

Mass Intentions Sunday 2nd May

Zoom Mass 10am

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

St. Mary's—on webcam 12 noon

Mark Doyle (Rec Dec'd)

Neil Deasy (Months Mind)

Brian Dwyer (Rec Dec'd)

Elizabeth & Edward Kealy (A)

Molly Carey (A)

Patrick King (A)



The Rosary is recited at 09.45am each morning in St Mary's

Novena to the Miraculous Medal is held after 10.15am Mass each Monday morning.

Both are 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. 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 11am—12 noon each Sunday.

(only one person or one bubble allowed in for 10 minutes per time)

Message of Appreciation

We, the Deasy family, wish to express our deep appreciation to all our neighbours and friends, for your very moving guard of honour from home to church for Neil's funeral on April 7th. We found it so meaningful and felt so supported to see you standing there with us as we passed. In these difficult times, we were very thankful that you were safe, and that so many of you were able to join us 'in spirit' online.

Gabhaimid buíochas ó chroí libh uile.

Christine, Evelyn and Mairéad.

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

YOUTH INITIATIVES

(FROM THE OFFICE FOR EVANGELISATION AND ECUMENISM)

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

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

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) 884 8200
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 when you call for private prayer.

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

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 20th April 2021

Items covered included:

How each area of the Parish will function in the absence of a priest: Following a request from Archbishop Farrell the future of the parish and its constituent areas was discussed. The viability of maintaining the present parish structure has to be looked at from three perspectives: attendance, priest's availability and finance. A transition to the realities of present day parish life will need increased involvement of parishioners.

The recent initiatives in Christmas and Easter online services in Curtlestown, Zoom Mass and Easter Ceremonies in Kilmacanogue, and Webcam Mass and Lenten talks in Enniskerry, with several hundred attending are examples of what can be achieved. While traditional forms of worship need to be respected, today's spiritual needs of parishioners can differ and will need to be continuously addressed imaginatively. Training of additional parish resources for services and pastoral care and the identification of where a priest is needed most will need to be undertaken.

On the question of financial sustainability of Parish Churches, this will significantly depend on post-Covid parishioners' response. Brendan Hoban's 16th April article on associationofcatholicpriests.ie addresses the financial impact of Covid.

Regarding priest availability, the Tower Watsons Report, available on dublindiocese.ie, shows projected priest availability to the 200 parishes in the diocese dropping from approximately 400 to 100 by 2030.

A Sub-Group representing each parish area, initially consisting Maura, Herman and Fr. Hyacinth, undertook to meet to look at these challenges further,

Communications: A Parish Facebook page has been enabled with a new parish email address and will facilitate review. A welcome video will be prepared to launch the Facebook page and the old page deleted. A YouTube Account is also being set up. Parish news and events can also be promoted through local media. e.g, East Coast Radio, Bray People, Kilmac Notes, etc. The Notes on PPC Meetings will in future include an invitation to parishioners for comments and suggestions.

The website will facilitate a separate section for each of the Parish Church communities. The possibility of publishing Deaths in the Parish on the website will be re-viewed.

Synodal Pathway: The invitation from the Irish Bishops for parish and personal submissions before 23rd May next on Synodal Pathway methods for conversations leading to a National Synod Assembly was noted. (see catholicbishpos.ie)

Parishioners are invited to comment or raise any matters they would like to be addressed by contacting the Parish Pastoral Council Secretary through the Parish Office.

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 have yet to receive clarification about the circumstances under which a return to public worship will be permitted under public health guidelines. However, apart from such specific guidelines, 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

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@dublindioeces.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



Enniskerry Welcomes fundraising has begun.

Donation may be made through the GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/da6ca049>

PROPOSAL FOR ENNISKERRY TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

A core group of Enniskerry residents has begun the process of welcoming a refugee family into the community under the Community Sponsorship Ireland initiative. The purpose of this note is to give you some information on the initiative and to alert the community that help will be sought through volunteering and fundraising in order that this programme can be brought to fruition.

What is Community Sponsorship?

Following a pilot scheme begun in 2017, the concept of sponsoring and welcoming a refugee family into the community was launched by the Government in 2019 under the name of *Community Sponsorship Ireland* (CSI). Unlike traditional refugee resettlement models, such as state supported Direct Provision which we are all familiar with, CSI encourages citizens to play a key role in delivering supports. Refugees resettled in this manner tend to have better outcomes in terms of integration and overall wellbeing. In 2015, in response to the humanitarian crisis in Southern Europe as a result of war in the Middle East and elsewhere, Ireland committed to resettling 4,000 refugees through the Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP). The first family under the CSI pilot scheme arrived in Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath in December 2018. To date, refugee families have been settled through CSI in Cork, Meath, Waterford, Wicklow, with many more communities in the process of resettling families including our neighbours in Roundwood.

Enniskerry Welcomes

The core group mentioned above came up with the idea of engaging in such a resettlement programme and we have named it *Enniskerry Welcomes*. With the help of a Regional Support Organisation, in this instance the Irish Red Cross, with whom we are registered, we have undergone training to enable us to carry out such an operation. Should this come to fruition, it would involve sourcing a suitable house for rental and welcoming a family into our community.

Support would be given to the family in education, health, language, employment and leisure as well as help to enable them access a range of social services and supports. In other words, the family would be given an in-built support system until such time as they become self-sufficient and ensure their integration into the community and Irish society. It is envisaged that they would need to be supported for at least two years.

Responsibilities of the Sponsorship Group

Community Sponsorship is a substantial undertaking with significant responsibilities and can only be undertaken with the support of the whole community. A wide range of skill sets are required and it relies on people to participate in whichever way they can. At the outset, the core group must raise a minimum sum of €10,000 to support the sponsored family so, in the near future, donations will be sought and fundraising activities will be undertaken. Obviously, this would not cover all of the expenses envisaged so on-going fundraising through different means will be necessary. When the family arrive, they would be eligible for Housing Assisted Payment (HAP) but it is up to the group to find suitable accommodation for rental. The core group will also be reaching out into the wider community looking for volunteers as the sponsorship programme progresses.

Selection process of family if application is approved.

Any family that is being considered for resettlement will have been nominated and given 'refugee status' by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The Irish authorities, having been provided with detailed fact sheets on the family, will then carry out their own vetting and screening process. On completion of all the necessary safety procedures, the Irish government will have the final say on their suitability for resettlement. The origin of the family is not known but the likelihood is that they would come from one of the refugee camps in Lebanon or Greece, though this is not set in stone. However, once a family is selected and assuming that they are open to the resettlement plan, they will then be fully briefed before arriving to their destination.

We thank you for taking the time to read this and hope it gives you an idea of what Community Sponsorship looks like. If you would like further information on CSI, a good website is www.integration.ie.

The following are the names of the core group:

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Tom Carey (086 8069398)
Jackie Gallagher (086 1082340)
Rev. Cathy Hallissey (01 2863534)
Philomena Kenna (087 9721491)
John Kelly (087 2520448)
Mary Muddiman (087 9557801)
Charlotte Windsor

Please feel free to contact any of the above if you would like to become involved.