

Mass Intentions Sunday 16th May

St. Mary's—6pm Saturday

Maud & Jack Martin (A)

Fr. Michael Keogh(A) Pearse Cummings (A)

St Mary's 11am Sunday

Conor Finch (Rec Dec'd)

John & Rita Connolly (A), Fr Paddy McCabe (A)

Both Masses viewable on webcam.

St Mochonog's Church and via Zoom at 10am
(to join 087 418 9338)
or sally.phalan@gmail.com



St Mochonog's Parish Office new opening times:

Monday—9am—2pm, Tuesday (by phone) 10am-1pm, Wednesday 10am—2pm

Thursday (by phone) 10am—1pm. Closed on Friday.

Schedule of Masses:

Weekday Masses

St Mary's -Masses—10.15 a.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

Prayer Services - 10.15 a.m. (Wednesday & Saturday)

Week-end Masses

St. Mary's 6.00 pm - Saturday, 11.00 am - Sunday

Mass bookings for weekend Masses may be made for St. Mary's by phoning Parish office on 01 2760030 10.00am—1.00pm Mon –Thurs and 10am—11.30am Friday.

St Mochonog's 10.00 am Sunday

Booking may be made by phoning 01 2021882 Monday-Thursday 10am-1pm.

St. Patrick's Church Curtlestown—Within the next couple of weeks, the Church will be assessed to determine if we can resume Sunday Masses within the Covid restrictions and regulations. Reopening will be subject to the approval of Archbishop's House.

St Patrick's is currently open 11am—12 noon each Sunday.

COVID – 19 NOTICE

Dear Parishioner,

Although some of our parish churches are again re-opening for public Masses, we are still necessarily operating under severe restrictions, under guidance of the Irish Bishops, the HSE, NPHE and the Irish Government. In order to protect all visitors to the churches, we must adhere to social distancing guidelines. That means that we must ensure that we can maintain a **minimum** clear space of **2 metres (6 feet 7 inches)** between individuals (other than between those living together within the same households, such as families and couples) **at all times while seated, and also while moving about within the churches and within the church grounds.** To enable our ceremonies to take place safely, we respectfully ask that you exercise caution and restraint, and that you comply fully with the following, **irrespective of whether or not you have been vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus and whether or not you have previously been infected with it:** **PTO**

**NO PERSON SHOULD ATTEND AT THE CHURCH WHO IS KNOWN TO BE,
OR IS SUSPECTED OF BEING, INFECTED WITH THE COVID-19 VIRUS.**

That includes:

- (a) Anybody unusually exhibiting common symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, new cough, shortness of breath, breathing difficulty or loss of, or change to, sense of smell or taste.
- (b) Anybody who has had recent close contact with a person known or suspected of being infected with COVID-19.
- (c) Anybody who, in accordance with HSE guidance, should currently be self-isolating or restricting their movements for any reason, such as travel.

PLEASE SANITISE YOUR HANDS ON ENTRY AND EXIT

**PLEASE WEAR AN APPROPRIATE FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES WHILE
IN THE CHURCH**

(After receiving Holy Communion, wait until you are at least two metres away from the Minister before lowering the covering, by means of one hand, and then placing the Host in your mouth by means of the other hand. Then replace the face covering.)

**PLEASE TAKE CARE TO MAINTAIN A CLEAR SPACE OF AT LEAST
2 METRES BETWEEN YOU AND ANYBODY FROM OUTSIDE OF YOUR
HOUSEHOLD GROUP AT ALL TIMES**

(Other than when receiving Holy Communion as above.)

PLEASE SIT ONLY IN THE PLACE ASSIGNED TO YOU BY A STEWARD

(And sit as far as possible away from the central aisle.)

**IN CASES WHERE MUSIC IS PROVIDED, PLEASE DO NOT SING ALONG
PLEASE FOLLOW ANY INSTRUCTION GIVEN BY THE CELEBRANT OR BY A
STEWARD**

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO SIGNS AND MARKINGS

**PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE CHURCH OR ATTEND IN THE CHURCH
GROUNDS DURING WEEKEND MASS TIMES UNLESS YOU HAVE A
CONFIRMED BOOKING**

(This applies also to periods close before and close after Mass times. Note that a webcam is now in operation at St. Marys, and all ceremonies can be watched and heard live online. See our Parish website at www.enniskerryparish.ie)

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021

Ecumenical Bible Week 2021 is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eight year and will run from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021**.

Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union. The overall theme this year is “Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities”. This year EBW will have an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines on Monday 24th and St Finian’s Lutheran Church on Sunday 30th respectively.

To Register visit – www.bibleweek.ie

PRAY IN MAY WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH DUBLIN

Join the Young Church Dublin for Pray in May. We will meet every **Wednesday In May from 8-9pm** for fellowship and to pray the rosary together as a community. 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

SUPPORT SERVICES

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open

Helplines during Covid 19

AA: 087 255 1361 ALONE = 818 222 024. AL ALON: (01) 8783624
AMEN: (01) 554 3811 ACTION AID 01) 878 7911 FIVE LOAVES: (01) 2040960.

KILMACANOGUE & ENNISKERRY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP FOR COVID
19 KILMACANOGUE; 086 380 5627—ENNISKERRY: 083 364 2439

LGBTQ: 1890 929 539, LOCAL MEALS ON WHEELS: 086 832 2466
PURPLE HOUSE CANCER SUPPORT: (01) 204 0960 SAMARATINS= 115123
SIMON COMMUNITY: (01) 671 5551 ST VINCENT DE PAUL (01) 8550022
WOMEN’S REFUGE (01) 867 0701

Contributions

We thank all parishioners who continue to contribute and help keep parish finance healthy. Your generosity is very much appreciated. The parish has now set up **QR Scan Codes** for various collections which are available in our Churches.

By using the **QR Scan Code** on this newsletter your donation will go directly to parish offerings which will assist in the upkeep of the four churches in the parish.

It is simple - 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 wish to donate and press “proceed”, add your card details and press “pay now”. For older smart phone just download a free QR scanner from the App Store.



You may also donate to the parish in the following ways:-

1. Online by using “Donate” feature on the parish website www.enniskerryparish.ie
2. Standing Orders
3. Dropping Green and Pink envelopes into Parish Office during 10am-1pm Mon-Frid.
4. You may leave your envelopes for Parish and Common Fund into the ‘Donation Box’ at the Porch in St. Mary’s.

EASTER DUES

We wish to thank all parishioners who have already contributed towards Easter Dues 2021. The Easter Dues go towards the Diocesan Common Fund. This fund is made up of all dues received.

The Dues are used by the diocese for salaries of the Clergy, Health Insurance for all Clergy, sick and retired and nursing home costs.

The number of Clergy in the Dublin Diocese is approx 600 and there are also a large number of clergy in Nursing Homes.

We thank you again for your donation towards the Common Fund.

During ‘webcam only’ available Masses you may drop your envelope into box at Church Porch in St. Mary’s

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

A reminder of the importance of accompanying young people and their families on the journey of preparation and evangelisation leading in time to the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please keep the focus on education, evangelisation, enlightenment and encouragement. There is a concern voiced by many that we might rush into the celebration of the Sacraments and unintentionally neglect the vital preparation. Requests for clarification have been received. The celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation should only take place in the parish church. As pointed out by Archbishop Farrell in his recent communication, 'we must be cognisant of the foreseeable risks of social gatherings which typically follow such celebrations.' In solidarity with neighbouring parishes, parents, young people, school communities, please do not issue dates even provisionally for the celebration of Sacraments until we are all ready to move forward together and the Archbishop is in position to issue relevant pastoral guidelines.

GARDA VETTING NOTICE—Update from the Archdiocese

Please note that the Diocese is currently under a vetting review process by the National Vetting Bureau. The purpose of the review is to establish the rationale behind each role that we currently process. This review is not unique to the Dublin Diocese as many other organisations are in the same situation. To facilitate the National Vetting Bureau, we have agreed to suspend vetting until further notice for volunteers in the following categories.

- Minister of the Word (readers)
- Members of adult choirs
- Eucharistic Ministers (unless they distribute communion to vulnerable adults in their homes)

Hospitality volunteers

We will continue to vet all parish clergy and those who work directly with children and vulnerable adults. We expect that the review will be completed by the end of May, but will keep you updated on and further developments. Can you please ensure that your parish clergy and those who administer vetting in your parish are made aware of this immediately. If you have any queries, please contact Vivienne Knight, Vetting Co-ordinator at gar-da.vetting@dublindioces.ie

Curtlestown Cemetery Maintenance

Curtlestown Cemetery grass cutting continues next Wednesday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm and will continue on Wednesdays as required. Please encourage some younger family members to help. Please bring strimmers, rakes and big bags for cutting, collecting and disposing of the grass. Covid-19 social distances to be maintained.

Powerscourt Church and School.

During these challenging and restrictive times it is nice to be able to come together, safely, in the open air.

With this in mind Powerscourt School and Church have organized,

Art in the Paddock.

1pm to 4pm

Date : 28th May (weather permitting)

A gently controlled space, beside St , Patrick's Church , in which children and adults paintings will be displayed.

