

**PARISH LINK—26th/27th NOVEMBER—also on website**  
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**Mass Intentions 26th/27th November —1st Sunday of Advent**

**St Mary's Masses viewable on webcam., [www.enniskerryparish.ie](http://www.enniskerryparish.ie)**

Saturday St Mary's 6pm. Edward Tuite (A)

**St Patrick's, 10am**

Sunday St Mary's 11am Bernie Nugent (A) Laura Hickey nee (Lucchi) (Rec Dec)  
Emer Corcoran (A)

Sunday St Mochonog's 10am— Eileen O'Farrell RD Ann Connolly (A)  
Kathleen Bradshaw (A) Aoibhe Brady (A)

### ENNISKERRY PARISH FUNDRAISER LOTTO

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Winner 24th November **Gloria Kirwan — €25 Lucky Dip**

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### **A book you might like to read - *How Big Is Your God***

Deepen your experience of God by moving from religion to relationship.

Paul Coutinho, SJ, is an Indian Jesuit priest with a genial sense of humour and a penchant for asking deeply thought-provoking spiritual questions: Do you have a real relationship with God, or do you just have a religion? Do you know God, or do you just know about God? Do you worry about the smallest things, or do you trust God to help you through even the biggest things? Have you ever considered believing in a God without limits, a God powerful enough to enable you to think, love, and live differently?

In *How Big Is Your God?* Fr. Coutinho challenges us to grow stronger and deeper in our faith by embracing a God whose love knows no bounds. To help us on our way, Coutinho introduces us to his Hindu friends who put him on the path to mysticism; to his Buddhist teachers who broke open his limited views of the divine; to Viktor Frankl, Desmond Tutu, and other enlightened guides who led him to a far more meaningful spiritual life; and to St. Ignatius of Loyola, whose Spiritual Exercises continue to shape his reflection and prayer life. Each short chapter in this book will draw readers with an open mind and a longing heart into a closer relationship with God and will encourage them to experience the infinite breadth of God in a deeply personal way.

**Archbishop's Letter 'The Time has Come'** is available at the rear of the Church.  
Please take one as you leave.

## Just one word can be a prayer

Something as simple as a proclamation of “yay” not only reminds us that joys can be found in our life, but it reminds us that expression to God can be as simple as one word. God is not looking for spouting prayers or overly meticulous words. Perhaps the next time you smile you can point that smile towards God and maybe even add a “Yay!” along with it. Find the joy. But first, find your one-word prayer. Maybe “yay” is not your word today. Perhaps it’s “help”. Or “thanks”. Or “why?”. Or even a singular sigh or grunt. Let that word or sound be your word for God. Let God take it and do with it what God wills. Those words or sounds become prayers by intention. Focus your expression on God and listen to your heart. Perhaps God will place a single-word response within you.

**Welcome and Catering!** ‘Welcome’ is an essential part of our being and growing as faith communities. We need to have a strong rota of people who are willing to prepare and serve teas and coffees after mass and other liturgies that arise throughout the year. Please consider offering some time for this important task. Call Aideen on 0868182241 .

## FOLLOW THE STAR FESTIVAL

Follow Mary, Joseph & Donkey on a journey from St. Mary’s Church at Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 4.30pm and join them through Enniskerry village while they knock at the Inns and make their way to the live crib at Powerscourt Church.

Those taking part in the procession following Joseph, Mary & the donkey are invited to carry lanterns or lights.

## CRAFT AND FOOD STALLS—POWERSCOURT CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sat. 3rd Dec—12 noon till 6pm.

## Advent notice Board !

Please look at the notice board in the church porch if you would like some new ideas for living out the Advent season. Take a photo of any page that might appeal to you. If you would like the full mini retreat, contact Aideen 0868182241



## CALLING ALL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST—MEETING

This will be a **refresher** for those already in ministry and **training** for those who wish to join the Ministers. You are invited to a gathering on 7.30pm to 9 pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of December in St Mary’s church Enniskerry.

It will also be an occasion for all our church communities to get together chat over a cuppa afterwards. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible on the night.

## PURPLE HOUSE CANCER SUPPORT

Supporting families affected by cancer in Ireland.. All proceeds goes to Purple House Cancer Support—now available.

