# **PARISH LINK** September



Website https://brayandenniskerry.com/

#### Reminders....

- Blessing of the Graves for Glencree will be on 7th September after mass 9 am
- 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.
- 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
- Only one mass will be celebrated in the parish (11am St Mary's) on the weekend of the  $13^{th}$  and  $14^{th}$ of September. (No 6pm, 9am or 10am)
- This month we celebrate St Teresa of Calcutta, St Vincent de Paul and St Padre
- The Living Room Returns on the £rd of September in St Patrick's at 11 am

# First Communion a **Confirmation 2026**



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/enniskerryparish/enniskerry-sacrament-forms/

## In September we remember......

6<sup>th/7th</sup> St Kevin's 9 am: Liam and Lena Gaynor (A)

St Mochonog's 10am: Jack O Brien (A) Anne Bullman (A) Dick O Toole (A)

Robert (Bob) Byrne (MM) Mary McGrath (7<sup>th</sup> A)

St Patrick's 10am: Andy Kieran (RD) Kay Ruddock (RD)

St Mary's 6pm: Robert Kavanagh (A) St Patrick's 10am: Eithne Burton (20th A)

# Hearts • 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> St Mochonog's 10am: Angel Fernandez (A)

#### Go Green



Turn off appliances on standby to reduce energy consumption. Lower your thermostat slightly to save energy. Use timers and sensors for lights and heating. Maintain your roof and ensure proper insulation. Seal drafts to conserve heat. Air-dry laundry to save energy. Opt for thicker curtains to regulate room temperature. Understand local recycling and composting guidelines. Go paperless whenever possible. Choose sustainable alternatives to traditional products. Try new habits like using shampoo bars to reduce plastic waste. Turn off taps when not in use. Use leftover kettle water for plants. Only fill the kettle with the amount of water you need. Fix any leaky taps. Use a cup to brush your teeth to save water. Use your washing machine for full loads only.

#### **New Seeds**



Forever In Our

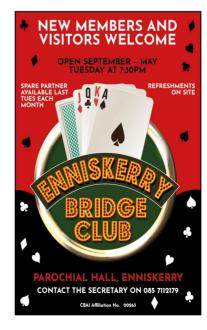
St Mary's is delighted to announce that we have a small group of young couples that have met a few times over the summer and have very enthusiastically come up with some great ideas to grow our parish.

They would love to have other younger members of the parish join them to take on some new projects and grow our younger church going community.

They have set up an Instagram page for the Parish which has a new logo. You can find it with this link.

https://www.instagram.com/enniskerryparish?igsh=MXFxczI3Zzd5ZGIxbQ%3D%3 D&utm source=qr Please follow.

Watch out for them as they lead prayer, sing, work on technology and much more. We thank each one of them. Contact 0868182241 if you would like to become involved



085 7112179 **Contact Secretary** 

#### **The Living Room** Returns

The first gathering after the summer will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in St Patrick's Powerscourt at 11 am.

This is a wonderful ecumenical collaboration, and we would very much like to build on it this year. All are welcome for faith building, faith sharing and coffee of course!

#### **Scripture!**



But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

(James 3.17-18)

## Volunteer Gathering!

The parish will hold a thank you gathering on Saturday afternoon, 20th 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. If you have received an invitation could you RSVP as soon as possible, please.



**Some Inspiring Words from Pope Leo** 

Dear Brothers and Sisters!



The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved Pope Francis, is "Seeds of Peace and Hope". On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical Laudato Si', we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as "Pilgrims of Hope." In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. Jn 12:24. We can think, for example, of flowers springing up on our roadsides from seeds that landed up there almost by chance. As those flowers grow, they brighten the gray tarmac and even manage to break through its hard surface. In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, "seeds of peace and hope." The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity.. The "Season of Creation," an ecumenical initiative to be celebrated from 1 September to 4 October 2025. They remind us that, together with prayer, determination and concrete actions are necessary if this "caress of God" is to become visible to our world (cf. Laudato Si', 84). The prophet contrasts justice and law with the

desolation of the desert. His message is extraordinarily timely, given the evidence in various parts of the world that our earth is being ravaged. On all sides, injustice, violations of international law and the rights of peoples, grave inequalities and the greed that fuels them are spawning deforestation, pollution and the loss of biodiversity. Now is the time to follow words with deeds. "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (Laudato Si', 217).

#### A Big Thank you



To all our wonderful florists Mabel, Grainne, Eileen, Arleen and Veronica we say a really big thank you! This ministry is carried out quietly and without any fuss in the background, week in, week out, throughout the year. It is a real labour of love, done with such artistry and care, and it gives all of us such joy to see colour in our churches, that changes as the seasons do and it really brightens up the liturgical experience. You may think it goes unnoticed, but I assure you, it doesn't. God Bless each of you for giving your time and amazing talent to the parish

#### **Child Safeguarding Reminder**

Archdiocese of Dublin promptly reports all concerns that a child may have been, is being or is at risk of being abused or neglected and manages such concerns as they apply to diocesan personnel in accordance with procedures developed in line with the requirements of the: Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, Tusla's Child Safeguarding:. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children: • Procedure for maintaining a list of persons in the Archdiocese of Dublin who are mandated persons (2023) • Procedure for appointing a Relevant Person for the purposes of the Children First Act 2015 (2023) All policies and procedures mentioned in our Child Safeguarding Statement are available upon request and online at www.csps.dublindiocese.ie

# 14<sup>th</sup> September

To celebrate 10 years since The publication of Laudato Si and to honour the late Pope Francis, we will plant an Olive Tree and unveil a memorial stone in the grounds of St Mary's at 12pm on Sunday afternoon after the 11 am mass on the 14th of September. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Donal Roche who will help us plant the tree afterwards. The mass setting will be the mass for the care of creation, which was inspired by Pope Francis encyclical Laudato Si.

We will celebrate only one mass in the parish that weekend to facilitate this special event

### All are invited to join us in the school for refreshments afterwards

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 worldwide 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.

Do It Anyway



People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give vour best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

\*This poem was found written on the wall in Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta.