

Mass Intentions

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

St. Mary's 28th & 29th August

St. Mary's 6pm Saturday

Liam McErlane (Dec'd)

**Bridie Connolly (Rec Dec'd)
& Special Intention**

St Mary's 11am Sunday

Breda Skerritt (MM)

Patsy Byrne (Kilgarron Pk) Rec Dec'd

**For all those buried in Curtlestown, Glencree
Killegar and Kilmacanogue Cemeteries**

Both Masses viewable on webcam.

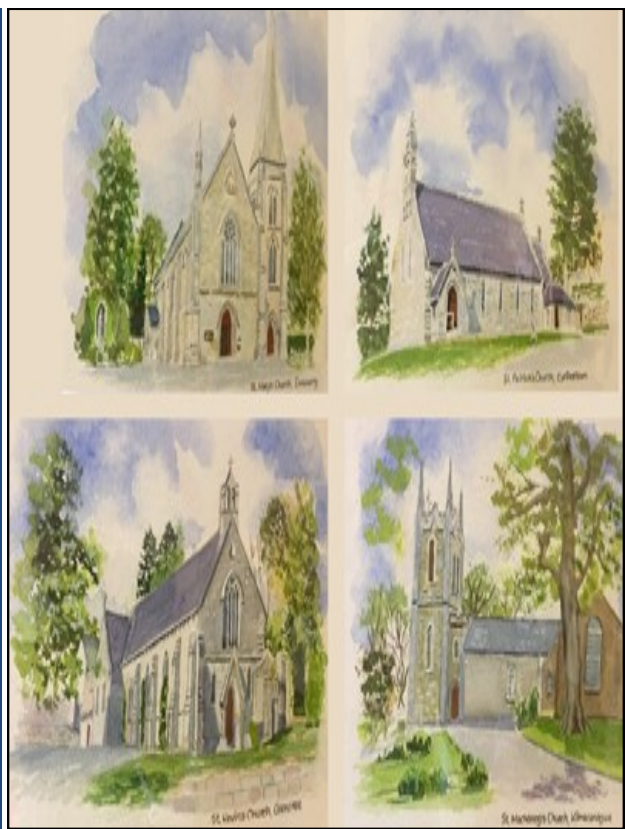
St Mochonog's Church and via Zoom at 10am

(to join please phone 087 418 9338)

Stephen Leahy (A), Aidan Mason (A)

Hunt, Donnelly & Bryne Family (Dec'd)

For all buried in our Parish Cemeteries



BLESSING OF GRAVES 2021

Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions there will **not** be a public blessing of the graves in St. Mochonog's, St. Patrick's, St. Kevin's and Killegar Church cemeteries this year.

In lieu there will be a private pre-recorded service composed of prayers, poetry, music and video footage of our Parish Priests privately blessing the graves in all cemeteries.

This service will be streamed on **this Sunday, August 29th at 3pm** via the Parish website www.enniskerryparish.ie and through social media platforms.

Parishioners are asked to prepare their family graves as usual for Sunday 29th August, and are encouraged to leave flowers on the graves of their loved ones as they normally do.

Cemetery Sunday will also be marked on **this Sunday August 29th** with prayers for the departed at morning masses in St. Mochonog's (10am) and St. Mary's (11am) Churches respectively.

Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day,

Unseen, Unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear. RIP

COVID 19-HSE

Phased reopening

Ministers are expected to proceed with the phased reopening over the autumn and winter, despite the recent surge in cases associated with the Delta variant.

The reopening plan will set timelines for the reopening of the arts and live entertainment sectors, religious services, indoor sports, workplaces, indoor events and leisure outlets such as bingo halls, arcades and casinos.

"In terms of protecting or offering a high level of protection against the disease, we are really not there yet. We should reach that in the course of September... from that point the number of infections in the population should start to slowly decline," Prof Nolan said.

The risk of catching or spreading the virus "should reach its lowest point" by November or December, he told RTÉ Radio's Morning Ireland.

At present 85 per cent of adults in the Republic are fully vaccinated, while 91 per cent are partially vaccinated and awaiting a second dose.

Nphet will meet on Wednesday 1st Sept to provide advice to Government, ahead of a Cabinet meeting on Friday where Ministers will discuss easing the remaining restrictions.

COVID 19

Some parishioners have recently questioned the need for the restrictions under which we are currently operating. The fact is that this pandemic is not over. NPHEAT has advised that we have not yet reached the peak of the current wave. People are still becoming ill and people are still dying. The virus that causes Covid-19 is still spreading, even among those who are fully-vaccinated. The number of patients with Covid-19 in our hospitals is increasing, and that presents additional risk, in the form of delays in treatment, to patients with other ailments. In addition, the lives of close contacts of infected people can be severely disrupted, even if they do not become ill, by the need to restrict their movements for up to 14 days.

Although in recent weeks, restrictions have been eased in many sectors of our society, and even though some parishes are doing things differently to the way that we are, the basic guidelines under which we are conducting our parish activities, have not changed. The same basic precautions of social distancing, hand sanitising, wearing face coverings, etc. still apply.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Due to covid spike expected in next few weeks and predominance of the virus in younger people and cases in community no firm dates can be given for First Holy Communion and confirmation at this stage. Hopefully late September or into October will be a safer time. We will inform you in advance. Please keep to guidelines- washing hands, social distance, wear mask indoors. Vaccination is important protection, avoid crowds.

