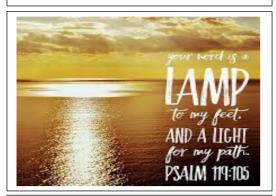
PARISH LINK July/August



Reminders....

- Please leave in your mass intentions as far in advance as possible if you would like them published in the Parish Link
- Down time Thursday will next take place on the 25th of September from 7-8pm.
- We celebrate Saints Joachim and Anne on the 26th July
- Please use the tap machines in St Mary's for the collections and donations to the parish if possible please!
- Exposition takes place every Friday morning after the 10.15 mass in St Mary's for 15 minutes till 11 am
- FOR KILMAC Please make mass intentions and sacrament bookings though the parish office in Enniskerry or WhatsApp 0868182241
- The next publication of the parish Link will be on 6th /7th September
- Just a gentle reminder to return your CHY3 Form if you have received one please
- Only one mass will be celebrated in the parish (11a St Mary's) on the weekend of the 13th and 14th of September. (No 6pm, 9am or 10am)

First Communion and Confirmation 2026



Registration is currently taking place on line with the parish for the above sacraments. If you are aware of anyone outside the parish schools who has a child eligible, please let them know. They can register here.

https://brayandenniskerry.com/enniskerry-parish/enniskerry-sacrament-forms/

In July we remember......

5th /6th St Kevin's 9 am: Bill Quinn (A) St Patrick's 10am: Peter Pigot (36th A)

St Mochonog's 10am: Mary Molloy (A) Owen Molloy Jnr (A) Catherine O'Toole(A) Sandra Richardson (2^{nd.}A) Derek Giles (MM) Graham Blanchfield (B/D Remembrance)

St Mary's 11 am: Michael and Marie Farrington (A)

12th/13th St Mary's 6 pm: Danny Barry (1st A) St Mary's 11 am: Tommy Keogh (5th A)

St Mochonog's 10am: Rory O'Brien (A) Jack and Lily O'Brien (A) Eilis Freeney (1st A)

16th St Mochonog's 10am: Mathew Robinson (A)

19th /20th St Mochonog's 10am: Patrick McKeown (A) St Mary's 11 am: Joe Delahunt (10thA) Brian O'Kelly (RD)

26st/27ndSt Mochonog's 10am: In August we remember......



2nd /3rd St Patrick's 10am: Jack and May Whiston (A) Catherine Clinch (A)

St Mochonog's 10am: Dean Redden (3rd A)

16th/17^{th.} St Mochonog's 10am: Seán Griffin (1st A) 30th/31th St Patrick's 10am: Moya O'Doherty (3rd A)

Review of the Second Quater

What a busy second quarter we've had! Easter fell in this quarter, and the ceremonies were beautifully celebrated and well attended in both St Mary's and St Mochonog's. We have had **First Reconciliation**, **First Communions and Confirmations** in St Mary's and St Mochonog's, and **First Reconciliation and First Communion** in St Patrick's. Congratulations to all. We have had **eight Baptisms** in the 3 months, and we welcome each one into our faith community. We have had **three beautiful weddings** and wish all couples a happy and blessed life ahead together. We have also had **nine funerals**. May each one rest in peace. We have nine grieving families and ask you to keep them in prayer please.

The Living Room met on three occasions between St Mary's and St Patrick's Powerscourt. All special occasions for prayer and friendship. We have had Three **Downtime Thursday's** (with exposition), The most peaceful evenings you could ever spend.

Exposition has also taken place following the 10am mass in St Mochonog's on Wednesdays and the 10 15 am mass in St Mary's each Friday.

Of course we have had **our fundraising concert**, celebrating the life and times of Magsie Goor, which, to date, **has raised €1910 so far.**

The Next two months should be a little calmer but watch out for September!

Kilmacanogue

A very big thank you to Paul Cahill for his great work in trimming the Hedges around St Mochonog's Church grounds. We cannot access the hedges on the car park side without Paul's Machine. Paul donates this work as his contribution to the Parish and does not charge us. Aideen could we please note our appreciation in the Parish newsletter and express our appreciation at Sunday Mass.

Also very happy to report great work carried out in our Graveyard., with removing large waste bank of clay and stones. We then formed a new ramp to the lower field which now provides access to a further 120 Grave spaces. We only have 16 spaces

left in the upper field. We are currently using 20 spaces per year. A big thank you to Ian O Toole Earthworks and

Mark Quinn for this great work

>>>>>>>> Kilmacanogue Statues: "Initial steps have been taken

to prepare for a facilitated meeting using the Synodal Way.

This will allow all those who are interested, to express their thoughts and to respectfully hear the concerns of others. As the current PPC is coming to the end of its term, further steps are on hold until the autumn when the new PPC will be in place. Let's continue to build unity in our parish and to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit regarding our ongoing mission as the People of God."

An opportunity to say thank you!

The parish will hold a social gathering on **Saturday afternoon**, **20**th **September** in the Summerhill Hotel for all our wonderful volunteers. It will be an opportunity for all to mix and mingle, and a chance for positive ideas to be exchanged as to how we can continue to keep the show on the road with fewer volunteers. We hope that it may also be an occasion to share some ideas that might help us grow our volunteer base. Keep an eye out for your invitation and please join us if you possibly can at all.



Some Inspiring Words from Pope Leo



The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves. The Holy Spirit comes to challenge us, to make us confront the possibility that our lives are shrivelling up, trapped in the vortex of individualism. Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning "social" media, we risk being ever more alone.

The Spirit of God allows us to find a new way of approaching and experiencing life. He puts us in touch with our inmost self, beneath all the masks we wear. He leads us to an encounter with the Lord by teaching us to experience the joy that is his gift. He convinces us, that only by abiding in love, will we receive the strength to remain faithful to his word and to let it transform us.

The Spirit also opens borders in our relationship with others. Jesus tells us that this Gift is the love between him and the Father that comes to dwell within us. We then become capable of opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, overcoming our rigidity, moving beyond our fear of those who are different, and mastering the passions that stir within. The Spirit also transforms those deeper, hidden dangers that disturb our relationships, like suspicion, prejudice or the desire to manipulate others.

The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, brings to maturity within us the fruits that enable us to cultivate good and healthy relationships: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Gal 5:22). In this way, the Spirit broadens the borders of our relationships and opens us to the joy of fraternity. This is also a critical yardstick for the Church. For we are truly the Church of the Risen Lord and disciples of Pentecost if there are no borders or divisions among us; if we are able to dialogue and accept one another in the Church, and to reconcile our diversities; and if, as Church, we become a welcoming and hospitable place for all. POPE LEO

Annual Blessing of the Graves

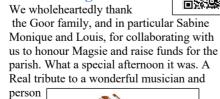
Kilmacanogue's

blessing of the graves will take place on Sunday 17th August at 3pm

Blessing of the graves for Curtlestown will be take place on Sunday 24th August at 3pm

Blessing of the Graves for Glencree will be on 7th September at 9 am

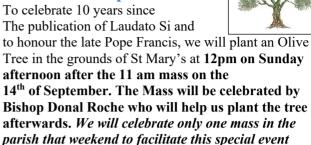
Fundraising



Thank you to all who have contributed so generously to our fundraiser this year. We have raised €1910 which will be put to very good use.

If you haven't had a chance to donate to our fundraiser you can do so with the QR code above. Thank you.

Tree Planting To Remember Pope Francis



Laudato Si has been a very influential document across the world in promoting care for our common home and a sense of responsibility towards our brothers and sisters world-wide who are being adversely affected by climate change.

Please come along to honour and celebrate the amazing contribution that Pope Francis made in promoting "care for our common home".

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Why an Olive Tree?

In the Bible, the olive tree carries significant symbolic meaning, representing peace, prosperity, and divine blessing. The olive branch, in particular, is a universal symbol of peace and reconciliation, as seen in the story of Noah and the dove.

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A great big thank you to Jimmy O Gorman for the research, and who will lovingly prepare the home for our tree!

Feast of Grandparents. July 26th



Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the Patron Saints of Grandparents: The "feast of grandparents" reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come: They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom hugely beneficial to us all

Generations Prayer. God, you have blessed me indeed as the child I love has had a child I love with all that is within me. I pray that you watch over and protect my grandchild as you have always done for me. May their lives be long and healthy. May they have the courage to follow their dreams, and should the day come when I am no longer on Earth with them, may they look back upon me with fond memories, and may they never forget that they were and always will be deeply loved by me. *Author Unknown*