

## “LOVE LIFE LIVE LENT” a five-week course for Lent in collaboration with our friends from St Patricks Powerscourt

*Love Life Live Lent* is a different way of approaching Lent, one which focuses on taking up positive actions for the good of all. Often Lent has been about giving up things – traditionally some sorts of food, but these days more likely chocolate or alcohol. We give up things with a view to focus more closely on our relationship with God. While there are elements of ‘giving up’ in the daily actions, the focus of the actions is on generosity and being ‘life-giving’.

Week1: Wednesday 21 February 11am Sy Mary’s The Wedding at Cana 'Love Life'

Week 2: Wednesday 28th February 11 am St Patrick’s The Bethesda Pool 'Letting Go'

Week 3: Wednesday 6th March 11 am Sy Mary’s Feeling Good or Washing Feet? 'What's in it for me?'

Week 4: Wednesday 13th March 11am St Patricks Feeding 5000 What’s in it for them?'

Week 5: Wednesday 20th March 11 am St Mary’s Man Born Blind ‘Taking Action’ Making a difference

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**If you would like to attend but cannot be available in the morning, we will happily repeat this in the evening. Contact 0868182241**

## CREATING A LITURGICAL/COMMUNITY SPACE



Over the last few years several suggestions have been made, through the parish pastoral council, as to how we could create a gathering space in St Mary’s, for community and liturgical events in the parish. One of the suggestions had been to remove some benches from the back of the church and create a designated and attractive space for this purpose. As time passed, and it was obvious that the number attending was continuing to fall, the decision was made to go ahead with the project.

The next step was to identify how many benches we would need to move to create enough space. That decision was made for us, as there are only four benches in the church without plaques. We now propose to move these, and make full use of the space it will give.

The plan, once the benches are removed, is to create a space, which will be clearly visible as a designated for meeting, welcoming, and praying together in a more intimate setting. We will pay particular attention to the quality of furnishings and how the space will be marked out. It should be a great asset to the community.

Gatherings for tea/coffees, to a smaller more intimate space for the celebration of daily Eucharist will be an option. We envisage using this space for invited speakers and guests to engage the community in prayer in so many different shapes and forms. It will be a Godsend for the ongoing faith development of sacramental families.

This is an option that a number of other churches in the Dublin diocese have opted for very successfully. We plan to hold a meeting soon so that interested parties can express their views.

## RETIREMENT !!!

As most of you probably know by now, our beloved Margaret is retiring from St Mary’s parish office. By way of marking the occasion, a mass will be celebrated at **11 am in St Mary’s on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** for her family, friends, and parishioners.

Refreshments/ light lunch and a presentation will take place directly after mass in the Summer Hill hotel. All are welcome.

MARGARET YOU WILL BE SO MISSED



## TROCAIRE

Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the church if you would like to take one.

This is an ideal way to give a little extra this Lent

# PARISH LINK

February 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup>



## Mass Intentions: 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February

St. Mary's 6pm: Tony Carroll (2<sup>nd</sup> A), Mary Tuite (A),  
Maura Carey (A)

St. Patrick's 10am: Ellen O'Gorman (2<sup>nd</sup> A)

Michael Conlon (Rec Dec'd), Christopher O'Rourke (Rec Dec'd)

St. Mochonog's 10am: Maureen Kearns (MM) Sinead Behan (A)  
Mary McKeown (A)

St. Mary's 11am: Brigid Acres (A)

## Mass Intentions 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> February

St. Mary's 6pm: Mary Cronin (1<sup>st</sup> A), Joan Nolan (2<sup>nd</sup> A)

St. Patrick's 10am:

St. Mochonog's 10am:

St. Mary's 11am: John Callan (1<sup>st</sup> A)

## KILMACANOGUE



Kilmacanogue History Society next Talk takes place on Monday 12th February at 8p.m in Kilmacanogue Parish Hall. This time we have a unique presentation- a combined Talk given by 2 Speakers Dr. Joe Kearney and P.J. Cunningham, both Authors who live in Co. Wicklow. The Talk is titled "When Men's Hair got longer and Women's Skirts got shorter." Basically their Talk is about the speed with which change occurred in Ireland in the 1950's and 1960's after centuries of stagnation, accelerated by such things as the Rural Electrification Scheme.

## Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.

**The man whispered, "God, speak to me"  
And a meadowlark sang.  
But, the man did not hear.**

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me"  
And the thunder rolled across the sky.  
But, the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said,

"God let me see you."  
And a star shined brightly.  
But the man did not see. And, the man shouted,

"God show me a miracle."  
And, a life was born.

But, the man did not notice.



So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me  
God, and let me know you are here."  
Whereupon, God reached down and touched  
the man.  
But, the man brushed the butterfly away and  
walked on.

I found this to be a great reminder that God is  
always around us in the little and simple  
things that we take for granted even in our  
electronic age, so I would like to add one  
more: The man cried, "God, I need your help!"  
"And a text arrived reaching out with good  
news and encouragement.

But, the man deleted it and continued crying...

**Look at the title again.....**

## KNOCK PILGRIMAGE – SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL. COFFEE ON THE WAY DOWN  
DINNER ON THE WAY BACK

INTERESTED? If so ,we need your name now please

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