

Volunteering!



The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments.

If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

Change in St Mary's

We are finally ready to create our pastoral gathering/ community space at the back of the church.

The plan is that it will be ready for the launch of our fundraising campaign on the 24th of August.

We look forward to having many community and faith building activities into the future.



Some Very Encouraging Words From Pope Francis

“To better appreciate God’s way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on “having it all now”, are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to keep pressing forward. For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God’s grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!” 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 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 **Saturday afternoon the 24th of August.**

This will be an interesting and enjoyable couple of hours with a talk entitled “**What you didn't know about Enniskerry 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

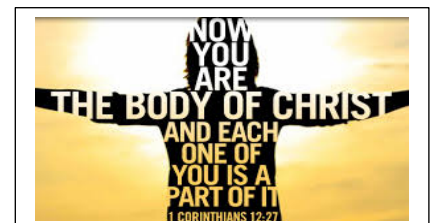
Would you like to hold a coffee morning?

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.

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And the greatest of these is love.....



PARISH LINK

August



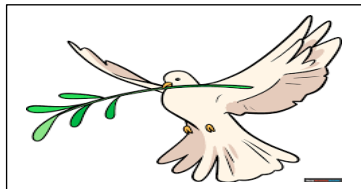
Reminders....

- 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
- **Date for your Diary: Saturday 24th August**-Launch of our mega fundraiser
- **2nd Date for your Diary!** Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate mass in St Mochohog's to mark their 200th anniversary on **Sunday 22nd September**
- The balance for Knock of €57 is due now please
- The feast of the Assumption is **Monday 15th August**

In August we remember.....

August 3rd /4th

St Kevins 9am: Aidan Maher (A)
St Mochohog's 10am: Dean Redden (A)
St Patrick's 10am: Jack and May Whiston (A) Catherine Clinch (A)
St Mary's 11 am: Anne Rice (RD) Joe Murray (Birthday Remembrance)



August 10th/11th

St Mochohog's 10am: Peter & Julia O'Toole (A)
St Patrick's 10am: Gerry Blackbyrne (A)
St Mary's 11 am: Paddy Geoghegan(A) Marie Fisher (A)

August 17th /18th

St Mochohog's 10am: Eilis Freeney (MM) Denis Smith (A) /Pat D'Arcy (A)/ D'Arcy & Mc Loughlin Family (A)
St Mary's 11 am: Madeline Lyons (RD)

August 24th/25th

St Mary's 11 am: Patrick Brennan (A). Anne Rice. (RD)

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

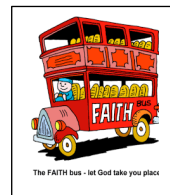
ATHLONE VISIT TO KNOCK SHRINE

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

The balance of €57 is now due please



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 or entertain in a nursing home. If you would like to be part of our little venture please text 0868182241, thank you.

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!

JOURNEY OF THE SOUL

BE KIND TO YOU

One of the qualities that you can develop, particularly in your older years, is a sense of great compassion for yourself. When you visit the wounds within the temple of memory, you should not blame yourself for making bad mistakes that you greatly regret. Sometimes you have grown unexpectedly through these mistakes. Frequently, in a journey of the soul, the most precious moments are the mistakes. They have brought you to a place that you would otherwise have always avoided. You should bring a compassionate mindfulness to your mistakes and wounds. Endeavor to inhabit the rhythm you were in at that time. If you visit this configuration of your soul with forgiveness in your heart, it will fall into place itself. When you forgive yourself, the inner wounds begin to heal. You come in out of the exile of hurt into the joy of inner belonging.

JOHN O'DONOHUE Excerpt from the book, Anam Cara,

Collections Last Week 27th/28th July (Go to the Diocese)

1st Collection:

Enniskerry € 74 cash + € 40 approx (tap) = €114.00

Kilmacanogue € 125.00

Curtlestown € 53.00

Glencree € 63.00 (1st Sunday in July)

2nd Collection: Enniskerry €42 cash+40 approx (tap) €82.00

Kilmacanogue € 80.00

Curtlestown € 56.00

Glencree € 56 .00 (1st Sunday in July)

Cemetery Sunday

St Kevin's; Sunday 1st September

Blessing of graves will take place after 9 am mass

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

St Partrick's: Sunday 25th August 3 pm

