

PARISH LINK

MARCH

LIVING HOPE IN LENT

Reminders....

- Lent begins this coming Wednesday 5th March. Mass with distribution of Ashes will be celebrated for the whole community in St Mochoonog's at 10am. Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome
- Please leave in your mass intention as far in advance as possible if you would like them published in the Parish Link
- St Patrick's Day will be celebrated in 3 centres, St Patrick's 10am, St Mochoonog's 10am and St Mary's 11am
- Down time Thursday will be taking place on the 27th of March from 7-8pm.
- If you would like the opportunity to sing in a group contact Aideen
- We still need some new members to build our team of money counters. If you can spare a couple of hours once a week
- Trocaire boxes are available at the back of the church

Charabanc Time Table

14th March-2.30 p.m. Powerscourt Parish Hall- Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with music and dancing
28th March- Time to be confirmed – Meet in St. Patrick's Church Car Park- Guided Tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin
11th April- Time and meeting point to be confirmed- Trip to Wexford by train including lunch in White's Hotel
25th April-2.30 p.m. Powerscourt Parish Hall- Art with Jackie
9th May- Time to be confirmed – Meet in St. Patrick's Church Car Park- Guided Tour of Glasnevin Cemetery
23rd May-2.30 p.m. Powerscourt Parish Hall- Demonstration on preparing window boxes
6th June- Time to be confirmed – meet in St. Patrick's Church Car Park- Tour of Croke Park
 For more details and to book places contact one of the following: Barbara Davis – 086 805 6817
 Jackie Gallagher – 086 108 2340
 Phil Kenna – 087 972 1491



In February we remember.....



1st/2nd ... St Mary's 11 am: Tony and Mary Hunt (A)

8th/9th St Patrick's 10am: James Morgan 9th (A)

St Mochoonog's 10am: Graham Blanchfield (MM) Mick Kenny (A) Madge Molloy (A) Mary Murphy (A) Ben Meldon (A) Brigid Dougan (A)

15th /16th St Mary's 6 pm: Fintan Kealy 1st Anniversary

St Patrick's 10am: Kathleen Blackbyrne (A)

St Mochoonog's 10am: Felicia Garcia (A)

St Mary's 11 am:

St Patrick's Day: Curtlestown – Richard Byrne (A)

22nd/23rd St Mary's 11 am: Bernard Brennan (A)

St Mochoonog's 10am: Margaret King (A) Michael Salter (A)

29th /30th

St Mochoonog's 10am: Tommy Byrne and Byrne Family (A)

April 8th/9th

St Mary's 6 pm: Brian and Bina Prosser (A)

**Christ be with me, Christ within me Christ behind me, Christ before me
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me Christ to comfort me and restore me.
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me Christ in quiet, Christ in danger Christ
 in hearts of all that love me Christ in mouth of friend or stranger. (390-46 A.D.)**

Jeremiah
 29:11 - 'For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ...



Door of Hope For Lent

LENT

Jubilee Year 2025

During this time of Lent, let us focus on the Jubilee year, a year of hope. In Rome, the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica was opened on Christmas Eve. Throughout this year, pilgrims will walk through this door for hope, healing and renewal. Could we also do this in our homes and parishes? Do you have a door or archway that you could decorate in your home to be a door of hope, even for these weeks of Lent? For the season of Lent, this space, this threshold can be a symbol of change and restoration in your home communities and in our families.

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 Pope Francis tells us....."Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire...we [must] refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millionsof men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity
 ...
 May the voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone."

Just HOPE

REFLECTIVE PRAYER RESOURCE FOR LENT

In this Jubilee Year, you are invited to spend some time this Lent reflecting on the words of the Jubilee Prayer. Each week, a recorded reflection will help you to think, consider and pray a different part of the prayer. This time of reflection can be used individually, perhaps as you travel to work or journey in the car, or with a lit candle in your room. The accompanying booklet means you could also use it as a family or a small group in the parish, to pray together and think about the different themes and intentions found in the prayer. The resource is available to download from the Lent section of our website. <https://www.missionministry.ie/lent-2025/>

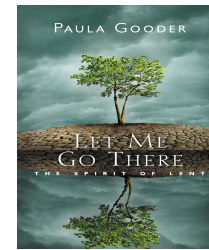
World Day of Prayer



World Day of Prayer takes place internationally on the first Friday of March annually. This year, World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday, March 7, 2025. Every year, the World Day of Prayer unites people across the globe in a spirit of worship, solidarity, and shared faith. This year our focus is the Cook Islands. The theme, “*I Made You Wonderful*” from Psalm 139:14, serves as a beautiful reminder of God’s creative work in each of us and His love of diversity. This verse expresses a sense of awe and gratitude for God’s craftsmanship, not just in our physical being, but in the unique purpose and identity He gives each life.

St Patrick’s Powerscourt are hosting *World day of Prayer* this year and all are welcome. It is this coming **Friday, the 7th March in St Patrick’s Church (Powerscourt) at 7:30pm**

A Helpful Resource for Lent



Let Me Go There reflects on some of the key events in the life of God’s people that occurred in the wilderness as a way of preparing us to enter more fully into the experience of Jesus’ forty days and nights in the desert at the beginning of his ministry, and to hear afresh the call to the disciples that ensued. In these stories we are given not only a deep understanding of God’s nature, but a picture of the character and the cost of discipleship, and a pattern for living as followers of Jesus in today’s world.

Arranged as a series of engaging and profound biblical reflections, Let Me Go There invites us to experience Lent not as a season of restriction, but of wide-open spaciousness in which to learn new lessons, to grow in faith, and to give God the chance to meet us in new ways.

Looking for something to do for Lent 2025?
Why not join our St Columcilles Partnership of Parishes for

Life in the Spirit Seminars

along with the Community of Nazareth.

It can give a new lease of life to your Catholic faith by releasing, in a new way, the power of the Holy Spirit.

Every Friday from Feb 28th 2025

Johnstown Parish Centre
28/02, 07/03, 14/03 & 21/03.

Starting at 7:30pm with Tea/Coffee & Homebakes

Shankill Parish Centre
28/03, 04/04 & 11/04.

Please book so we can plan for numbers. To book email scpartnership@gmail.com

*The cost for the Seminar is free – there will be an opportunity to contribute to expenses.

YOUTH ALPHA
Starting March 7th
MORE INFO ON INSTAGRAM @YOUTHREACHOFFICIAL

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Join a conversation on life, faith & purpose.

JOHNSTOWN PARISH CENTRE, A96 AY24

EVERY FRIDAY FROM MARCH 7TH 2025 7:30PM

AGES 13-17YRS (Secondary School)

GAMES, VIDEO SERIES
DISCUSSION, SNACKS & MORE!

Kilmacanogue

History

The next Talk KHS is on Monday 3rd March at 8pm in Kilmacanogue Parish Hall.

We have Dr Bruce Misstear speaking on the subject of "Holy Wells, Hydrogeology and Healing Reputations." Sacred wells are found across the world and are still venerated in many societies. In Ireland, mapping in the 19th century recorded around 3,000 holy wells, including about 100 in County Wicklow. Dr Bruce Misstear is a Fellow Emeritus of Trinity College Dublin, where he has taught hydrogeology and environmental engineering for 30 years. Prior to academia, he worked on groundwater projects in Africa, Middle East and Asia as well as in the UK. He is the author of numerous publications, including his recent book “Wells and Wellbeing: The Hydrogeology of Irish Holy Wells.”

St Patrick’s Day



Kilmacanogue cubs and their leaders will once again take a role in celebrating our national saint. They will take part in the liturgy and distribute shamrock at **10.00 Mass on St. Patrick’s Day**. The cubs have taken part every year and it would not be the same without them. Tea / Coffee will be available to all in parish hall after Mass. All are welcome.

Trip to Knock 2025

PACK THE BUS

Our trip to Knock will take place in August again this year. The cost will be based on 25 people going.

We are hoping to go during the week of the national novena to Our Lady of Knock. It should be a great day!

Please leave your name in the parish office if you plan on going or text Aideen 0868182241

The Living Room

Please join us this Wednesday 5th February at 11 am in St Patrick’s Powerscourt. We come together for reflection and friendship. We explore the meaning of faith and God in our lives. We would love to have as many of you along as possible. All are welcome!



Celebration !



As most of you know by now Joyce is retiring at the end of this month, as secretary in Kilmac, after 24 years. What a loss she will be to us all. We wish Joyce every blessing in many years of retirement ahead. Mass will be celebrated in thanksgiving on **Sunday the 27th of April at 10am in St Mochonog’s**, with a presentation and refreshments afterwards in the church hall. All are welcome.