Jesus said, *“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. . . . As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.” —*John 15:4–5, 9

I want you to be honest: Would you rather have a friend who is always right or one who is in right relationship with you? I think I know the answer: We’d rather have someone who’s in right relationship with us. In fact, someone who’s right all the time can be obnoxious. Would we rather have a friend who’s always correct or a friend to whom we’re always connected? Of course, we’d rather have the second.

So why did we in the West seemingly change the rules for God? Many of us grew up thinking God wanted us to be right, to be correct, even to be perfect. What this passage in John’s Gospel is saying is that God wants people who are in right relationship, which means that we are open, and that we can listen to others with understanding and compassion. It means that we can admit when we’re wrong, which is almost every day for most of us. It certainly is for me.

And yet we keep condemning ourselves and others for not being perfect, for not being right, for not being correct. This parable, really one of the most beautiful in all the gospels, tells us what God desires—simply that we remain connected, a branch on the vine, which is the love of God.

Everybody seems to be trying to prove that they are right. We have almost a collective incapacity to admit failure, to ever admit that we are wrong. Jesus is calling forth a very different kind of human being.

Jesus says people who live the vulnerable life of connection and relationship will bear much fruit. These are the people we trust, like, and admire. And yet so many of us are afraid to be the very thing that we admire the most. How foolish human beings are! But again, Jesus has told us the way: he is the vine. We are the branches. None of us can be or need to be correct, but we can always be connected.   ***Fr Richard Rohr***

**REMAIN IN RELATIONSHP-STAY CONNECTED**

**The world around us is a gift from God – Look after our world!**

**A TIME FOR HEALING**

**Saturday 28th September at Glencree Reconciliation Centre 10am-4pm**

A SEMINAR OF SPIRITUALITY, HEALING, AND INTEGRATION FOR THE TIMES WE LIVE IN.

**PRESENTED BY FR JIM COGLEY  
This seminar focuses on intergenerational healing (Healing the family tree), personal and relational** **healing.** A must for us all, revealing the exciting Christian message of healing found in the Scriptures.

**Fr Jim Cogley** is a psychotherapist and woodturner with over forty years’ experience. He was an associate of the renowned pioneer in Family Tree Healing Dr Ken McCall. Currently Director of Pilgrimage in Our Lady’s Island in Co. Wexford, his particular interest is that of Healing, both personal and intergenerational, and how the past that is unacknowledged can still influence the present.

Please register your interest at 0868182241 OFFERING € 20

There are a limited number of places left.

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

## The next meeting with our friends from St Patrick’s Powerscourt is next 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 !

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**Kilmacanogue News**

Due to a series of incidents in St.Mochonog's Church Kilmacanogue, it has been decided to keep the Church locked, except for Mass times on Wednesdays and Sundays.

This reluctant decision has been taken by Fr.Bernard and the rest of the team, who have a duty of care for all parishioners and visitors. Sadly, this is a sign of the times and in keeping with other Churches in the area.

Should anyone wish to use the Church for private reasons, arrangements can be made with the Parish Office, and of course the Church will still be used for Sacramental Practices through the school.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**This Week We Remember…27th /28th.**

**St Patrick’s 10am: Conor O Duffy (20th)**

**St Mary’s 6pm:Michael Waters** (RIP) Birthday Remembrance

**St Mochonog’s 10am:** Peter & Eileen Lawlor (A). Martin Duggan (A)

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***A big welcome to all the children receiving First Communion this morning.***

***We wish you a life of faith, hope and love ahead.***

***Enjoy your day!***

**PARISH LINK April 27th /28th**

**/21st**

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

**Next Week We Remember…5th May**

**St Patrick’s 10 am:** Owen Gallagher (1st A)

**Last Sunday….** Mass was said 21 April at **10 am in Curtlestown** for John Ludlow **in Remembrance**

**Psalm 147:3. He heals the brokenhearted**

**TRIP TO KNOCK**

Our trip to Knock is now going to take place on Saturday the 18th of August. We need names as soon as possible please, so we can work out a price. If your name is on the list already and you can’t go on that date, please let me know at 086 8182241 or Sadie in the sacristy,Thank you.

**Parish Celebration!**

We celebrated Fr Hyacinth’s

birthday during the week.

Happy birthday again and

every blessing for the year ahead

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**A Few words from Archbishop Dermot Farrell**

**A New Time – a different way of being Church – the Journey with the Lord**

The Church happens in our lives. As we change, our Church changes. We are called to recognise how the Church is changing, and discern where the Good Shepherd is leading us.

Our lives are a journey, and our faith is a journey too. The Church is our journey in faith *together*. As Pope Francis is always pointing out, we are on our journey of faith *together*. As in any real journey, there is going to be a lot of discovery and surprise; there will be difficult times; and we will change as we travel. Like the great journey of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, *through the desert,* to the Promised Land, the journey of the Church is not an easy journey. Like theirs, and Christ’s, the journey of the Church is filled with risk and loss. But it is real, and shapes us into the people of God.

May the Lord open our ears to hear his word, and our hearts to embrace it. **Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin**

**Lay Ministry Sunday today 28th**

**(The share collection is being replaced)**

‘In the past year, we can point to green shoots emerging through efforts associated with our Building Hope initiative. The Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis, provided by the Office for Mission and Ministry, is a good example. Announced last May, it has been a real success. This in-demand programme examines the vocation and mission of the participants inspired to share their faith. It gives them the tools to assist others on their faith journey. I ask for your generous support for the Lay Ministry Collection. Your contributions are vital in sustaining and expanding these initiatives, ensuring our Church remains a vibrant beacon of hope and faith in the world.’

**Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin**

**NEW MINISTERS**

We look forward to commissioning new readers and ministers of the Eucharist this coming September. The commissioning will follow a short training course in the summer months. This will be for all four churches in the Parish. If you would like to be part of either ministry, please contact the parish office or Aideen 0868182241

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**Still Confused!** **Our collections simply explained:**

**Blue Envelopes:** Go to the Diocese (1st and 2nd Collection)

**Green Envelopes:** Stay in the Parish

**Yellow Envelopes Kilmac:** Stay in the Parish

**Pink Envelopes:** Stay the parish. There are left in the church and can be taken before mass and placed in either collection basket

**1st Collection:** Goes to the diocese. The first collection is for the support of clergy in the parish and beyond.

**2nd Collection:** Goes to the Diocese. Itis called the Share collection. **Share** was originally set up in the 1970s to provide funding to meet the needs of new and developing parishes. In more recent years, however, as the need for new churches diminished, Share has been used to refurbish parish churches, build parish pastoral centers and fund the diocesan administration of central services. Our parish is part of the Archdiocese of Dublin and our support of this collection assists other parishes as well as funding the administration of the Archdiocese which oversees 199 parishes.

The share collection is replaced by 7 special collections during the year.

**Tap Machines St Mary’s:** There are two tap machines.

The small one sitting on the book shelf **Stays in the parish**

The tall one in the corner **goes to the diocese** (1st and 2nd collection)