

Mass Intentions Sunday 7th March

Zoom Mass 10am

(to join 087 418 9338)

St. Mary's—on webcam 12 noon

For all those who have died from Covid 19.

And also Tom Gantly (8thA)

Kathleen Blackbyrne (14thA)



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)

Novena of Grace will be held in St. Mary's Church from Thursday 4th March to Friday 12th March at 10.45 am (after morning Mass and Prayer Services.) It will also be available on Webcam. **www.enniskerryparish.ie**



St Patrick's Church, Curtlestown is open

on Sundays during lent for Private Prayer..

Opening times are 10am through to 12 noon.

Stewards will be in situ in both the car park and within the church.

One individual or bubble can enter the church for private prayer.

People will enter and exit the church through the main door.

We will limit the prayer time to ten minutes and we will have a bell that will alert them when the ten minutes have lapsed.

Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit.

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.

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. **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.

Talk on Thursday 11th March will be given by a couple from a refugee family who have integrated into a Dublin community under the Government's Community Sponsorship Programme.

To register for these Talks you must contact the Parish Office and leave your email details

Telephone 01 2760030 (10-1 Monday to Friday)

email to stmarys@enniskerryparish.ie

Lent week 3: Meditation—Fr Bernard Kennedy

As a base for our meditation, using your bible, look to Exodus Ch 20, v. 1-7. Then read Ch.2 v.13- 25 of Johns gospel. Read each slowly. Slower is better. Let words reach you and each sentence too. In each case note what strikes you about each. What word seems important. Basically the first reading is listing the 10 commandments and the Gospel is about Resurrection of Jesus. They are connected. The first is the recipe for the second. The first gives the ingredients of the second. Resurrection is the expectation of the faith person and the gift of a loving father who is God. It is personal. It is about living and the first reading about loving. Loving gives life.

In covid lockdown we can find time for space to sit with these readings.

Calm yourself, taking ten minutes to chill with no distractions and alone. This is your time. Your space. Take next ten minutes to read slowly the text letting them touch your inner spirit. The next ten to ruminate. Let your mind go over each one. What did you hear?

Finally recall slowly and repeat to yourself ' I have loved you with an everlasting love.'. Say it slowly a few times.

If you do not have a bible the readings are on our website or search ' readings third Sunday of lent'.

Volunteering for Well-being

Leah Kinsella, Manager of County Wicklow Volunteer Centre, gave an inspiring and highly informative Talk on 25th February on volunteering opportunities, how they substantially improve the volunteer's personal well-being and how you can volunteer without having to leave your own home!!

Leah has invited those who wish to volunteer or to obtain more information to contact her at leah@volunteerwicklow.ie or tel: 085 8622051 or to visit the web site

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 2021

At the February Meeting the items covered included:

Eco Parish Developments: Endorsement of the Community Charter for the Enniskerry Sustainable Energy Community. The possibility of working with the schools on some wildflowering of the church grounds as part of the National Biodiversity Project.

Lenten Parish Programme: Wednesday Morning at 10.40 “Living Word Lenten Series reflecting on the Sunday Gospels”, hosted by Mairead; Thursday Evening at 7.30 “Lenten Talks centered on Social Justice, Christian Responsibility and Personal Health and Wellbeing” on Webcam or Zoom, hosted by Phil; Friday Afternoon at 5.30 “Stations of the Cross” on Zoom, hosted by Fr Hyacinth. And “Five Minutes in the Evening”-reflection/prayer before bedtime each evening during Lent, created and posted by Ottalie on the IHM Spirituality Group What’s App.

Liturgy Training: Given the inevitable severe reduction in the availability of priests further Liturgy Training will be arranged.

Parish Communications: The present communication channels of texting, email, newsletter, website, What’s App and Facebookj need to be better coordinated and expanded to possibly include Twitter, Instagram and Tic Tok platforms, particularly in relation to younger people. A working group was established to progress this.

Safeguarding: The updated Diocesan Garda Vetting Policy was noted.

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.

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.

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

“The Story of a 21st Century Refugee Family and their welcome in an Irish Community”

Ahmad and Shahera Bourhan

7.30 p.m. Thursday 11th March

By Zoom

To register for this Talk you must contact the Parish Office and leave your email details

Telephone 01 2760030 (10-1 Monday to Friday)

email to stmarys@enniskerryparish.ie

The link to the Talk will be emailed to all those who register.

Ahmad and Shahera Bourhan, along with their two young boys, entered Ireland in December 2019 through an initiative called Community Sponsorship Ireland (CSI).

The Bourhan's settled into Dublin 6 with the support of a local CSI group called Home from Home D6.

CSI aims to mobilise the compassion that exists in Irish communities by encouraging community members to mobilize to sponsor a refugee family. Sponsors commit to providing financial, emotional and settlement support to help newcomers as they settle into their new communities. Community sponsorship aims to create lasting bonds between new members of the community and their neighbours. Enniskerry is hoping to participate in CSI through the Enniskerry Welcomes initiative.

The presentation which will take the form of an interview conducted by Kevin O'Leary, Migration Caseworker, with the Irish Red Cross, will cover the Bourhan's journey from Syria to Ireland, what it has been like settling in Ireland, their thoughts on integration and their thoughts on community sponsorship. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to talk to a couple that have availed of this new complimentary refugee resettlement pathway.

A talk looking at lgbtq+ issues.

Paul Murphy, Youth Worker, Bray Youth Service

7.30 p.m. Thursday 18th March

By webcam from St. Mary's Parish Church at 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.

Paul has invited anybody who wishes to have a particular question addressed in his Talk to contact him in advance at pmurphy@crosscare.ie