

Mass Intentions

Mission Sunday

St. Mary's 23rd & 24th October 2021

St. Mary's 6pm Saturday

Jimmy & Kathleen Kavanagh (A)

Get Well Mass

St Mary's 11am Sunday

Kathleen Edmonds (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/St. Kevin's Church

Both above Churches will reopen for Sunday Mass on the 1st Sunday in November

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

Notice re upcoming Baptisms

Beginning first week November on Monday night 7.30pm, this will be first Monday of each month, a baptism introduction will take place by Zoom for baptisms booked ongoing. This is for Parents and God Parents. Zoom link will be sent before meeting. Baptism booklet will be used to explain sacrament of baptism. Please inform office if you cannot attend.

COVID 19

At St. Mary's and St. Mochonog's, in accordance with the latest Government guidance, we are now conducting our religious services without capacity limits, but with all other protective measures remaining in place. 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. Please make the best use of the available space so as to maximise distancing between yourself and anybody from outside of your household. Where possible, when you enter the church, please use a vacant pew that is not close to an already occupied one. Please continue to keep your distance when entering and leaving the church, and when moving around, such as when approaching to receive Holy Communion.

Protective measures, including hand 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 each household group coming forward in turn. Immediately after receiving Holy Communion, you should leave quietly through the side exit.

Please do not attend at church if you are unusually experiencing any common symptom of Covid-19, such as fever, new cough, shortness of breath, breathing difficulty or loss of, or change to, sense of smell or taste.

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

Enniskerry Joint Parishes Golf Classic.

Presentation of cheques to the Churches Charities and prizes to the winners of the Joint Parishes Golf Classic which took place on 18th Sept will be held in Powerscourt Golf Club this coming Sunday, October 24th.

Buffet will be held at 6.30pm, Presentation at 7pm and Celtic Grace will play from 8pm.

Those who played in the Golf Classic are invited to attend. There will also be a full 9 holes Golf Scramble at 2pm. Those who played 18th Sept are also asked if they wish to play, if so please contact Tom Dalton on 087 278 3342. Thank you so much for your support.

Listening to LGBTQ Catholics

Kate Moynihan

Zoom

Thursday 28th October at 8.00 p.m.

Pope Francis is inviting Catholics on the margins to voice their dreams, ideas and concerns in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023.

He has consistently prioritised those who are marginalised and feel discarded.

We have invited Kate Moynihan CEO of LINC, an organisation advocating for lesbian and bisexual women, to speak to issues affecting LGBTQ Catholics.

"The Church's attitude has made the life of LGBT people miserable."

(Archbishop Diarmuid Martin)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86913523267?pwd=bXpveDJmdGNCOGkrYVFKWkdKzNqZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 1352 3267

Passcode: 354624

[ACI website](#)

World Mission Sunday.

The Annual Collection for World Mission Sunday takes place this weekend 23rd and 24th Oct. Envelopes for donations are in the Church porch, please place in basket during collection. This collection replaces the Share Collection this week.

Notice from Kilmacanogue, Enniskerry and Curtlestown National Schools.

Kilmacanogue National School

School now open for Admissions (Enrolments) for the next school year (Children starting September 2022). Under the new Admissions policy introduced by the Department of Education the Admissions Notice commences on 4th October 2021 and closes on 1st November 2021. You can download our Enrolment Forms directly from our website, kilmacschool.ie if you wish to complete them and deliver by hand at the front door of the school. You may complete the forms online and send them by email to kilmacanoguens@gmail.com or of course, post them to the school at Kilmacanogue National School, Co. Wicklow, A98D602. All PREVIOUS applications MUST be resubmitted between 4th October and 1st November 2021 and if you have any queries, please phone Siobhán or Fiona in the office at 01-2861934.

St Mary's & St Gerard's National School

School now open for Junior Infant Enrolments for the next school year (Children starting September 2022). Under the new Admissions policy introduced by the Department of Education.

You can download our Enrolment Forms directly from our website, enniskerryins.ie if you wish to complete them and deliver by hand at the front door of the school. You may complete the forms online and send them by email to info@enniskerryins.ie or of course, post them to the school at St Mary's & St Gerard's National School, Co. Wicklow, A98DP70.

All PREVIOUS applications MUST be resubmitted before the end of the month and if you have any queries, please phone Annette in the office at 01-2868851.

