

**Mass Intentions Sunday 4th April**

**Zoom Mass 10am**

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

**St. Mary's—on webcam 12 noon**

Mass is being offered for all who died from Covid 19 in the Past Year.

Easter Mass Bouquets:

Pat & Mary Flood

Eileen Cullen



**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](http://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 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 Curlew, is open 10am-12 noon each Sunday.  
(only one person or one bubble allowed in for 10 minutes per time)

**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 and Easter Ceremonies.

Wednesday 31st March - 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](http://www.enniskerryparish.ie)

### Also available on Zoom

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5pm

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon on Good Friday.

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



### 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.

### TEEN HOPE CONNECTED

Teen Hope Connected is a weekly Youth Group. It takes place every **Wednesday 6-7pm** via Zoom. Join us for fun, exploring faith and life with other Teens through small group discussions, top class games and prayer. If you are interested in joining, please email:

[kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie)

### YCD CONNECTED – BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE TOGETHER

The Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) We meet online **every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm** for some time of fellow, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information please email:

[kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie)

## A Good Friday Prayer whilst the Cross is held aloft for the contemplation of the people

Lord Jesus, you said: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." (John 12:32)

On the Cross, you show your total solidarity with us.

You go to the very lowest point of the human condition.

Ours, the sufferings you bore, ours the sorrows you carried (Isaiah 53:4)

In the face of evil and suffering, all you do is give love, with a compassion that excludes no one.

Through your wounds, we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

Your love disarm all our refusals and you bring us forgiveness and peace.

We come to you, then, with confident trust, knowing we shall have mercy and grace when in need of help. (Hebrews 4:16)

We lift up to you this holy day those members of your Body suffering throughout the world: all who are carrying heavy burdens, those lacking the very basics of human dignity, those violently oppressed, refugees, the homeless poor, those who are ill, the lonely, the dying, those caring for them, listening to them, the broken-hearted, those whose spirit is crushed.

We lift up to you particularly those burdened as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic: those affected, their families, those who have died, frontline workers and those in public services sacrificing themselves for the good of others.

We thank you for those witnessing to your loving kindness in the midst of humanity's need with countless acts of generosity.

As we pray for the suffering members of your Body throughout the world by your cross, give strength; by your cross, bring hope, by your cross, disarm our fears and hardness of heart.

You, who are lifted up from the earth, draw all people to yourself. There in your wide embrace, grant us healing and peace.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world

## 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.



## **Lenten Talks – Appreciation & Further Information**

The Parish is deeply indebted to the five guest Speakers who contributed freely of their time and service to our series of Lenten Talks. The Talks took place over five Thursday evenings in Lent and centred on areas of social injustice, Christian responsibility and dealing with mental health issues.

While very different, each Talk opened new insights and awareness into the topics addressed. As a caring Christian community they highlighted for us various ways that we can support each other, look after those in special need and suffering, care for our environment and also look after our own mental health.

Further information on any of the topics addressed may be obtained as follows:

### **Volunteering for Well-being – Leah Kinsella, Manager, County Wicklow Volunteer Centre**

Leah has invited those who wish to volunteer or to obtain more information to contact her at [leah@volunteerwicklow.ie](mailto:leah@volunteerwicklow.ie); Tel: 085 8622051 or visit [www.volunteerwicklow.ie](http://www.volunteerwicklow.ie)

### **“Hitting a Wall – Staying Motivated in 2021” - Dr. Amy Watchorn, Senior Clinical Psychologist, St. John of God Hospital.**

Phone Margaret in the Parish Office at 2760030 to obtain a copy of the Workbook ‘Coping with Covid’ that Amy has made available to us

### **“The Story of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Refugee Family and their welcome in an Irish Community” – Shaehera Bourhan - Shaehera, her husband and two boys have settled into Dublin 6 with the support of a local Community Sponsorship Ireland Group called ‘Home from Home D6’.**

More information about Community Sponsorship Ireland may be obtained at [www.integration.ie](http://www.integration.ie)

To find out more about the ‘Enniskerry Welcomes’ initiative under Community Sponsorship Ireland contact Phil Kenna, Secretary, at 087 9721491.

### **A talk looking at LGBTQ+ issues - Paul Murphy, Youth Worker, Bray Youth Service (role includes managing the Bray LGBTQ+ Youth Group).**

Paul may be contacted at [pmurphy@crosscare.ie](mailto:pmurphy@crosscare.ie)

### **Can Enniskerry become a beacon as a Clean, Green and Sustainable Community? - Enniskerry’s Sustainable Energy Community - Presented by Tina Roche.**

To find out more about Enniskerry’s Sustainable Energy Community, contact Tina at 086 859 8196



## **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](http://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.

### **QR CODE**



**That Nature is a Heraclitean fire and of the comfort of the Resurrection.**

**BY FR. GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS S.J.**

Cloud-puffball, torn tufts, tossed pillows | flaunt forth, then chevy on an air-  
Built thoroughfare: heaven-roysterers, in gay-gangs | they throng; they glitter in  
marches.

Down roughcast, down dazzling whitewash, | wherever an elm arches,  
Shivelights and shadowtackle ín long | lashes lace, lance, and pair.

Delightfully the bright wind boisterous | ropes, wrestles, beats earth bare  
Of yestertempest's creases; | in pool and rut peel parches

Squandering ooze to squeezed | dough, crust, dust; stanches, starches

Squadroned masks and manmarks | treadmire toil there

Footfretted in it. Million-fuelèd, | nature's bonfire burns on.

But quench her bonniest, dearest | to her, her clearest-selvèd spark

Man, how fast his firedint, | his mark on mind, is gone!

Both are in an unfathomable, all is in an enormous dark

Drowned. O pity and indig | nation! Manshape, that shone

Sheer off, disseveral, a star, | death blots black out; nor mark

Is any of him at all so stark

But vastness blurs and time | beats level. Enough! the Resurrection,

A heart's-clarion! Away grief's gasping, | joyless days, dejection.

Across my foundering deck shone

A beacon, an eternal beam. | Flesh fade, and mortal trash

Fall to the residuary worm; | world's wildfire, leave but ash:

In a flash, at a trumpet crash,

I am all at once what Christ is, | since he was what I am, and

This Jack, joke, poor potsherd, | patch, matchwood, immortal diamond,

Is immortal diamond.

Dear Parish Priest,

This week I wanted to share with you, if I may, an update from Father James, whose crucial work your parishes' Lenten donations will help.

“Coronavirus is spreading around the world, but in South Sudan it joins three other pandemics already ravaging my country – constant conflict, hunger and sexual violence. And Covid-19 is making them worse.

In my country more than seven million people face the prospect of extreme hunger, that's nearly half the population.

Statistics never tell the whole story, you have to put your feet in the other's shoes and imagine that it is your daughter, sister, auntie, grandmother dying in front of you because of hunger or a preventable disease.

Things were not normal in South Sudan even before the arrival of this virus, with social structures destroyed by years of conflict. In this situation the role of the churches – to which two-thirds of the population belong, with the Catholic Church the largest – is paramount. No other institution has the same trust, or ability to reach the grassroots. If this pandemic is to be overcome, it will be in large part through the efforts of the churches.”

Please, keep South Sudan in your hearts this Lent.

With every blessing this Lent,

Colm

P.S Fr James Oyet Latansio is the General Secretary of the South Sudan Council of Churches and his message features on the Trócaire box this year, “Here are my hands, hold them, Please don't leave South Sudan alone. We need your prayers. We need your support. We need your love.”