

Mass Intentions

4th & 5th December, 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Mary's 6pm Saturday

Kieran Darcey (3rd A)

St Kevin's 9am Sunday

Kit & Margaret Smith (A)

St Patrick's Church, Curtlestown 10am

Ann Griffin (nee Golden) Rec Dec.

St Mary's 11am Sunday

Carol Rafferty (MM)

Guido & Jacqueline Deleraine (A)

Masses in St Mary's viewable on webcam.

St Mochonog's Church and via Zoom at 10am

Ann & Matt Flynn (A)

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, **St Patrick's**, 10.00am Sunday

St Kevin's, 9.00 am First Sunday of the Month.

Mass bookings are **not** necessary for weekend Masses

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday next, 8th December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in St. Mary's Church at 10.15am.

A limited number may attend and it can be viewed on [webcam www.enniskerryparish.ie](http://webcam.www.enniskerryparish.ie)

Enniskerry Welcomes

2022 Calendar featuring photos of local scenery will be on sale after Masses in St. Mary's this weekend costing €10 each.

Your support for this worthy cause will be greatly appreciated.

COVID 19

At St. Mary's , St. Mochonog's, St Kevin's & St. Patrick'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.

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Paul Murphy has been appointed as **Animator** for forthcoming Synod to represent the parish of Enniskerry and associated Churches at Kilmacanogue, Curtlestown and Glencree. Background to the Synod is available on dublindiocese.ie

SVP Annual Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

The Enniskerry SVP Conference covers a large area from the Glen of the Downs to the Scalp and from Glasnamullan to Glencree. We are a small team who help people in this area either with financial help, fuel or just friendly visits where loneliness is the problem. Our small financial help often makes the difference between having enough to eat or not, being warm in winter or not and being able to pay essential bills without resorting to unscrupulous loan sharks and perpetuating the cycle of poverty. The people we help have usually hit on hard times because of a major event in their lives such as, illness, loss of employment, death of a spouse or marital breakdown. With our help many survive the initial impact and go on to be able to support themselves. However, we need your help in order to be able to help them.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 16th November 2021.

1. Parish Communities Update: (i) St Patrick's, Curtlestown: The return of Sunday Mass on November 7th was very much welcomed and a very joyous occasion with music kindly provided by the well-known local family of musicians Moya (cello), Geraldine (harp), Katerina (organ) and David O'Doherty together with talented soloists Evelyn and Mairead Deasy from the Curtlestown Choir. The long postponed and eagerly awaited First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th November was also a very joyful, engaging, family and child centered celebration. The local Curtlestown community was vitally involved in making both occasions very special and something to remember with Fr Bernard as the celebrant. (ii) St Kevin's, Glencree: German Cemetery Annual Ecumenical Memorial Service which took place on Sunday 14th October was well attended by representatives of the German Community in Ireland, the Glencree Centre and the Parish. Also the first Sunday Monthly Mass for over a year took place on 7th November and had 40 in attendance. A problem of dampness in part of the church building is being investigated and will need remedial work. (iii) St Mary's, Enniskerry: Baptism Introduction for parents and godparents recommenced on 1st November and will continue on Zoom on the first Monday of the Month at 7.30pm. Despite a long wait First Holy Communion for the children of St Mary's and St Gerald's NS was a very happy occasion. Congratulations to the children, their parents and guardians, Fr Hyacinth, Principal Colette Langan, and the School Team for making it such a special day. Confirmation is planned for Saturday 20th November. A number of weddings are also planned. (iv) St. Mochonogue's Kilmacanogue: First Holy Communion was celebrated on Saturday 23rd October and Confirmation on Saturday 6th November by Fr Hyacinth, ably assisted by Deacon Michael. Congratulations and thanks to the candidates, the school community, Acting Principal Anne Marie Bourke, the parish team and Gavin Barrett's music for making it such a special occasion.

Arrangements are being made to review a number of problems with the church building including: the amplification system, electrics, plaster deterioration and some water egress.