Sales prices are :

Children €20

Adults €40

All pictures are welcome.

Framed or canvas Please?

The theme is " Nature"

There will be a Raffle on the Day for an amazing luxury Hamper:

Tickets will cost €2 for 1 strip and €5 for 3 strips.they will be available in the school and the church.

All health guidelines must be observed ,

Distance kept and masks worn .

.Sign Up As A Volunteer for the Church Re-Opening

If you're interested in getting involved to help out in the Parish we would be delighted to have you on board. Volunteers are always needed on our Parish teams and in our churches to assist and to help out at Public Masses. The more volunteers we have means the demand on volunteers' time will be less, also. If you have not signed up as a volunteer yet, please sign up via the form on the home -page of the website

www.enniskerryparish.ie or contact the parish office and a member of the parish team will be in touch. Thanks to our new recruits; we are delighted to welcome you on board. A BIG thank you to all who continue to partake of Parish Life so generously and freely.



ENNISKERRY WELCOMES FUNDRAISING WALK

WALK 5K

IN YOUR LOCALITY & DONATE
TO OUR GOFUNDME
<https://gofund.me/d6a6ca049>

**20TH JUNE
2021**



HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON
WORLD REFUGEE DAY AND SUPPORT OUR
EFFORTS TO REHOME A FAMILY IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Family Groups or individuals are invited to participate by walking on one of our many scenic walks in the area
(please comply with Covid restrictions and walk in groups that comply)

- Post photos of your walk on our Facebook page

- Register by making a donation on our GoFundMe <https://gofund.me/d6a6ca049>



Show your support - donate to our

GOFUNDME: <https://gofund.me/d6a6ca049>

EMAIL: enniskerrywelcomes@gmail.com FB: [facebook.com/enniskerrywelcomes](https://www.facebook.com/enniskerrywelcomes)

ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE

Dear Father,

13 May 2021

For the first time since Christmas, Masses in our parishes will be celebrated with a congregation on Sunday with proper safety protocols observed amid the coronavirus pandemic. What many Catholics lamented was the loss of the community dimension of our faith, and its human dimension. There is no Church without community, our humanity is at the heart of our faith. Just as the Saviour is truly human and truly divine, so the People of God need to be in communion with each Other, and in communion with their Lord (see ICor 10:16—17). We don't often reflect on these things; we don't have to. But when they're taken away almost overnight, we naturally wonder what is happening, and what is happening to us. Of course, people were grateful for the televised celebrations, as well as Masses on webcams from churches near and far. The driving force behind this 'virtual' participation in the Eucharistic liturgy is clear, but online Masses and spiritual Communion are only a partial reflection of our common experience of the Church, both past and present. We must pray intensely that we will see full return to public celebration of the Eucharist and of the other sacraments at the earliest possible date.

The Government and HSE Guidelines and public health advice are given to respond in the best possible way to an unforeseen and complex situation and for the common good

I would ask each parish to have stewards in place who are fully briefed on the key safety protocols:

- . social distancing at all times
- . maximum numbers permitted in each section and in church overall
- . face coverings
- . arrangements for receiving Holy Communion
- . sanitising on entering and exiting the church
- . only the cantor sings (and at a distance from all other people)
- . no congregating outside the church door or in the grounds

Take measures to ensure that the maximum permitted in the church is not exceeded due to a large gathering for a Month's Mind, an anniversary, or a Mass celebrated for multiple intentions.

I ask you to of the importance of all of this at Masses this weekend and emphasise the following:

- The key guidance mentioned above.
- 'The Sunday obligation remains suspended
- "Thus, should consider joining a weekday celebration of the Eucharist
- People should not initially plan to come to daily Mass each day
- Wait until matters settle down, and it is clear there is no pressure on the maximum capacity of the church.

- Do not operate a loudspeaker outside the church. The guidelines intend the total number of in the church to be the total number in the immediate area of the building to control socializing afterwards.

I realise that there may be a certain nervousness mut our return to worship next Sunday. Do your best in the circumstances in which you find yourself ministering. From a number of reports, I received during the week, people have quickly settled back to observing the public health guidance and advice. So, continue to give them every encouragement. People and priests have made great sacrifices over the last fifteen months. We hope and pray that there will be no setbacks to our country's current efforts to get control of a deadly virus. Above all, we want everyone to be as safe as possible until the vaccination programme is completed.

I appeal to all to enter into the spirit of the guidance and public health advice.

We must pray that all our parishioners can soon return to the celebration of the Eucharist "with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to the Lord, to with him, to receive him and to bring him to our brothers and sisters with a life fun of faith, love and hope" (Letter to Bishops, Cardinal Robert Sarah, 2020).

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin