

Mass Intentions Sunday 21st March

Zoom Mass 10am

**(to join 087 418 9338) or
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St. Mary's—on webcam 12 noon

Mary Poveda (5th A)

Ellie Flood (A) Ned Walsh (6thA)

Pat Coogan (6th A) his daughter Patricia (5th A) and his brother John (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)

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. Enclosed in the email is a poster which you may like to send to friends or to display.

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.

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.

Can Enniskerry become a beacon as a Clean, Green and Sustainable Community?

Enniskerry's Sustainable Energy Community

Presented by Tina Roche

7.30pm, Thursday 25th March

By webcam from St. Mary's Parish Church at www.enniskerryparish.ie

Local residents in Enniskerry have started a project looking at Enniskerry homes, our transport, our businesses, our farms and our community sports and leisure clubs to see how we might make them better and use less energy.

The presentation will look at what has been done to date, Enniskerry's energy usage, and the plans for the next few years. It will outline how it started, our research, next steps and how you can become involved.

Tina Roche is a local resident. Tina founded The Community Foundation for Ireland in 2000 along with sister organisation Business in the Community Ireland. Tina has an MBA from IMI/Fordham and has many years business experience having worked in various roles as CEO, Financial Controller, Company Secretary and Head of Development. Her main interests are in environment, human rights, philanthropy, community activism, corporate social responsibility and sustainability. Tina has been recognised for her work ranging from winning Tatler's Public Life Award, shortlisted for the Women Mean Business awards to being named in the Top 100 Thought Leaders in Trustworthy Business Behaviour by Trust Across America™.

Meditation Fifth Sunday in Lent Fr Bernard Kennedy.

Week 5 of Lent- Meditation: Fr Bernard Kennedy.

Some time back Pope Francis remarked upon the sparsity of homilies on the Resurrection. When did we last hear such ourselves? At funerals the homily can be more about the deceased than about life after death. Funeral mass can be seen as a celebration of a life, rather than it's truth of a commendation to eternal life. Resurrection can be seen to be a hopeful possibility rather than a necessary completion of our lives. In this week's Gospel of John Ch.3 22. V 20-30 Resurrection theme is introduced. The greater than, the next phase, mutation, are all known comparisons of our theme. Watch YouTube debates between philosophers Bertrand Russell and Frederick Copleston S.J: or between Richard Dawkins and Archbishop Rowan Williams, here you will find the finer points of this debate. Or Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J.Poem called God's Grandeur. The themes are Resurrection.

Our Easter Egg, though made of chocolate symbolises a rebirth, a taste of eternity. Spring after winter, seeing things differently, starting again, hope springs eternal, forgiving and moving on, letting go, all hint at our theme. All scripture stories lead to Resurrection. Love is all that matters according to St John of the Cross. Richard Rohr reminds us that living is about loving. This is the seed of Glory sown in us which will flower when we see eternity. And we can add loving is about living. Love between two people is a signal of God's presence because he is Love. To quote Copleston above, we are contingent beings.

Statement from Archbishop Dermot Farrell—4th March 2021

The sacrament of Baptism must be celebrated only in exceptional circumstances, that is in danger of death.

Under current restrictions all religious services continue to take place online.

In the interest of health and safety priests and parishes ought not to succumb to requests to distribute Holy Communion before or after Mass, in or outside churches.

Drive-in Masses are not permitted as no gatherings of people outdoors or indoors are permitted.

Holy Communion can only be distributed in the church to mourners attending a Funeral Mass, to those celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage and to the essential ministers that make celebration of Mass online possible, (e.g., Minister of the Word, Sacristan).

Arrangements for the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation should not be made until Government / HSE / diocesan guidelines indicate that it is safe to do so.

Churches remain open for private prayer only, liturgies and devotions (exposition of the blessed sacrament, rosary, stations of the cross) can take in closed churches, online only.

Dermot Farrell