we making with the words given people who come to mind, thoughts and anxieties in our heart, and Christ knows of what we speak, as he has been there and is now here. In spirituality the via negativa—the unknown and uncertain, lead us into the divine. It is alright to be unsure, uncertain, at sea. John Keats, whose death is two hundred years ago, on 23rd February, spoke of negative capability. Possibility out of the uncertain. Freud considered knowledge as useful but powered by demand to control, and negative capability is a rebuff to easy answers. Negative capability is being able to be uncertain, in doubt, and then the beauty of being in mystery

Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2021

This year Trocaire's Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the Impact of Conflict on Families in South Sudan. This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity. Parish resources are now available at [Parishes - Resources | Trócaire \(trocaire.org\)](http://Parishes - Resources | Trócaire (trocaire.org))

Trocaire Boxes and envelopes are available at the Church Entrance. If you wish to take a box or an envelope when you enter Church for private prayer please return it to the Parish Office.

**Parochial House, Enniskerry, 01 2863506, Presbytery, Kilmacanogue 01 2741951,
Parish Office, Enniskerry 01 2760030, Mon-Fri 10am-1pm.**

Lenten Meditation

Our journey of Lent has begun. Let us make this journey together. Resources have been uploaded and will be posted throughout the season on our website: <https://enniskerryparish.ie/ash-wednesday-and-lent-2021/>

This year is going to be a different Lent. We encourage you to tune in to the Parish webcam and Zoom Masses and to join together to participate in our Community Lenten Programs of your choice -find one that works for you and make that part of your spiritual journey.

We invite you to promote this in your family and community along with our other Lenten initiatives so that, together, we can appropriately celebrate Lent 2021.

We all remember very vividly the image of Pope Francis in St. Peters at the Ubi et Orbi blessing on the World at the end of March last year. It was a rain swept St. Peters and he used the words from the Prophet Joel that were in the First Reading on Ash Wednesday - Return to me with all your heart-

We are all returning to the Lord during the 40 days and 40 nights of Lent.

Our Churches are open for private prayer and private devotion. There is nothing to stop you calling into the church when you wish (see website for opening times) and offer a prayer. Do that during different days of Lent- a five minute visit. We don't need to say many words when we go to visit the Lord, just sit in his presence.

"God will remember me because I visited him every day and I look on him and he looks on me. "(anon)

God's blessing on all of us for these forty days as we make our way to the joy of Easter, answering the call to come back to God with all our hearts.

Covid advice continues- sanitise, social distance wear masks. We are prolife which means all lives are to be protected. To protect each other please ensure you sanitise your hands as you enter and leave as Covid 19 can remain on pews and shrines for a long period and daytime sanitizing of pews is not possible. Singing is not possible as aerosol transmission has a wider reach than conversation. This includes gatherings. Please sanitise the pew you have prayed in as you leave. Cleanser in Porch. Thank you.

Contributions

We thank all who continue to contribute and keep parish finance healthy

You can contribute by using DONATE button on website or by dropping envelopes into the Parish Office during Office Hours.

1. Parish Living Word Lenten Series on Zoom:

1. A member of the PPC will host a series of short gatherings (about 20 mins) to reflect on the Sunday Gospels on **Wednesdays @ 10.40 am** (after the St Mary's webcam Prayer Service). Commencing 24th February and continuing on 3rd, 10th, 17th, 23rd & 31st March. All are very welcome to any of these sessions. Zoom details will go out to Parish Groups and are also available on the Parish Website or call the Parish Office to enquire.

2. **Thursday Evening Gatherings** for prayer, meditation and discussion on the Sunday Gospels. Includes quiet reflection with music and visuals, intercessory prayer, etc. All welcome. Contact Sally: 087 4189 338.

Lenten Talks

During the season of Lent a series of Talks will be delivered by webcam or zoom from St. Mary's Parish Church. The Talks will mainly be centred on areas of social injustice, Christian responsibility and personal health & wellbeing.

The first Talk, 'Volunteering for Well-being', will be delivered by Leah Kinsella, Manager, County Wicklow Volunteer Centre on Thursday next, 25th February.

On Thursday 4th March, Dr. Amy Watchorn, Senior Clinical Psychologist, St. John of God Hospital will deliver a Talk, 'Hitting a Wall – Staying Motivated in 2021' via Zoom.

Details are below.

Volunteering for Well-being

Leah Kinsella, Manager, County Wicklow Volunteer Centre

7.30 p.m. Thursday 25th February

By webcam from St. Mary's Parish Church at [www. Enniskerryparish.ie](http://www.Enniskerryparish.ie)

Recent national and international research has proved that volunteering substantially improves an individual's well-being. In this talk we will look at how volunteering impacts the individual who volunteers, the group with which they volunteer and wider society. We will also look at current volunteering opportunities in the Enniskerry area and what each of us can do as a volunteer.

The vision of County Wicklow Volunteer Centre is that all persons, regardless of race, religion, creed, sexual orientation, social status, age, educational ability and experience, who are residing in Wicklow are aware of the many volunteering opportunities that will allow them to actively contribute to the development of their community and give them a sense of well-being and individual value.

Leah Kinsella is the manager of the Centre and is passionate about volunteering and the development of the local volunteering infrastructure.