St Patrick's National School, Curtlestown

Admissions to St. Patrick's NS Curtlestown are now open for the next school year, starting September 2022. Under the new Admissions policy introduced by the Department of Education our Admissions Notice commences on 6th October 2021 and closes on 5th November 2021. Application Forms may be downloaded directly from our website, www.stpatrickscurtlestown.ie should you wish to complete them and post them to the school at Curtlestown, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow A98 CC62. Alternatively, the application may be emailed to curtlestownns@gmail.com. All PREVIOUS applications MUST be resubmitted between the 6th of October and the 5th of November 2021. If you have any questions, please either phone Denise in the office at 01-286 1649 or email her at curtlestownns@gmail.com.

Pastoral Letter Booklet for the Season of Creation 2021

by Archbishop Dermot Farrell—The Cry of the Earth—the Cry of the Poor is available at the Exit porch in St. Mary's Church.

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. □

The normal Mass Collections will recommence next week Oct 16th/17th. You may bring your envelopes and hand them to collector during Mass.

You may also donate to the 1st and 2nd Collections by scanning your credit card on the **Payzone Tap and Go machine** on the Stand in the porch in St. Mary’s.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell's Reflections at the launch of the Diocesan Phase of the Synod

—Communion, Participation, Mission—

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

17th October 2021

Life is alive! When we reflect on our lives, we see that human life is characterised by change: that which does not change has either never been alive, or is no longer alive. Stones do not change, and unfortunately, life can become like that: life can become fossilized—very beautiful, but no longer alive, a stunning relic of another age, but no longer alive: “dry bones,” (Ezekiel 37:1-14) to use Ezekiel’s powerful image. The way the Church lives out its mission—the way *we* live out *our* mission continually needs revitalisation; just as the dry bones in Ezekiel’s valley of death need to be invigorated. As proclaimed by the prophet Ezekiel, Israel’s restoration is not meant to be a mere political change, but an occasion of profound spiritual renewal, requiring a new heart and a new spirit.

In order to revitalise the dynamics of governance of the Church, Pope Francis has invited all baptised Christians throughout the world to examine the way the work and mission of the Church is carried forward. This way forward is, in the Holy Father’s own words, a time “*to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands, and inspire in [all people] a vision of the future filled with the joy [and hope] of the Gospel*” (Pope Francis Address at the *Opening of the Synod on Young People*, 3rd August, 2018). The invitation to embark on this journey is to *all the baptised*, because *all* the baptised are in the boat together. As we heard in the Gospel a number of Sundays ago, “Anyone who is not against us is for us” (Mark 9:40). Our Lord is a Lord who gathers all, who welcomes all.

The synodal process is not something new in the Church (Acts of the Apostles 15:1-21). When the apostles were faced with the first grave question that divided them, namely, whether new non-Jewish followers of Jesus had to follow Jewish practice and customs in the way the apostles did, the apostles gathered together. They faced a choice—one where much was at stake both for them and those who had come to know the Lord through their preaching. However, they did not resolve this matter by taking a vote, as one would do in the Roman senate, or in the citizens’ assembly of the Greek cities of the time. No. They brought from their heritage another way: a way encounter, listening and discernment before declaring “it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us” (Acts 15:28) not to impose on non-Jewish Christians the regulations of Jewish law. This is the synodal way, a way of meeting each other, listening to each other and discerning with each other. That is what the Holy Father puts before us.

There is an old story told about a famous sculptor and a child. Day after day the child came into the sculptor’s workshop and watched the master at work. One day he arrived and on the plinth was a lion. “Where did the lion come from?” asked the child. “From the stone!” was the reply.

Oh! Said the child, how did that happen?

Oh, said the sculptor ... I knew he was in there, I just had to chip away and let him out!”

God who has brought his people to life ... God knows what's in the Church, and God chips away, year after year, century after century letting out the life he knows is among us

Could it be that our way of looking at the Church—and seeing only what's on the outside, that God's vision for us, this way of walking together has been obscured—his way ever since he brought Abraham on his journey of faith and brought his people out of Egypt?

Or does journeying together threaten us? The apostles listened to each other, shared with each other and prayed together and called on the Holy Spirit throughout their deliberations. This was not a matter of a few hours. Theirs was a long process. Yet, in this manner they discerned the way forward. They did not have a pre-determined answer or jump to the conclusion before they started to engage, listen and discern. There is a dynamism involved in this process.