2. Synodal Pathway: (i) Task Force Report: The report, which is available on the Dublin Diocese website, had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was noted around 3000, mostly lay people, had responded. The hope is that the work will provide content and context and will deepen the goals of the synodal process of consultation, participation and pastoral outreach. It is believed that up to 40% of parishes in the Dublin Diocese are facing non-viability. (ii) Synod Information: An excellent outline on the Synodal Pathway titled "Simply Synod" can be found on the Dublin Diocese website.

(iii) Animator: A volunteer has come forward to facilitate the parish's participation in the Synodal Pathway which will get underway in the New Year. An excellent outline of this titled "Simply Synod" is available on the Diocese website. 3. New Members for Parish Pastoral Council: Considering the major changes that are taking place in the church and generally, the Chairperson had circulated a paper entitled "Proposed focus and composition of the PPC going forward". A first discussion took place on this proposal which was to adapt the composition and focus of the PPC with a view to improving feedback from and supportive engagement with our 4 local communities (Curtlestown, Enniskerry, Glencree and Kilmacanogue); improving collaboration between them; interesting our next generation; providing a locally based structure for the Synodal consultation process. fostering co-operation with the local Church of Ireland community and providing a local community based structure for the Synodal Pathway process. 4. Any Other Business: (i) Representatives of the Finance Committee and the PPC attended a presentation by a fundraising organization, Our Fundraiser, on the possibility of a Parish Lotto. Further consideration will be given to this in the coming weeks. (ii) An insightful talk "Restoration or Reformation" given recently by Kieran O'Mahony OSA is available on You Tube (<http://youtu.be/WmPgo-171Pg>) is recommended viewing.

Mass Intentions:

If you wish to have Mass offered for a family member or friend you may book through the Parish Office and the Mass may be viewed on Webcam from your home at Due to Covid restrictions www.enniskerryparish.ie.

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.**

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.

Reopening of [St. Patrick's church - Curtlestown](#)

As you may already have read in the Parish Link, St. Patrick's Church, Curtlestown, has re-opened for 10am Sunday Mass. We are delighted to welcome back our parishioners on this special occasion!

The pandemic and our concern for everyone's health and safety still restricts how we can celebrate this, and some of the safety measures are listed below. Help will be on hand at the door if there are any questions.

Please don't attend if you are displaying any COVID symptoms

Please sanitise your hands upon entering the church and, if you're over 12, please wear a face mask

Attendees are encouraged to maintain social distancing, for example by sitting in alternate pews as the space allows. Of course, family pods / bubbles can sit together as per Government Guidelines.

Adequate ventilation will be maintained by keeping the doors and window open, so please wrap up warmly!

There will be a one-way entry / exit system (entry via the **main door** and exit via the **sacristy**). This will be on a pew-by-pew basis upon receipt of communion at the end of Mass. The congregation will be informed of this at the Mass.

We thank everyone for following these guidelines so that we may continue to keep our community safe and look forward to seeing you.

[St. Kevin's Church, Glencree](#) has also re-opened for 9am Mass which will continue on the 1st Sunday of each month. Above restrictions also apply.

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.

Our [Enrolment Forms](#) are available directly from our website, enniskerryins.ie. You may complete the forms by hand and deliver at the front door of the school, complete them online and email to info@enniskerryins.ie or of course, post them to the school at St Mary's & St Gerard's National School, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, A98DP70.

All PREVIOUS applications MUST be resubmitted, if you have any queries, please phone Annette in the office at 01-2868851

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. & St. Patrick’s.

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

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

The normal Mass Collections have recommenced. 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.

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

In normal times, our churches tend to be crowded during Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In the present circumstances, crowded churches would present an unnecessary risk of infection. Consequently, we will be operating at reduced capacity on those days (50%). To reduce the risk of overcrowding, places must be booked in advance through the Parish Office. Bookings may be made from December 13th through to December 21st. If you cannot obtain a place at your preferred Mass, please consider attending a Mass on one of the days leading up to Christmas, or on St. Stephen's Day or one of the following days, in lieu of attending on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Alternatively, you can participate via webcam.