

PARISH LINK— 23rd April —also on website, www.enniskerryparish.ie

Masses 22nd/23rd April

Saturday St. Mary's 6pm

Sunday 10am St Patrick's: Patrick Kavanagh
(100th birthday in Heaven)

Sunday St. Mochonog's 10am

Thomas Patrick Woodcock (1st A)

Sunday 11am St. Mary's Gene Cassidy (Rec Dec'd)

Gerry McGovern (20th A)

Leo & Elaine McGovern (A)

Gill Byrne (A)

Masses 29th/30th April

Saturday St. Mary's 6pm

Sunday St. Patrick's 10am

Sunday 10am St Mochonog's

Sunday St. Mary's 11am.:

Mark Doyle (2nd A)

CHURCH PARTNERSHIP IN ENNISKERRY AND BRAY

A meeting will take place in June between the Chairs and Clergy of the Partnership area of Bray of which Enniskerry Parish is part of. This will consider the Mass times for the Partnership.

St Mochonog's

There is some very good news to report from St. Mochonog's this week. Very few people in Kilmacanogue, will forget February 6th last. Not just because it was a much anticipated Bank Holiday, and a lovely day. It was also the day that the beautiful Statue of Our Lady was removed so bizarrely from our Grotto.

Following a media frenzy, hundreds of phone calls, conspiracy theories, and jokes, all fell in to silence and an element of shock.

Then Clare Stephens came forward with a magnificent painting of Our Lady of Lourdes, which she did herself. Clare is a daughter of Jobie and the late Ambose Stephens, devoted members of the Legion of Mary. That painting now stands proudly in our Church porch.

By coincidence, a son of another devoted Legion Family (Bernie and Lil Collins and Grandson of Thomas and Theresa Fleming who were involved in the original Grotto build) Liam, came forward. Together with his family, they sourced an alternative statue and had it painted and recommissioned. It now takes pride of place in the recently repaired Grotto. In doing so, the Kilmac Maintenance team used iron bars and industrial strength glue. That statue is there for the duration.

Then, out of the blue, another phone call with the news that the original statue had been found! Interestingly it was a parishioner who found it while out for a run. All's well that ends well.

Arrangements are being made to give this much missed statue a makeover, and you can rest assured that she will still be very much a part of our wonderful community.

It is anticipated that there will be a dedication service for the 3 items soon.

I would like to thank all those involved in this amazing story. It is said that

" the Lord moves in mysterious ways". It would appear that his Mother does too.

Anne O'Grady .

Attention!

This month's Down Time Thursday it will be on **27th April from 7pm to 9pm**. Come and sit in silence with candlelight and gentle music. Take a few minutes for yourself and just "be". Light a candle, say a prayer.



Our Meet and Greet mass on **Sunday the 7th of May** will focus on all those who are taking exams this year. Please invite anyone you know who will sit exams this year to join us.

We are delighted to announce that we have a very kind offer from a parishioner to paint a mural for our family friendly space at the back of the church. Thank you so much Doreen. We look forward to the unveiling!

Our Confirmation class from St Mary's and Gerard's are meeting with the members of Charabanc on Friday the 28th of May. This is part of their localise project and you will hear more about it in the coming weeks.

This week our plea is for unused catering tea pots, if anyone would have some lying around at home please contact Phil Kenna.

Regarding Parish Partnerships

Our Grouping of Glencree, Curtlestown, Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue churches as you know are in partnership with St. Peter's, Holy Redeemer, St. Fergal's and Queen of Peace Church in Bray. A meeting will be held in June to consider Mass Schedules for these Churches.

We each know the richness of belonging and gathering as a faith community in celebration and prayer, in times of joy and in times of sorrow. It is therefore important for us together, at parish level firstly and eventually at the new partnership pastoral council, to schedule a suitable range of Mass times across the parish partnership, In doing so we must endeavour to:

- Nurture the sense of community of worship, identity and mission which exists in our par through gathering, perhaps at fewer Masses, but with greater participation in larger numbers.
- Care for our priests and their well-being in the knowledge of the diminishing number of priests in active ministry across the Archdiocese.
- Ensure that each priest is scheduled to celebrate no more than one Saturday Mass and two Sunday Masses on a weekend as their regular practice.
- Ensure that Masses are scheduled so that a priest does not have to rush the celebration, has time to meet people afterwards and to comfortably travel between Churches, 11/2 hours between Mass times is considered appropriate.
- Provide some local Sunday evening Masses.
- Regularly review Mass scheduling within each parish partnership, including appropriate consultation with parishioners.



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