

**Mass Intentions Sunday 14th March**

**Zoom Mass 10am**

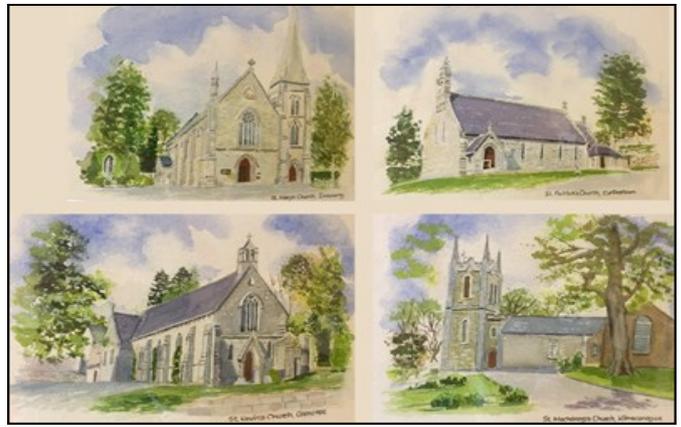
**(to join 087 418 9338) or  
sally.phalan@gmail.com**

**St. Mary's—on webcam 12 noon**

Mass offered on Mothers Day for all  
our Mothers

Tony Hunt (A)

Robert, Edward Patrick Keane RIP (A)



**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**

Our Churches are open for private prayer and private devotion. There is nothing to stop you calling into the church when you wish ( see below 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.

**Church Opening Hours**

St. Mary's Parish Church is open 11am—3pm Mon-Sat and 1pm—3pm Sunday.

St. Mochonog's Church is open 11am—3pm Monday-Sunday.

St. Patrick's Curtlestown, is open 10am-12 noon each Sunday.  
(only one person or one bubble allowed in for 10 minutes per time)

**St. Patrick's Day**

Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Wednesday next, St. Patrick's Day at 10.15am and may be watched on Webcam  
**www.enniskerryparish.ie**

**St. Patrick's Day**

St. Patrick's Community Group, Curtlestown is delighted to offer the community an online St. Patrick's Day celebration. This recorded piece will feature a special message from Fr. Bernard Kennedy, music by local musicians, and contributions from the children of St. Patrick's N.S., Curtlestown, all set to the magnificent backdrop of the Glencree Valley. To view this celebration, links will be sent out via the community social media channels, or contact the parish office for further details.”



### St Patrick's Day Bells ☐ ☐

To celebrate our national patron Saint Church bells will be rung across the Country and in many diocese on St.Patrick's Day Wednesday March 17th.

The ringing of the bells is a call to prayer and a reminder of the faith that sustained the people of this island throughout the centuries. May the bells inspire us at the difficult time for our people and our country.

\*The bells of **St.Mochonog's** church will ring at 11am on St.Patrick's Day\* ☐.

St.Mochonog's Church is open daily 10am-4pm for private prayer ☐ ☐

Mass is being offered every day for all of us.

Stay safe and stay well. - Kilmacanogue Parish Team

*God Bless Your Birthday*



The Lord Bless You And Keep You  
Numbers 6 v 24

Happy 90th Birthday *Cheers for Ninety Years!*

Warmest congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Lucy Bushe who marked her 90th birthday celebration this week.

Lucy is wished every health and blessing on this great occasion and for the future.

## **More Lenten Events**

### **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. 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.*

**A talk looking at lgbtq+ issues.**

**Paul Murphy, Youth Worker, Bray Youth Service**

**7.30 p.m. Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

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

How can we be an inclusive faith community? What supports are available to lgbtq++ members of our community and their families? What are the issues faced by lgbtq+ young people? It will touch on being transgender and what that means, as well as other terms that people may have heard of, but not be fully familiar with.

Paul Murphy is a youth worker with Bray Youth Service, part of Crosscare, the Diocesan social care agency. Paul has been a youth worker since the mid 1990s, starting in Bray, moving to the UK and has been in his current role with Bray Youth Service since 2013. As part of his role in Bray Youth Service he manages the Bray LgbtQ+ Youth Group.

## **TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL – LENT/EASTER PROGRAMME 2021**

The Tarsus Scripture School are offering reflections on the readings for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. The programme offers one webinar and one meditation. The meditation — after Easter — will be an opportunity to “take in” what we have celebrated over Holy Week and Easter. 9 pre-recorded lectures; 1 webinar; 1 meditation (€30)

- o “Behold my servant”: the Servant of the Lord in Isaiah (Jessie Rogers)
- o “And when I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself”: Easter in John (Sean Goan)
- o “Dying and raised to new life in Christ”: Salvation in Romans. (Kieran J. O'Mahony)

For registration and further details, please go to: [www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie](http://www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie). Enclosed in the email is a poster which you may like to send to friends or to display.