Schedule of Masses:

Weekday Masses

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

Please be aware that attending weekday Masses is in lieu of attending Sunday Mass.
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 while,, 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 for Prayers 11am—12 noon each Sunday.

Wicklow Hospice

needs some help with our  field at the Scalp Nurseries, Enniskerry .

We opened on Saturday, 21st of August for 2 weeks  



We are looking for volunteers to help from either 9-1 or 1-5:30 Mon to Sun.
It involves standing by the collection bucket and providing instructions about the fundraiser.

All information will be on hand but also explained before the event.

We also need volunteers to assist with carparking.

This will be our biggest fundraiser this year and we really can't do it without your support

Any interested parties can ring Sinead on 0870954137 or 01 4068868.

Thank you all so much  

PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AS AN ADULT

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road. Late September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact: *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie. Web: www.evangelisation.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 well-being, 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 seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

PARISH PRAYER

Lord God, we ask you to bless our Parish. Help us to know you in a deeper way. Help us to sincerely live in imitation of Jesus, your Son, with the Power of your Spirit in our hearts.

Bless all families in our Parish, especially families that are experiencing difficulties; bless all the children and young people in our parish; bless the old, the lonely and the sick, at home and in hospital, bless those who grieve, those who despair of life and all who suffer pain and hurt.

Bring the grace of healing, peace and hope to all hearts and through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary, to whom our parish is dedicated, may your love be upon us as we place all our trust in you.

We ask your blessing too, Lord God, through our Lady, on our Parish Community that we may become a place of hospitality, love, welcome and support for all.

We make this prayer to you in the name of Jesus the Lord, Amen. Mary, Mother of Jesus, bring all our lives to the heart of Jesus, your Son, that through you, we may know his love and peace. Amen..

Summer Dues

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has issued an appeal to all parishioners in the diocese for their finance support this summer.).

In a letter to all parishes in early June, he said “The necessary restriction of public worship has profoundly affected the two essential Sunday Mass collections on which parish funds depend. The first collection supports clergy ministering throughout the diocese as well as sick and retired priests and priests working in other ministries throughout the diocese.

The second collection—the ‘Share’ collection—supports diocesan services to parishes especially disadvantaged parishes. In the last financial year, the clergy collection decreased by 54% and the ‘Share’ Collection decreased by 65%. This year the situation is even more grave, with a decrease of 80% and 86% respectively for the first quarter (January to March 2021). I am grateful to all who have continued to give so generously in the past 15 months, and I have now approved the proposal to hold a new Summer Dues collection to support priests of the diocese. This initiative will follow the pattern of the Christmas and Easter dues collection giving parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the income that supports priests. The Summer Offering collection was launched on 20th June. I thank you for continuing to support our parishes and the clergy who work among you. Your generosity to this new initiative of Summer Dues will provide much-needed practical and moral support for priests working quietly and effectively at the heart of every local Community of faith.”

There are copies of Archbishop Farrell's letter and Summer Dues envelopes available in the ‘Exit Porch’ of the Church if you have not received one in the post.

Thank you to all the parishioners who have already returned their Summer Dues to the Common Fund.

Signed Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office. An offering is received with gratitude and is another means of supporting your local clergy.

If you pay for a Mass Offering online using the Donate button on our website please email the office with your intention—thank you.

We also have Thank you, Exam Result Congrats, Get Well, Birthday and ‘Thinking of you’ Mass Bouquets available.

Covid and church

Now we are open again for public masses and we thank all who keep us safe attending, . . . Conor Gleeson who oversees our churches regulations in accordance with HSE and diocesan regulations, our many ushers and sanitisers, and our secretaries who receive bookings in accordance with our numbers. Masks are necessary and hand cleansing on entering and leaving. Even though some are fully vaccinated please respect keeping distance of six feet from each other at all times. Gathering outside churches is prohibited for our safety and only those we can accommodate should attend. It will be a while before return to 'normal' prevails.

Curtlestown Cemetery Maintenance

Curtlestown Cemetery grass cutting continues on Wednesday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm and will continue each Wednesdays as required. Please encourage some younger family members to help. Please bring trimmers, rakes and big bags for cutting, collecting and disposing of the grass.

Covid-19 social distances to be maintained.

.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 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.

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

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

The Meals on Wheels service operates in Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue and delivers hot meals every Tuesday and Thursday to older people in their homes. It's an opportunity to connect with the community and provide a hot meal and social contact call to older people in the area. We are looking for volunteer drivers who can give up 2 or 3 hours twice a month to facilitate this much needed service.

Interested volunteers may contact Maoiliosa Kelly on 086 832 2466 for further information.

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.



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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. Donate by scanning your credit card on Payzone Tap and Go in the porch in St. Mary’s
3. Standing Orders
4. Dropping Green and Pink envelopes into Parish Office during 10am-1pm Mon-Frid.
5. You may leave your envelopes for Parish and Common Fund into the ‘Donation Box’ at the Porch in St. Mary’s.

Envelopes for 1st and 2nd collections are available at the entrance of the Church.

If you wish to activate a Standing Order for these collections please take a form as you exit. □

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.