

**On This Day....**

Mend a quarrel
Search out a forgotten friend
Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust
Write a love letter
Share some treasures
Give a soft answer
Encourage youth

Manifest your loyalty in a word or deed
Keep a promise
Find the time
Forego a grudge
Forgive an enemy
Listen
Apologise if you were wrong

Try to understand
Flout envy
Examine your demands on others
Think first of someone else
Appreciate, be kind, be gentle
Laugh a little more.
Deserve confidence

Take up arms against malice
Decry complacency
Express your gratitude
Worship your God
Gladden the heart of a child
Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth

Speak your love
Speak it again
Speak it still again
Speak it still once again....

~ Author Unknown

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**The Living Room- Churches together, Friends together**

## The next meeting with our friends from St Patrick’s Powerscourt is on Wednesday 1st of May at 11 am in St Patrick’s church. The theme is “Through a glass darkly”God through our own perspective. Sometimes when we feel let down by God or that his presence isn’t with us it’s due to our own expectations and idea about God. Join us for reflection, tea , coffee and fun !

**Like to do the Camino?**

“Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino.  Join  the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of  the **Camino Ingles** walking from Ferrol to Santiago in Northern Spain. The temperature  in this part of northern Spain in July  is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland.   For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email mary,morrish@mscmissions.ie







# **A Book review for Children!**

The Forgivness Garden

 by [Lauren Thompson](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lauren-Thompson/e/B001H6PKME/ref%3Ddp_byline_cont_book_1)

A long time ago and far away--although it could be here, and it could be now--a boy threw a stone and injured a girl. For as long as anyone could remember, their families had been enemies, and their towns as well, so it was no surprise that something bad had happened.

Hate had happened. Revenge had happened. And that inspired more hate and more calls for revenge. But this time, a young girl decided to try something different...

Inspired by the original Garden of Forgiveness in Beirut, Lebanon, and the movement that has grown up around it, Lauren Thompson has created a timeless parable for all ages that shows readers a better way to resolve conflicts and emphasises the importance of moving forward together.

**Pope Francis Say’s………**

"Think of your friends and how great it is to spend time with them: at home, at school, in the parish and the playground, everywhere," Pope Francis wrote. "Playing, singing, discovering new things, having fun, everyone being together and excluding no one. Friendship is wonderful and it grows only in this way: through sharing and forgiving, with patience, courage, creativity and imagination, without fear and without prejudice."



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We are at the start of our 2024 reception of sacraments in our parish. We have the first of them today with First Reconciliation in St Mary’s. ***A big welcome to all our lovely families.***

**This Week We Remember…13th /14th April**

**St. Mary’s 6 pm**: Fintan Kealy (MM)

**St Patrick’s10am:** Neil Deasy (3rd A)

Joan Byrne and deceased members of the Howard family

**St Mochonog’s 10am:** Jim Fegan (1st A)

Renee Fegan (2nd A)

**St. Mary’s 11 am**: Brigid Maguire (1st A)

Mary Maguire. (10th A)

**PARISH LINK April 13th /14th**

**Welcome to our celebration of the Eucharist this weekend!**

**Next Week We Remember…20th /21st April**

**St. Mary’s 6pm**: Paddy Hannon (A)

**St. Mary’s 11 am**: Alice Redmond (1st A) Gerry McGovern (A) and his parents Leo and Eveline McGovern

**Reflection for the coming week**

“I’m so frustrated! That annoys me!”

How often have you said or thought those words? I know I’ve felt this way many times. But I’ve learned that we can come to a point in our lives where we don’t experience being aggravated and frustrated every day. In fact, aggravated and frustrated is not the condition God wants us to live in.

In [John 14:27](https://www.bible.com/bible/8/jhn.14.27) , Jesus says, Peace I leave with you: My peace I now give…to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]

Now, there’s a worldly peace we have when everything is going our way. But the peace Jesus gives is a totally different quality of peace than what the world gives. It’s a peace that passes our understanding; it makes us peaceful when all natural reasoning says we should be upset.

Let your confession be: “With God’s help, I don’t have to be aggravated or frustrated. I can stay calm and hold my peace.” The ability to display stability and remain calm in troubled times can be one of our greatest testimonies to a troubled world.

**A TIME FOR HEALING -APOLOGIES**

We are really sorry and disappointed to have tell you that, unfortunately the ***time for*** ***healing*** seminar which was to take place next Saturday the 20th of April, has been postponed until the end of September.

We **will** run it again, and it will be advertised well in advance.

Thank you all for taking

such an interest in it,

and we hope you

will be available to

attend in the Autumn .



**A few words From**

**Archbishop Dermot Farrell**

**April 10, 2024**

I warmly welcome Pope Francis’s appointment of Bishop Paul Dempsey as Titular Bishop of Sita, and Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin. I am very grateful to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and to His Excellency Archbishop Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, for facilitating my request to appoint another Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese. I am also grateful for Bishop Dempsey’s willingness to minister among us and for us, the people and priests of the Diocese of Dublin. Bishop Paul brings the fruit and wisdom of his extensive pastoral experience, as priest and bishop to the leadership of the Church in Dublin.

**Knock**

Due to quite a number of people not being able to attend on the 25th of April, our trip to knock has been deferred to the summer. It will take place in August. If you were on the list and still want to go in August, please confirm as early as you possibly can, thank you. Text or call 0868182241

**REMINDERS…….**

* Our next ***DOWN TIME THURSDAY*** is the 25th April. Exposition will take place at 7pm
* Baptism requests are now taking place online.
* We are looking for more people to join our new music group in St Mary’s. All are welcome.