“What is the Spirit saying to the Churches?” (Rev 2:7). We are asked to trust the Holy Spirit to lead us together in discerning the changes that are necessary for renewal and reform. What part of the Church requires new energy, renewed efforts, some fresh vitality, in order to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the contemporary world? How do we begin? We begin at a local level in the parish by listening to each another. When we gather, Pope Francis asks “us not to soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. So often our certainties make us closed. Let us listen to one another” (Homily, 11th October 2021).

Now is the time to face whatever needs renewal in the Church. We are now called into service of God's way of bringing the Church to new life. Let us discover the same confidence that Ezekiel had in the valley of the dry bones. Remember it was the movement of God's Spirit that came upon the dry bones and restored flesh to them. So, too, with what awaits enlivening in our Church. We cannot renew the Church by surveys or questionnaires. The voice of God must always reframe questions about how the Church fulfils its vision and mission, since the Church is something God makes. Ultimately it is the Spirit of God who will energise the dead bones of our Church and restore its vitality. This is an opportunity for us to listen to the Holy Spirit and discern what God wants from the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin, from the Church in Ireland and the Universal Church.

“We have worked all night long and caught nothing” (Luke 5:5). There are at least two responses to this situation.

Understandably, some people might say cut your losses, it's useless to continue, give up and move on! The fact that you have worked hard and caught nothing is a sign that you are fishing in the wrong place, investing in the wrong thing. It is natural that cynicism would take over; after all, only fools fail to learn from experience.

The way of Jesus when faced with no catch is another. Jesus has a different experience, another vision: we can put out into the deep. We can journey into more difficult places—into the desert, as it were, where we will come face to face with what is important. What our Church needs today—what we need today—is renewal. This can only be carried out by encounter, mutual listening, free of ideology and predetermined agendas. Renewal requires a radical openness to each other and to *our* future. “Isolation and withdrawal into one's own interests are never the way to restore hope and bring about renewal...it is closeness; it is the culture of encounter” (*Fratelli Tutti* § 30). It is reaching out towards the other, listening to the other, listening *with* the other, meeting the other, serving the other.

Discernment is needed to know how we can find creative ways to rebalance our internal dynamics as church, to promote deeper communion, fuller participation, and a more fruitful mission. That discernment can only properly take place within a spiritual setting; it is a spiritual process which overcomes the polarisation that arises from the demand for simplistic “yes-no binaries.” Life is not either-or, true life is both-and. The dialogue with others does not mean diluting the radical nature of the Gospel or manipulating it by restricting its reach. In the end, Synod is not an event, but a style and way of being Church. The synod itself is only a beginning, but it is an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.

“Church and Synod are synonymous” (St John Chrysostom). A synodal church, Francis says, is a church that listens, “in which everyone has something to learn...all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit in order to know what he says to the churches.” What is called for is a heart-to-heart mutual listening to discern how the way of life that, puts flesh on the Gospel and the living Tradition can be discerned afresh (anew) and lived out in the contemporary world. Sometimes we hear calls for a new church; but what we need is not a “new” church, but a church which lives in new ways. [“There is no need to create another church, but to create a different church,” to quote the words of that great father of the Council, Yves Congar OP (Francis on 9th October 2021)].

Simply put, don’t take refuge in the usual excuses: “it’s a waste of time” or “we’ve always done it this way.” “If everything remains as it was, if we spend our days content that ‘this is the way things have always been,’ then [God’s] gift vanishes, smothered by the ashes of fear, and by the anxiety of defending the *status quo*” (Pope Francis, *Homily at Opening of the Amazon Synod*, October 6, 2019). We need to accept the responsibility of mission as we experience it now. Walking together is the way for the Church in our time. We walk with each other and we walk with our Lord. We need his presence and his word “in order to know what the Spirit, the ‘Spirit of Truth’ (John 14:17), ‘says to the Churches’ (Rev 2:7).”

Do not give up any expectation of a change. Faith in a real way is that surrender to God and radical trust in God. Let us listen to each other and to the Lord. Here is our ‘both-and’—both the other *and* the Lord. Ask yourself the question: “What does God want from the Church in Dublin at this time? This is how we are asked to respond to the Second Vatican Council’s vision of the church as the people of God.

The synodal way is a way of discernment. The Spirit is the driving force of the life of the Church and of every Christian who seeks to discern what God is saying to the Church. It is not just reading the signs of the times on the surface of life, but in life’s depth. “Put out into the deep!” Let us be attentive to the voice of Christ. May his Spirit guide us as we seek his way: a way with each other, the Lord and the world.