

**Mass Intentions 19th/20th February 2022—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St Mary's 6pm Saturday**

James & Margaret Barton (A)

**St Patrick's, Curtlestown 10am**

**St Mary's 11am Sunday**

Richard (Dick) Redden (A), Bill & Gretta Seery(A), Peter & Mary McCarthy (A)

**Masses in St Mary's viewable on webcam**

**St Mochonog's 10am Sunday**

Joseph, Esther, Monica & Pat Seery(A), Kit & Annie King (A), Margaret & Robert Draper

To join please phone 087 418 9338) or email [sally.phalan@gmail.com](mailto:sally.phalan@gmail.com)

**First Confession, Service of Light, First Holy Communion and Confirmation dates 2022.**

**First Confession:** Enniskerry — 3rd March 11.30am, Curtlestown 8th March 11am  
Kilmacanogue 30th March 11.30am.

**Service of Light:** Enniskerry—8th March 7.30pm..Curtlestown 2nd March 7.30pm  
Kilmacanogue, 9th March 7.30pm.

**FHC:** Enniskerry: 14th May. 11.00am Kilmacanogue: 21st May 10.00am  
Curtlestown: 28th May 11.00am

**Confirmation**—Enniskerry: 11th March. 11.00am Kilmacanogue 16th March.  
Curtlestown 25th March 11.00am

**Sacramental Preparation Update!**

With the lifting of all restrictions we are delighted that we can finally have some in person contact for families that have registered for First Communion and Confirmation. An email will be sent in advance so keep an eye on your inbox please. Resources for Lent will also be mailed weekly to help you love *life and live lent*.

**Parish Lotto** The study of the Parish Lotto has been completed. A license has been secured. The independent service provider, Our Fundraiser, will supply everything needed. There are three voluntary operational parish lotto roles to be filled: Social and Media Contact, Reporting Contact and Operational Contact. Next Meeting: 17th February

**Enniskerry Gardening Club:**

Enniskerry Gardeners are moving to new premises at Powerscourt National School for their meetings and lectures. This year we will again be arranging visits to gardens of special interest here in Wicklow, and we will also provide a programme of speakers on a wide variety of topics.

We hold our meetings on the Second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at Powerscourt National School, and we welcome new members.

If you would like to join us, please contact our secretary, Etain Murphy, on  
**086 216 1458 or [etainmurphy@msn.com](mailto:etainmurphy@msn.com)**

## Curtlestown and Glencree Cemeteries

John Davis has been our gravedigger for both Curtlestown and Glencree Cemeteries for in excess of 35 years, and he has now let us know that he will be retiring from this work soon. John has been an extremely reliable grave-digger, providing accommodation in both Cemeteries, normally at short notice and sometimes under very harsh weather conditions.

Upon John's retirement we are looking for person who will continue with this necessary work. If you are interested, or if you know somebody who may be, please contact the Parish Office. It would be preferable for the new grave-digger to overlap with John prior to his retirement.

We wish John all the best in his retirement.

‘Towards a Synodal Pathway  
for the Catholic Church in Ireland’

**Nicola Brady Zoom Thursday February 24th, 2022, At 8.00 pm**

**Dr Nicola Brady** is the **Chair of the Steering Committee for Ireland's National Synodal Assembly**. She has recently been appointed General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI).

She has particular experience in the area of faith-based peace-building on the island of Ireland and internationally, including human rights advocacy, support to victims/survivors, facilitation of civic dialogue, community engagement with policing, and research across a broad range of issues relevant to reconciliation.

**On Thursday 24th February Dr Brady will speak about the vision for the Synodal Pathway, outline the planning work that is underway and how this relates to the work being undertaken for the Universal Synod (2023) – and share some of the questions and learning emerging as we progress.**

To join us, use the following URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082979287?pwd=b09IWUNLSUhmaGdNNXQySEILdndYdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 8297 9287 Passcode: 659942

Or use the link on <https://acireland.ie/towards-a-synodal-pathway-for-the-catholic-church-in-ireland-nicola-brady/>

## **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.**

## Homily of Archbishop Dermot Farrell for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

### Church of the Holy Trinity, Donaghmede

The Beatitudes are often described as the Christian's identity card. They identify us as disciples of Jesus. The Beatitudes are a self-portrait of Jesus. We know him exactly as the Beatitudes describe him—compassionate, merciful, solidarity and common cause with the poor, eager for justice and a welcome for everyone with no exceptions. The Beatitudes are not mere words about poverty or riches, hunger or satisfaction, grieving or laughter, oppression or respect, being thought well of or being a social outcast – they represent the key to understanding Jesus' entire life. The Beatitudes are for us who have bound our destiny to Jesus. They are about choices that will deepen the spiritual image and likeness that binds our destiny to that of Jesus. By highlighting the evils of poverty, injustice, hunger, hatred and oppression, Jesus links his ministry to justice. If we are committed to him, our faith demands that we directly address and respond to the problems of the world.

Our Gospel this morning challenges us to resist selfish instincts, to recognise that the path to happiness is not found through the accumulation of possessions. It calls us to put the needs of others before our own selfish interests. That applies to the way in which we organise ourselves as a society, as well as to how we live our own lives.

The current challenge of the steep rise in inflation, especially in energy prices, is a case in point. It is right that public policy should support families and prioritise the needs of the most vulnerable. Targeting resources on those who need them most is fair and sensible. When targeting is difficult to achieve, there is an onus on those who don't need support to take their own responsibility for acting fairly and in consideration of the needs of others.

Those who will receive the energy rebate over coming weeks, but don't actually need it to cover their expenses, have the opportunity to direct it to those in greater need. I urge those who can to donate some, or all of that rebate, to the Society of St Vincent de Paul, or other charities, who are supporting the many who are not so fortunate.

We can be attached to many different things that seem to be important, yet at critical moments we gain a better perspective. Prayer and reflection make us more aware of our limits, those of life and the treasure that holds our hearts; we can grow in freedom and honesty in our response.

Let the message of Jesus speak to us and give us the courage to be more like him. It is an invitation to move from the choices we would imagine or would like to make to the ones we will make under the guidance of the Spirit. Imaging our future is done and lived more truly when Jesus is the direction and the reason for the decisions; it is with his help that we can live them. May our trust and hope be only in God; may we rejoice and leap for joy at the blessings bestowed on us by God. May we indeed be "of good heart."

## **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 25th January 2022**

1. Synodal Pathway Update Paul Murphy, Synodal pathway Animator, updated on the plan for the Synodal Pathway Programme. It will consist of two ninety-minute gatherings in March of people living in the parish communities. People will be invited to share and listen to each other on their experience of church today. To facilitate the process four indicative questions will be used: What brings joy, sorrow, hope and fear or anxiety? Those attending will be split into small groups of six to ten with a facilitator. Various ways of communicating the invitation were discussed including: presentations at local masses, display boards in churches, existing parish groups/teams, website, Facebook, Twitter, Parish Newsletter, parish email and text lists, pre-First Communion and Confirmation masses, school class reps, and one to one contact. It was recognized that it is a significant challenge to get out to a broad population, particularly younger people. Paul told the meeting of a two-house facility in Glendalough which Crosscare have been using for young people's outdoor and indoor programmes. Concerns were expressed by the Chairperson that the indicative questions were too vague to elicit from our wider community what changes were needed for our church to again become relevant and enable us to serve the spiritual needs of young and old. Aideen saw the Synodal Pathway as a step towards wider involvement of parishioners and also suggested the possibility of a post-covid event to reflect on the last two years.

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### **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..