

PARISH LINK

July



Reminders....

- There will be no **Downtime Thursday/Adoration** until the 3rd Thursday of September
- **The Parish link** will be available on the first weekend of each month for the foreseeable future
- **The Living Room** (Gathering with St Patrick's Powerscourt) will next meet on Wednesday 2nd October in St Mary's at 11 am
- **Date for your Diary: Sunday 25th August**-Launch of our mega fundraiser

In July we remember.....

July 6th/ 7th

St Kevins: Bill Quinn (A)
St Mochonog's 10am: John Stephens (A) Owen Molloy Jnr(A)
St Patrick's 10am: Peter Pigot
Mary Molloy(A) Sandra Richardson (A)
St Mary's 11 am: Molly Flynn (MM) Tommy Keogh (A)

July 13th /14th

St Mochonog's 10am: Brian Bloomer (A) Harry and Ita Townsend (A) Rory O'Brien (A)
St Mary's 11 am: Joe Delahunt (A)

July 20th /21st

St Mochonog's 10am: Patrick McKeown (A)
St Patrick's 10am: Peter Pigot (A)
St Mary's 6pm: Robert Hay (A)
St Mary's 11 am: Mary Walsh (1st A)

27th/28th: No Intentions

KNOCK DAY TOUR Saturday 17th August

PICK UP LOCATION: IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH,

ITINERARY DEPARTURE @ 08.30

10:30 TEA/COFFEE & SCONES IN THE SHAMROCK LODGE HOTEL

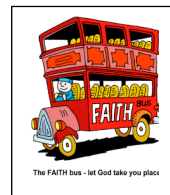
ATHLONE VISIT TO KNOCK SHRINE

DEPART KNOCK FOR THE SHAMROCK LODGE HOTEL

17.30 - EVENING MEAL IN THE SHAMROCK LODGE HOTEL

19.15 - DEPART AND HEAD BACK TO YOUR PICKUP POINT

There are a couple of deposits of €20 outstanding please



Join Our Leadership Team



We are still in the process of building a leadership team in the parish. A big thank you to those who have already stepped up and have been doing such a great job all year. However, we need more backup!

Lay leadership is vital to extending the life of the parish. It's about gathering and drawing people in. It's about serving the community. It is about growing a faith filled people in the local area. None of this can happen without strong lay participation, especially in leadership. Please consider it!

Let the Spirit encourage.....



As the fever of day calms towards twilight
May all that is strained in us come to ease.
We pray for all who suffered violence today,
May an unexpected serenity surprise them.
For those who risk their lives each day for peace,
May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.
That those who make riches from violence and war
Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.
That we might see through our fear of each other
A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.
That those who enjoy the privilege of peace
Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.
That the wolf might lie down with the lamb,
That our swords be beaten into ploughshares
And no hurt or harm be done anywhere along the holy mountain.
JOHN O'DONOHUE From his book of blessings, Benedictus.

New Music

We meet in St Mary's on Tuesday evenings at 7 15 pm . We are taking a break for the Summer but will be back in mid-August. We plan to sing at Christmas time for a charity and entertain in a nursing home. If you would like to be part of our little venture please text 0868182241, thank you.

Collections Last Week (Go to the Diocese)

1st Collection:

Enniskerry € cash 136 +40 approx (tap) €176

Kilmacanogue € 160

Curtlestown €70

Glencree € 40 (1st Sunday in June)

2nd Collection: Enniskerry €65 cash+40 approx (tap) €105

Kilmacanogue € 122

Curtlestown € 45

Glencree € 33 (1st Sunday in June)

