

## Mass Intentions

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**St. Mary's 2nd and 3rd October 2021**

**St. Mary's 6pm Saturday**

**St Mary's 11am Sunday**

Betty Kenna (A)

**Both Masses viewable on webcam.**

**St Mochonog's Church and via Zoom at 10am**

Aoibhe Brady (A)

to join please phone 087 418 9338)

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## 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

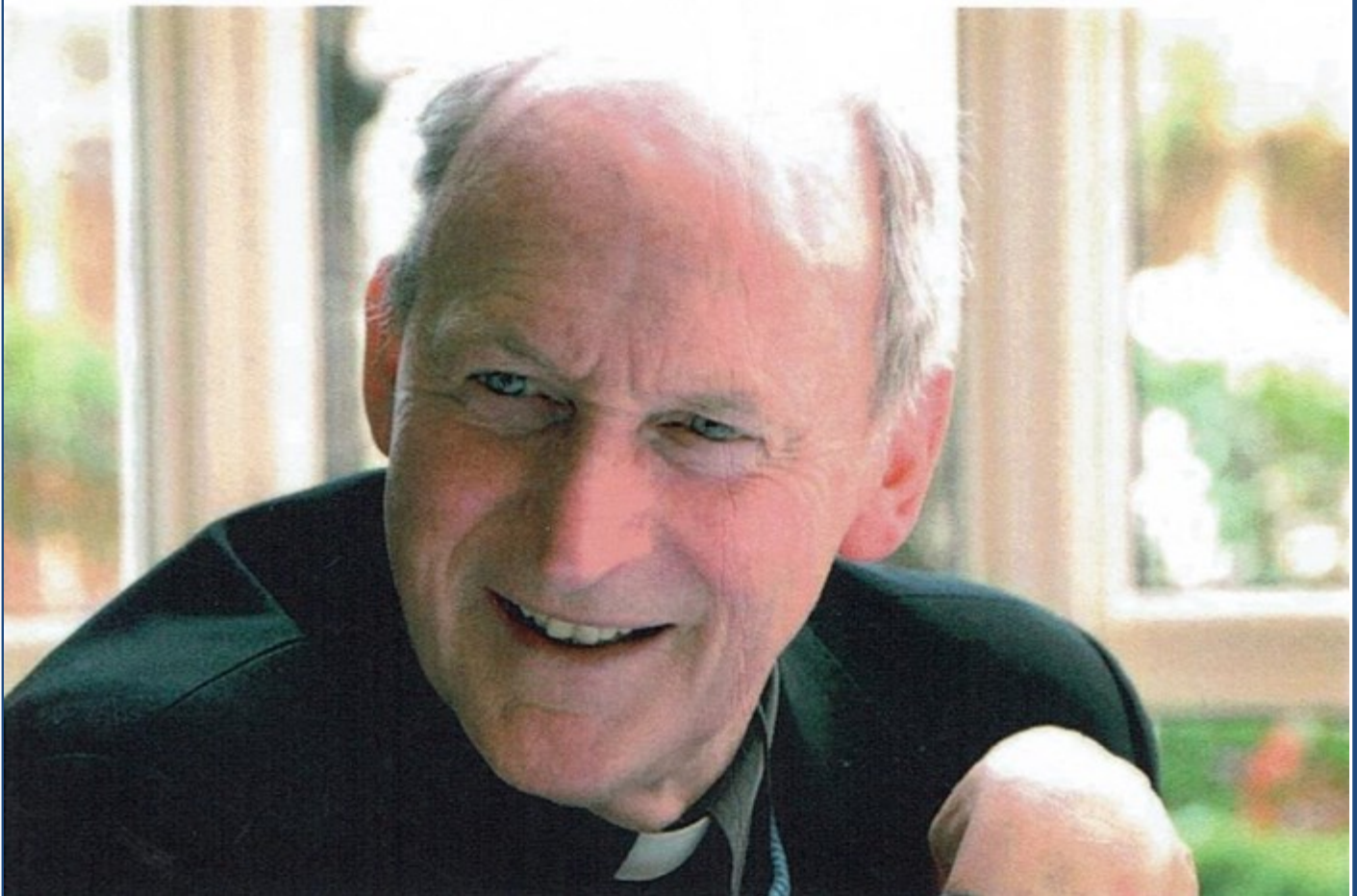
### **St. Patrick's Church/St. Kevin's Church**

**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.

### **Baptism Team**

We have a very active team of dedicated women who contact the family of babies to be baptised to offer advice on readings, candles, correct attire etc. We would be very grateful to have some newcomers on the team, please contact the Parish Office on 01 2760030 if you wish to join.



### **The Late Fr. John Wall - RIP**

We, the Wall family, would like to thank you the parishioners of Enniskerry Parish most sincerely for your kindness and goodness to Fr. John Wall during his ministry as Parish Priest in Enniskerry.

He made many good friends when in Enniskerry and always felt very much at home among you.

Fr. John had a soft spot for Enniskerry because his parents first met there. They were in a walking group, and met in a discussion about the Roman numerals on the town-clock in the village. The rest is history!

Very often when a Priest dies his funeral takes place from the Parish in which he last ministered. Fr. John had planned his funeral to be from Enniskerry Church. However, this was not possible due to the restrictions imposed during the pandemic.

Also, a word of gratitude to Fr. Larry Behan whose kindness to Fr. John was greatly appreciated.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh.

## 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

## 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;*

## 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](http://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. □

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.