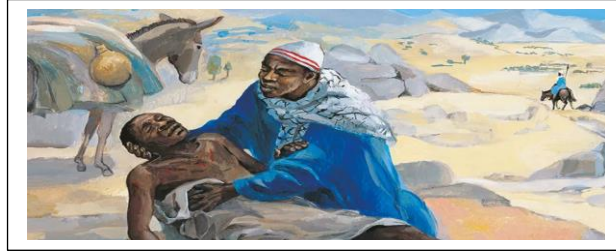


## CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 2024



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th of January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

### Introduction

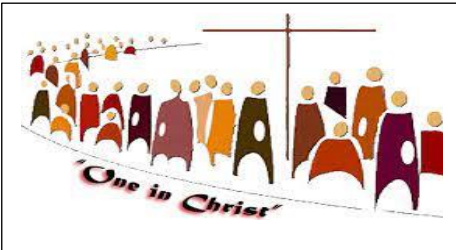
The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best-known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family.

In choosing this passage of Scripture for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the churches of Burkina Faso have invited us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis.

The chosen theme is **'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'** (Lk 10:27). "The week of prayer for Christian unity is a privileged moment of prayer, encounter, and dialogue. It is a moment to receive the richness and value that are present in each other and to ask God for the gift of unity". **Archbishop Dermot Farrell**

**COMMUNITY PRAYER** -marking the beginning of Christian unity week 2024.

This month our gathering with St Patrick's will take place this **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of January at 11 am at St Patrick's rectory**. Save the date for informal prayer and coffee afterwards!



### A FEW SIMPLE IDEAS TO MARK CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

- Remember the intentions of the Week in personal and communal prayer.
- Watch an online service from a church of another tradition.
- Send a greeting to a person from another Christian tradition.

### ATTENTION!

REQUESTS FOR BAPTISM IS NOW TAKING PLACE ONLINE AT [enniskerryparish.ie](http://enniskerryparish.ie)

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



There are many people who absolve themselves, who declare they are "just fine" – "No, I am good, I don't have these problems". But none of us are "alright"; if someone feels they are alright, they are dreaming; every one of us has many things to adjust and must also be vigilant.

Let us remember that we are always torn between opposite extremes: arrogance challenges humility; hatred opposes charity; sadness hinders the true joy of the Spirit; the hardening of the heart rejects mercy. Christians continually walk along these dividing lines. Therefore, it is important to reflect on vices and virtues: it helps us to defeat the culture in which the boundaries between good and evil become blurred, and, at the same time, it reminds us that the human being, unlike any other creature, can always transcend itself, opening up to God and journeying towards holiness.

The spiritual struggle, then, leads us to look closely at those vices that shackle us and to walk, with the grace of God, towards those virtues that can flourish in us, bringing the springtime of the Spirit into our lives.

# PARISH LINK

January 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup>



## Mass Intentions: 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January

St Mary's 6pm Saturday: Nancy Walsh (A)

St Patrick's 10am Sunday: John & Catherine McGuirk (A),

Thomas Byrne (A), Mary King (A) Jim O'Connor (Rec Dec'd)  
St Mochonog's 10am:

St Mary's 11am: Frances & Daniel Callan (A)

Jimmy & Molly Nolan (A) Frances Somers (A)

## Mass Intentions: 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> January

St. Mary's 6pm Saturday: Christopher Hannon (A)

St Patrick's 10am: Sunday: Patricia Conerney (11<sup>th</sup> A)

St. Mochonog's 10am:

St. Mary's 11am:

## “Snowed Under”! A bit of fun in this cold snap!

I was simply too busy  
when the first snowfall came,  
so I left it to sit on the ground.

As I waded through stacks  
of emails and books,  
with the snow sat in piles, drifts, and mounds.

I worked ever so hard  
each day and each night,  
and snowstorms they came, and they went.

The snow deep enough  
to cover my car,  
as I worked every hour that was sent.

By March, my whole home  
could no longer be seen.  
My neighbours were all left to ponder  
why I left it so late  
to pick up a shovel,  
as I'm now well and truly snowed under.



## ENNISKERRY

Attention all readers! The notices will take place immediately after the Prayer of the faithful from now on. This is to facilitate a reflection after communion.

## KILMACANOGUE

St. Mochonog's are starting to put together ideas to celebrate our 200th anniversary this year. If you feel you can help in anyway, please give Joyce a call and we will get back to you. We are anxious to include the entire Community and involve as many parishioners as possible. All are welcome.



## Church Music Group

We meet on **Tuesday evenings at 7 15**. We would love to have a few more voices. If you would like to try, just come along and you will be warmly



welcomed.

## KNOCK PILGRIMAGE – SAVE THE DATE

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday, April 27**. This year we are celebrating 145 years since the apparition in 1879. We are encouraging Parishes/Parish Partnerships to book buses and to share the date with parish groups. We are glad to say that the Choir of Many Voices from throughout the Archdiocese will be back this year. A series of workshops with interesting and thought-provoking speakers and being planned, more details to follow. As in previous years, parishes should plan to arrive in Knock for 11.45am.

**We are looking for expressions of interest for the above. If you are interested and have the date free, please contact the parish office at 01 2760030 (St Mary's ) or 01 2021882 (St Mochonog's) or Text me (Aideen) 0868182241. Could be a great day!**