## **Meditation Fourth Sunday in Lent Fr Bernard Kennedy.**

First reading talks of temple falling. This is the story of end and beginning. Old gives way to new. Much where we are at presently in church. The methods of The Council of Trent are loosening into method of Second Vatican Council and understanding the upturning of a pyramid. The ground up, or what is called a low ascending Christology, as opposed to high descending Christology. Fr Dermot Lanes famous book 'The Reality of Jesus' developed this theme. From ground up not top down.

Gospel is from **John Ch.3.v.14-21** is the main message. God loved the world so much that God sent his son to us. So that we can have eternal life. This is transcendence, an otherness, a purpose. Resurrection and new life. Plant words of kindness, forgiveness, hope, encouragement and grow a forest of eternal life. Humanity gives way to divinity.

Human beings need four things for meaning in their lives-

1. Family and friends.
2. Purpose.
3. Choice.
4. Transcendence.

**Viktor Frankl** wrote '**Mans search for Meaning**' and validated purpose. Friends, choice, transcendence compliment purpose and create a psychological balance like a thread in a tapestry. Missing one will reduce the fulfilment and create a ongoing hunger of the soul.

'I come that you have life'.

**Poet Gerard Manley Hopkins** writes his Poem '**That nature is a Heraclitan fire**'

Illustrating the magic of our nature and it's tilt towards transcendence. Read the poem from your computer and link it to John's Gospel Ch.3 v. 14-21

Happiness is  
something to Do  
someone to Love  
something to hope for.  
courage.

### **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](#) | [Trocaire \(trocaire.org\)](http://Trocaire(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.

## Letter from Colm Hogan @ [www.trocaire.com](http://www.trocaire.com)

Dear Parish priest,

Last year, Madris and her children Joy-Faith and Alex appeared on the Lenten box.

**Your generous support has helped them through the ongoing challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.**

“In the first few months, I was struggling to choose whether to buy masks for my children to prevent them from getting the covid 19 virus, or to buy food to prevent them from hunger” says Madris. These are the stark choices faced by so many people across the world affected by Covid, where there are little government safety nets for people who lose their incomes.

Thanks to the generosity of your parish, Madris was able to feed her family. Your support helped provide food, face masks and other key items to help the family survive, and trained Madris in how to recycle local materials to create a hand washing tap at the family home.

“I want to thank Trocaire very much. You really saved me and my children’s lives. If it wasn’t for your support now we would not even be here smiling. God bless you” said Madris.

Madris wants you to know that she is **“thankful for the people of Ireland for always remembering her.”**

**Please pass on this special message from Madris to your Parishioners.**

And please, continue to keep South Sudan in your hearts and prayers this Lent. There is still need. War has taken enough from Ajak & Awut, and they need your love, prayers and support.

With every blessing this Lent,

**Colm Hogan**

P.S. It is so great to be able to share these updates with you about the work you have made possible. Please pass on this message of thanks to those in your Parish. **This wonderful work would not happen without you.**



## Blessings for Mother's Day

Father, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us; the gift of life, the gift of those who love us.

We thank you today for the gift of our mothers.

We give thanks for our Mothers who have died and for the unique way they have revealed for us your love. We ask that you bless them and keep them in your care un-

til the time comes for us to join them in your Kingdom.

We ask your Blessing upon the Mothers who are unable to be with us here today. May they know how much we love and care for them.

We pray for birth mothers who have loved their children so much they have shared the gift of their child with those who could better care for them and their needs, and give them a secure home. And we pray for adoptive mothers, that they may always know their special role of being a true mother, a revelation of God's love for their children.

We ask your blessing upon Mothers who have lost children through stillbirth, crib death, accident and tragedy, war and violence that they may have your continuing strength and courage

We ask your blessing too, upon those who would very much like to be mothers but who are having trouble having a child.

We ask your Blessing upon all Mothers. Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live. Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care.

We ask this Blessing in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

## Prayer to Mary, Our Mother

Mary, my dearest mother,  
Give me your heart  
so beautiful, so pure,  
so immaculate,  
so full of love and humility,  
That I may receive Jesus as you did  
– and go in haste to give him to  
others.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta