

Mass Intentions

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

St. Mary's 19th & 20th September

St. Mary's 6pm Saturday

Trevor Ward (Rec Dec'd)

Jim Hopkins (4th A)

St Mary's 11am Sunday

Lilya Callan (Rec Dec'd)

John O'Reilly (1st A).

Both Masses viewable on webcam.

St Mochonog's Church and via Zoom at 10am

to join please phone 087 418 9338)

or email sally.phalan@gmail.com



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

St. Mochonog's 10.00 am Sunday

Mass bookings are not now necessary for weekend Masses

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.

BAPTISM TEAM

New members required to join baptism team

Our team assists family preparing for baptism ceremony. Baptism are held Saturdays and Sundays. Training will be given. Please contact Parish Office. We would like to draw upon our Readers and Eucharist Ministers who have good experience of spirituality and prayer.

COVID 19

At St. Mary's and St. Mochonog's, we are now operating at 50% of our church capacity, in accordance with the latest Government guidance. As a simple means of controlling ensuring that, while maintaining some distancing, we are now making every second pew available for use, with the intervening pews cordoned off. Although there is now no specific distance recommended for spacing of people within our churches, we ask that you respect the right of others to attend in safety, and that you do not crowd close to people from other households. Where possible, when you enter the church, please use a vacant pew that is not close to an already occupied one.

As our congregation sizes prior to the start of this pandemic did not usually exceed 50% capacity, we expect that we will be able to accommodate all those who wish to attend weekend Masses. Consequently, we are suspending the booking system, pending review.

Other protective measures, such as sanitising and the wearing of face coverings, will continue for the foreseeable future. We will continue to distribute Holy Communion at the end of Mass, with the occupants of each pew coming forward in turn, starting at the front left-hand side, and working towards the back, then repeating the same for the pews on the right. Immediately after receiving Holy Communion, you should leave quietly through the side exit.

We suggest that parishioners, particularly those who are not fully-vaccinated, consider the risks involved before attending at any of our churches. If you do not feel comfortable attending a weekend Mass, perhaps you might consider attending a weekday Mass in lieu of a weekend Mass.

Holy Communion and Confirmation Ceremonies.

First Holy Communion Saturday, 23rd Oct 10 am and 12noon at St Mochonog's

Confirmation Saturday, 6th November at 11am - St. Mochonog's

Fr Hyacinth will preside at both ceremonies in St. Mochonog's .

First Holy Communion Saturday—6th Nov. 11.00am —St. Mary's & St. Gerard's N.S.—
St. Mary's.

First Holy Communion Saturday, 13th Nov. 11.00am—Curtlestown N.S.—St. Patrick's

Confirmation Saturday, 20th Nov. 11.00—St. Mary's & St. Gerard's—St. Mary's

Dear friends

After 22 October we are in a position, following public health recommendations, to resume worship in a more normal way. I am happy to let you know that masses can resume at Glencree at 9am on first Sunday of month and Curtlestown at 10 am each Sunday. Kilmacanogue continues each Sunday at 10 and Enniskerry on Sunday at 11, and weekday mass 10.15 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday on Saturday and Wednesday a lay led liturgy service takes place. I am grateful to Fr Hyacinth for his youth and energy and involvement in the parish. He has made a difference. I have asked the school principals at St Patrick's School Curtlestown, St Mochnogs, Kilmacanogue and here in the parish church at St Mary's and St Gerards to consult with parents to choose a date suitable for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, for after 22 October. It has been a difficult time for all of us and patience and kindness was required to hold to the regulations required by HSE and the diocese. These were for our benefit. Numbers allocation, social distance, sanitizing, vaccination. These save lives maybe even our own. Let us continue to be careful in the face of delta and newer variants.

I thank Conor Gleeson, our official covid officer whose job was to implement the requirements, the regular group who helped sanitise the churches, after masses, funerals, weddings, baptisms and secretaries Margaret and Joyce who dealt with bookings. On baptism these can now be held in the requested church.

Please be aware that we are moving out of a clerical led church and soon we will need to opt into a different church model where liturgy and parish management is lay led. I thank Aideen Darcy who is guiding our parish towards that aim. Very soon only churches which have lay led and trained team will be able to be open. The future of our parish is in our own hands and we need to get on board to be a vital church with life. The parish pastoral council will need to focus on this activation. The finances as you can guess are depleted and our finance team is guiding us in the area. Donations through website and tap machine are possible. New members with financial experience are welcome too join us.

I will write to you again to update you but after 22 October let us rejoin together safely our spiritual community. I admire your generosity and spiritual enthusiasm and we will be stronger together. Return and rejoin in the Blessings of the Lord. All are welcome as there are no outsiders in the Lord's welcome to the banquet. Invite others to join your return. Come back together.

Derek Mahon writes

' I care about the future reputation

Someone will say you make a music box

Of the wild harp, think

Of the thousands who will keep your line

A'- singing, and the lamp lit at your shrine'

(Byron to Moore)

Let us sing again and light our lamp of faith as a beacon to our world with healing tenderness.

Blessings be upon you. Fr Bernard Kennedy.

Season of Creation

In common with many Christians throughout the world, our parish will be marking the 'Season of Creation' which runs from Sept. 1 until Oct 3rd, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. During this time, we celebrate the joy, beauty and diversity of nature and its fruitfulness as we move towards Harvest time. We attempt to raise awareness of initiatives to protect our common home. The theme this year is Restoring our Common Home". A special liturgy with emphasis on care for the environment and all living species, has been compiled by the Irish Catholic Bishops and will be used at Sunday Masses during this period.

Archbishop Farrell's Pastoral Letter: The Cry of the Earth—The Cry of the Poor

At this time every persons on our planet is confronted with two interconnected crises: the coronavirus pandemic and the ecological crisis. Both define our age. Both require urgent action. But it is the reality of climate change that is humanity's defining challenge.' Over the coming decades, the havoc of the pandemic will pale when compared to that of climate change.

To respond to the climate crisis, and the mark the Season of Creation—which began on September 1st and continues until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th, Archbishop Farrell has published a pastoral letter, The Cry of the Earth– The Cry of the Poor: the Climate Catastrophe– Creation's Urgent Call for Change. This pastoral is an invitation to all people—those in the Church and those beyond—to reflect on the climate crisis in new ways, so that the baptised may live the life of faith more vibrantly, and everyone may respond more actively to the serious situation in which the world finds itself. The pastoral letter is available on online, as well as in hardcopy from Veritas

Acts of love for the season of Creation

*'Rivers do not drink their own water;
Trees do not eat their own fruit;
The Sun does not Shine on itself
and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves.
Living for others is a rule of nature.
We are all born to help each other.
No matter how difficult it is ...
Life is good when you are happy;
But much better when others are happy because of you.*

ENNISKERRY JOINT PARISHES COMMUNITY GOLF CLASSIC

Supporting Local Causes At Powerscourt Golf Club Enniskerry
On Sunday 19 September 2021

Supporting: Enniskerry Joint Parishes – ENNISKERRY GAA
And other Local causes

WHERE: Powerscourt Golf Club

FORMAT: Team of 4, Champagne Scramble, **Full Handicaps**,
Green Tees (men), Red Tees (ladies)

TEE TIMES: 09:30 to 14:30

COST: Team of 4 - €300.00
Tee/Green sponsorship €100.00

Book now to avoid disappointment!

Contact : Tom Dalton 087 278 3342

Email: EnniskerryJPgolf@gmail.com

**Many Thanks for all your support over the last
30 years!**

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.

Pandemic continues to impact services for people most in need

- **‘People and families who are homeless and in need, continue to rely on Crosscare for shelter, food, help and support’ – Archbishop Farrell**

The impact of the global pandemic continues to effect those working with people in need, as demand on essential services increased dramatically in 2020 and funding decreased.

Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin, is this week appealing to people to contribute to their annual collection to ensure all services can be maintained in the coming months.

Crosscare provides accommodation and support to homeless families and individuals, food services - through its community foodbanks and cafés - youth services throughout Dublin and Wicklow and support for migrants, refugees and emigrants.

When the Covid crisis began at the start of last year, Crosscare services were stretched to capacity. The charity provided 100 extra beds for homeless people to protect them in good quality accommodation with their own rooms to ensure social distancing and safety. That service remains open at present as the pandemic continues.

Demand for food in Crosscare community cafés and community foodbanks has remained high. For the first time some families, who previously did not need support before, turned to Crosscare for help in 2020. Throughout last year:

- ❖ 750 people (individuals, couples and families) stayed in Crosscare Homeless Services;
- ❖ 3,000 people who were homeless or at risk of losing their home were helped by their Information and Advocacy teams;
- ❖ Thousands of children and young people were supported through Crosscare Youth Services, Teen Counselling and Drug and Alcohol Programmes;
- ❖ Over 60,000 support phone calls were made to elderly and isolated people; and,
- ❖ 9,500 people from 122 countries sought help from Crosscare’s Refugees and Migrant support service.

This week, in a letter to parishioners urging support for the appeal, Archbishop Dermot Farrell said, “In 2021, more than ever, as families face greater uncertainty and insecurity intensified by the pandemic, people who are homeless and in need continue to rely on Crosscare for shelter, food, help and support. Crosscare’s work with young people at risk in our communities has continued and flourished amid the challenges of lockdown and related impact on the mental health and stability of teenagers and young adults. Every day, people in need of support are welcomed by Crosscare in a spirit of respect, dignity and love. All who work in Crosscare take their work and responsibilities very seriously and I urge you to support them once again in this appeal.”

Crosscare’s CEO, Conor Hickey said, “2021 is proving to be another challenging year as demand on our services increases. Sadly, the Covid crisis particularly affects the most vulnerable. I cannot stress enough how much our services depend on the funds raised through this collection to help our homeless, community and youth services as well as our supports for migrants and refugees.” Mr Hickey paid tribute to Crosscare staff and volunteers who continue to adapt to the incredible challenges brought about by the pandemic, and who ensure that, each day, those most in need are treated with love, respect and kindness.



ANNUAL COLLECTION

18th/19th September



Crosscare Annual Collection 2021

The Annual Collection for Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese on the weekend of 18th and 19th September 2021. It will replace the usual Share collection.

Through their services for Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focuses on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else. In their Community Foodbanks and Cafes, they provide food parcels and nutritious meals every day. Demand for their services continues to increase as the pandemic has impacted the most vulnerable in our parishes and communities.

Please give generously in the second collection this weekend, 18th and 19th September or on line at www.crosscare.ie