

Mass Intentions Sunday 28th March

Zoom Mass 10am

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St. Mary's—on webcam 12 noon



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

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

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 Holy Week - 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 Curlestown, is open 10am-12 noon each Sunday.
(only one person or one bubble allowed in for 10 minutes per time)

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.

Palm Wreaths

We invite families to make their own palm wreaths to hang on their front doors and also to have sprigs of palm on their person during the webcam or zoom Mass on Palm Sunday for a Virtual Blessing.

Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies.

Sunday 28th March - Palm Sunday - 12 noon Mass

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th March - Morning Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Wednesday 31st March - (i) Spy Wednesday Prayer Service at 10.15 a.m. & (ii) Penitential Service at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 1st April - Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 p.m.

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday - (i) Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3.00 p.m.

(ii) Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm.

Saturday 3rd April - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil at 9.00 p.m.

Sunday 4th April - Easter Sunday - Mass at 12 noon

All will be available to view on Parish Webcam on www.enniskerryparish.ie

Also Zoom Mass at 10.00am on Easter Sunday – please contact **087 418 9338** for invitation to join.

Ecumenical Way of the Cross -

Unfortunately, once again this year, we are unable to have our Good Friday Ecumenical Way of the Cross. However the good news is that it will be recorded, posted on the website and circulated by email and text before Good Friday. The Cross will be brought in relays by families of both Parishes from St. Patrick's Church of Ireland to St. Mary's Parish Church.

Easter Sunday Mass in St. Mary's 12 noon via Webcam

Mass at 12noon on Easter Sunday will be offered for those who died in the first year of Covid 19, those who suffered and their families. A wreath will be brought to the altar before the final blessing and left there in their memory.



Holy Week 2021

Our Holy Week Resources and Schedule of Liturgies are now available on the parish website <https://enniskerryparish.ie/holy-week/>

While this year's Holy Week is being observed at home there are lots of ways to get involved. We would encourage you to engage with our online resources and webcam or Zoom Mass of your choice. Find one that works for you to make that part of your spiritual journey.

All liturgies are online but our churches are open for Private Prayer. Stay tuned & stay connected! We begin Holy Week together. Thank you for taking on the journey of Lent. Bless you and bless all of us as we travel this journey of hope towards Easter.

The Easter theme is Resurrection.

A topic worth discussing among our faith groups. What does it mean for me? It will be a personal event of letting go and becoming complete in our selves. Death and Resurrection are themes of earth and our own life. **Hopkins' poem *That nature is a Heraclitean fire*** and on the *comfort of the Resurrection*, along with, *Gods' s Grandeur* are poetic expressions of the same subject. For a biblical emphasis Chapter 20 of **John's Gospel** gives plenty of story and worth reading for ourselves and our children.

Nature tells us in spring of the Resurrection as the world is charged with the grandeur of God that the Resurrection is real and that the implications for us is tremendous.

We mature, mutate into newer fulfilled life and it is the completion of our being.

Two other texts to ponder are -*The Moment of Truth* by **Ladislaus Boros** ,
and by **Pope Benedict XVI** *Jesus of Nazareth Ch. 9*.

I recommend too **YouTube video Lenten talk** by Abbot *Mark Patrick Hederman* on Glenstal Abbey facebook page.

Happy Easter.

Fr Bernard Kennedy.

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

Easter Gardens

Easter gardens are a special way to celebrate Easter. Tradition is that an Easter garden is built to remind us of the garden where Jesus rose from the dead. The Easter garden should be colourful and full of joy to reflect the Easter story of joy in the Resurrection. It remains in place for 50 days of Easter up until Pentecost.



In parish..... ask for volunteers to build a garden in the church or outside in the church grounds. It can be made simply and will engage all parishioners in coming to visit it and keeping the Easter joy alive right through the season.



At home..... Encourage families to make Easter gardens at home. Children can get involved and enjoy designing the garden. The Easter story can be taught to children while explaining the reason for each element. Encourage imagination... there is no right or wrong design!

Key elements of an Easter Garden

- The empty cross, can be made simply from two sticks. (Two smaller crosses for the thieves who were crucified with Jesus can be added)
- The empty tomb, can be made with stones, or overturned empty flowerpot or container.
- Water, a sign of our new life in baptism, can be as simple as a dish of water in the centre of the garden.
- Flowers and greenery: as much as you like.
- Optional: a piece of white cloth to hang on the cross representing the linen cloths which were found in the empty tomb.



Why not..... Bless all Easter gardens after Mass on Easter morning.

Invite parishioners to send in photos of their Easter gardens.

Amoris Laetitia Family Year

On Friday 19 March 2021, the Feast of Saint Joseph, the Church celebrated five years since the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On the same day, Pope Francis launched the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, which will conclude on 26 June 2022, on the occasion of the Tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome.

Speaking about the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, Pope Francis referred to it as a special year to grow in family love and an opportunity for a renewed and creative pastoral drive to place the family at the centre of both Church and society. Pope Francis also shared his hope that every family may feel in its own home the living presence of the Holy Family of Nazareth, that it may fill our small domestic communities with sincere and generous love, a source of joy even in trials and difficulties”.

Contributions

We thank all parishioners who continue to contribute and help keep parish finance healthy. Your generosity is very much appreciated. You can contribute to the parish in the following ways:-

- Online by using the “**Donate**” feature on the parish website - www.enniskerryparish.ie
- Online by scanning the **QR code** on the parish newsletter. It's so simple just use your Smart phone! See note below*
- Dropping envelopes into parish during office hours
- Standing Orders

For newer phones all you have to do is hold your phone camera over the code and the Payzone page will automatically open. Then simply “Tap”, enter the amount you want to donate and press “Proceed”, add your card details and press “Pay Now”. For older smart phones just download a free QR scanner from the App Store.

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