A special pack of 8 Christmas Cards for €6—available in St. Mary’s Sacristy

# The Time Has Come

## Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Advent Pastoral Letter, 2022

I am struck by the phrase from the Letter to the Romans offered to us in the First Sunday of Advent liturgy: 'You know "the time" has come: you must wake up now; our salvation is even nearer than when we were converted.' (Romans 13:11). Jesus in the Gospel, reflecting on the second coming of the Son of Man, asks us all to stand ready (see Matthew 24:44).

In every generation we are asked to be ready, recognising the salvation offered in Christ Jesus, on fire with his Spirit, proclaiming the Gospel in every season, finding new ways to witness to the presence and power of Christ in our own lives and to the people of our time.

Over the past year and more, our parishes have been asked for their thoughts on the future direction of the Church in the Archdiocese. We have much to do: supporting people to deepen their faith and relationship with God; creating the structures that support vibrant communities of faith; advocating for those who are on the margins (see *Statement of Mission*, February 2022).

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The synodal discussions that took place last spring have taught us something new from the heart of the Church. We have rediscovered the value of prayerful reflection, listening to the variety of voices available to us, and discerning together the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The first phase of *Building Hope* implementation was an invitation to dialogue in parishes, reflecting on the four dimensions of the 'Framework for Pastoral Renewal' drawn from the *Building Hope* Task Force Report. Parishes responded generously with the fruits of that initial conversation, including

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their proposals for partnership with neighbouring parishes. In September, I published my initial response to that parish material in a document entitled *Feedback on Easter 2022 Strategic Planning Process*, which I ask parishes to reflect on deeply.

I am now making a further response to you, having listened carefully to your proposals for partnerships. Following careful analysis and further dialogue, I am writing to each parish to confirm the partnership arrangements through which I am asking you to realign your efforts and energies to suit the times in which we live.

Within each partnership of parishes, Parish Pastoral Councils, all active parishioners, priests, deacons, parish pastoral workers and voluntary parish leaders, including catechists into the future, are encouraged to renew the missionary aspect of parish life and contribute energetically towards the partnership of local parishes. In this way we can reach out beyond what any one parish might be able to facilitate or imagine. A set of pastoral aids will be provided to help with conversation and action locally. You know the time has come.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas we open our hearts again to Jesus Christ, God-with-us, a light for all the world to see. Even in the darkest and loneliest of places he brings salvation. His message of justice, peace and love sets us out again on a journey, this year and every year, focused on love of God and love of neighbour. 'Let us walk in the light of the Lord' (Isaiah 2:5), 'that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths' (Isaiah 2:3). Let us turn our hearts towards Christ, who is the light that will show us the way forward, a light for our footsteps into the future God is preparing with us.

**+Dermot Farrell**  
**Archbishop of Dublin**

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**FOLLOW THE STAR  
FESTIVAL & MARET  
SAT 3RD DECEMBER 2022**

FOLLOW MARY, JOSEPH & DONKEY ON A  
JOURNEY FROM ST.MARY'S CHURCH AT 4.30  
AND JOIN THEM THROUGH ENNISKERRY  
VILLAGE WHILE THEY KNOCK AT THE INNS  
AND MAKE THEIR WAY UP TO  
THE LIVE CRIB AT POWERSCOURT CHURCH

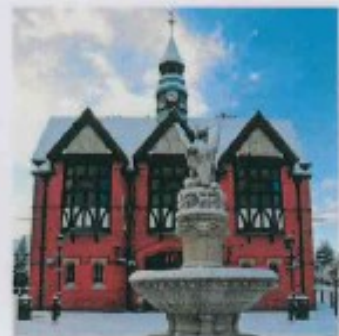
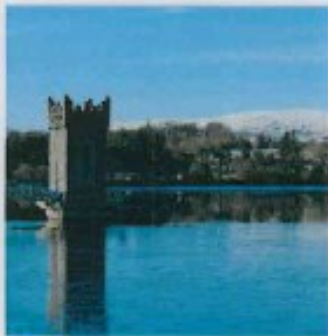
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# Advent Retreat

5pm Thurs, 1 Dec. - 4pm Sun, 4 Dec.

*This three-day retreat will explore our preparation for Christmas, the birth of new stirrings, and a deeper calling to connection.*

**3 nights, all meals included**

**Residential: €385**

**Non-residential: €185**

To express interest, please contact MIC:  
1.661.8061 or [programmes@mercyinternational.ie](mailto:programmes@mercyinternational.ie)

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