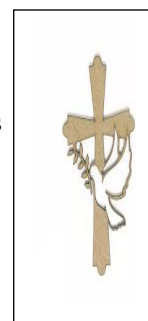
Cemetery Sunday

St Kevin's; Sunday 1st September

Blessing of graves will take place after 9 am mass

St Mochonog's; Sunday 18th August at 3 pm

St Partrick's; Sunday 25th August 3 pm



A Few Comforting Words from Pope Francis

Let us learn this lesson: in the face of bodily and spiritual sufferings, of the wounds our souls bear, of the situations that crush us, and even in the face of sin, God does not keep us at a distance. God is not ashamed of us; God does not judge us. On the contrary, He draws near to let Himself be touched and to touch us, and He always raises us from death. He always takes us by the hand to say: daughter, son, arise! (cf. Mark 5:41). Walk forward; strive ahead! "Lord I am a sinner"—

"Strive forward; I became sin for you, to save you" – "But you, O Lord, are not a sinner" – "No, but I have endured all the consequences of sin to save you." This is beautiful!

Let us fix the image that Jesus offers us in our hearts. It is God who takes you by the hand and raises you up again. It is He who lets Himself be touched by your pain and touches you to heal you and give you life again. He does not discriminate against anyone because He loves everyone.

May everyone answer this question. Does God label people? And do I live by constantly labelling people?

Brothers and sisters, let us look to the heart of God, so that the Church and society may neither exclude nor treat anyone as "impure," so that each person, with their own particular past, is welcomed and loved without labels, prejudices, or adjectives.

POPE FRANCIS



A TIME FOR HEALING



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

We have filled the places for this seminar, however if you would like to go on a cancellation list contact 0868182241, thank you.

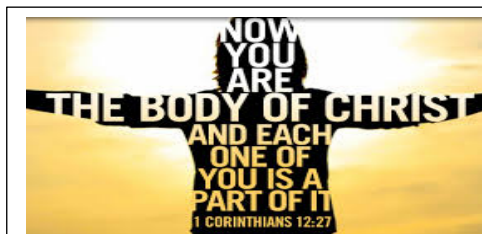
A Joint Celebration- A gathering of the whole parish community

On Sunday the 8th of September there will be a joint celebration of the Eucharist for all 4 communities, Glencree, Curtlestown, Kilmacanogue and Enniskerry. **There will be no mass on the first Sunday of September** in Glencree to facilitate gathering the whole community on the 8th.

There will only be **one mass** celebrated that weekend in the parish, the 11 am in St Mary's. Our hope is that each community will play its part in the liturgy, through song, reading, providing ministers etc... The mass will be concelebrated.

This initiative has come from the Parish Pastoral Council to gather the whole community together on this occasion., and we hope that it will be supported by all.

It will be a very colourful vibrant Liturgy with hospitality afterwards, of course. Put the date in your diary!



Attention!



We are running a large fundraising initiative in the Parish this year with a substantial target of €150,000! You will hear a lot more about this in the coming weeks.

Continuing to maintain the churches and grounds as they are into the future is going to be a huge challenge. Keeping the grounds alone in the beautiful condition they are currently in, costs a significant amount with regular cutting, strimming and tree surgery. The church structures are protected, and this makes the upkeep more costly across the board. The upkeep of our cemeteries is also a concern with falling income.

Posters and flyers will be distributed and on view over the next few weeks explaining the necessity for ongoing structural maintenance of our church buildings and grounds into the future, to maintain the beauty and integrity of each, which is a much loved and valued feature of the splendour of North Wicklow.

Save the Date!

We are launching our fund-raising initiative on **Sunday afternoon the 25th of August**.

This will be an interesting and enjoyable couple of hours with a talk on the history of our parish given by Brian White and a social gathering with plenty of refreshments afterwards. We really need the support of as many parishioners as possible to get us off to a positive start.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND COME ALONG!

Coffee Morning

Would you like to hold a coffee morning?

This initiative would give parishioners the chance to invite friends and neighbours who appreciate the value of our lovely buildings and would be happy to contribute to some larger maintenance projects currently needed.

Please let me know if you would like to host a coffee morning. We need everyone to get behind this initiative. 0868182241