

“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 (we’ll think about that in week 2) the focus of the actions is on generosity and being ‘life-giving’.

Week 1: 21st Feb. The Wedding at Cana 'Love Life'

Week 2: 28th Feb. The Bethesda Pool 'Letting Go'

Week 3: 6th Mar. Feeling Good or Washing Feet? 'What's in it for me?'

Week 4: 13th Mar. Feeding 5000 'What's in it for them?'

Week 5: 20th Mar. Man Born Blind 'Taking Action' Making a difference



PRAYER TO SAINT BRIGID



**You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace
cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in
our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all
God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the
wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak
within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and
listens. May we grow each day into greater
wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen**

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



***“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit;
the Sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves.***

Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is.... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.” POPE FRANCIS

POWERSCOURT SPECIAL EVENT

Powerscourt are delighted to celebrate the launch of Wicklow's inaugural digital craft trail – **"Made in Wicklow: Head, Heart & Hands"**, with a **unique five-day showcase** of the work of skilled practitioners and artisans in the beautiful surrounds of the entrance hall at Powerscourt House.

The showcase is **Free** and open to the public **from 2pm on Thursday the 1st of February**, and **from 9.30 am – 5pm on Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th and Monday 5th of February.**

Powerscourt Distillery is also set to honour Ireland's patroness of, healing, poetry, and fire with an immersive **St Brigid's Day event on Sunday, 4th February**, their third annual celebration of the feast. Taking place in the distillery visitor experience, it will encompass the spirit of Brigid herself; the day will be ablaze with cultural enrichment, from poetry readings to sessions with wellness experts and the spark of innovation from leading business and community figures. The event is also free, but you need to register as places are limited. See more details below.



PARISH LINK

January 27th /28th



Mass Intentions 27th/28th January.

St. Mary's 6pm:

St. Patrick's 10am: Jim Fitzpatrick (Months Mind)

St Mochonog's 10am: Bridget Kearns (7th A) Michael Bolger (15th A)
Nuala Murphy (A) Bridget Hopkins (A)

St. Mary's 11am: Mary Brett (A), John Burke (A)
Cyril McNulty (Rec Dec'd)

Mass Intentions 3rd/4th/February.

St. Mary's 6pm:

St. Kevin's 9am: Liam Quinn (A), Edward & Mia Opdibeck (A)

St. Patrick's 10am:

St. Mary's: 11am: Michael Barrett (MM)

AN INTERESTING TALK COMING UP



Brian White is giving a fascinating talk on the history of Enniskerry at the Enniskerry Library on Friday 16th February at 11am. Not to be missed!

May you trust
God
that you are
exactly
WHERE you are
Meant to Be
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St. Therese of Lisieux

DO YOUR BEST AND LOVE YOURSELF!

If you can start the day without caffeine.

If you can always be cheerful ignoring aches and pains.

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles.

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it.

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time.

If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong.

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment.

If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him.

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend.

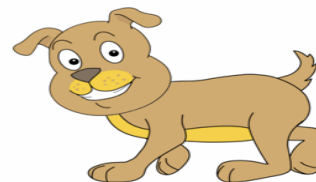
If you can face the world without lies and deceit.

If you can conquer tension without medical help.

If you can relax without alcohol

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs.....

Then you are probably the family dog!



"You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.. You know when I sit and when I stand. You know my thoughts from afar. Psalm 139

This verse reminds us that God knows us intimately and understands us completely. We are fully known and fully loved by Him. It is a reason to love and cherish ourselves as we are known and loved by God.'

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!