

PARISH LINK NOVEMBER



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Reminders.....

- Advent Scripture reflection will begin on the 27th of November
- The annual share appeal will take place on Sunday 9th November.
- Exposition takes place every Friday morning after the 10.15 mass in St Mary's for 15 minutes till 11 am
- The Living Room will next take place this coming Wednesday, 5th of November in St Patrick's Powerscourt at 11 am
- This month we celebrate St Martin de Porres Nov 3rd, St Elizabeth of Hungary Nov 17th and St Cecilia Nov 22nd

Advent -How the Gospels speak to us

Lectio Divina - what is it? It is the prayerful reading of scripture, taking time to absorb and understand the Word of God more deeply. It is a journey into the Word of God and helps us to see how it relates to our everyday lives and how God might be speaking to us personally. We will be running a group during **Advent on Thursday evenings in St. Mary's Church** where we will read the upcoming Sunday scriptures together and gently explore what they might mean. The group will run for about an hour from **7.30pm-8.30pm** and include a cup of tea or coffee. The starting date is **Thursday the 27th of November**. If interested please contact Anna on 087-0956520



In November we remember.....

2nd St Kevin's 9am: Madge Quinn (A)
St Mochonog's 10am: Lily Salter (A) Aoibhe Brady (A)
St Mary's 11am: Wesley Acres (A)



9th St Parick's 10am: Tom O'Gorman (30thA) Danny O'Gorman (10th A)
St Mochonog's 10am: Patricia Maguire Saunders (A) Remembering also William and Margaret Saunders
St Mary's 11am: Helen Galvin (MM) Marie Hannon (A) Carol Rafferty(A)
16th St Mary's 11am: Liam Ryder (2nd A)
23rd St Mochonog's 10am: Ann Connolly (A)

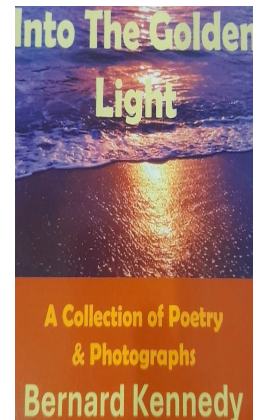
A Christmas Poetry Reading.

This will take place on **Saturday the 13th of December at 3pm** in St. Mary's Church, Enniskerry.

Fr Bernard will read from his recent poetry collection 'Into the Golden Light.' Musical interludes will be provided by David O'Doherty.

Signed copies will be available for purchase on the day. Light refreshments will be served

A special parish occasion not to be missed!



Remembrance Mass

Our annual mass to remember all those whose funerals took place in our parish this year, will take place at the **10am Mass in Kilmac**, and the **11am mass in Enniskerry, both on Sunday 16th of November**.

We will specially remember all those gone to God in the last 12 months, but it gives us all an opportunity to remember our loved ones and friends who are no longer with us.

Come along and light a candle for each person you would like to remember. Join us afterwards for refreshments and share stories.



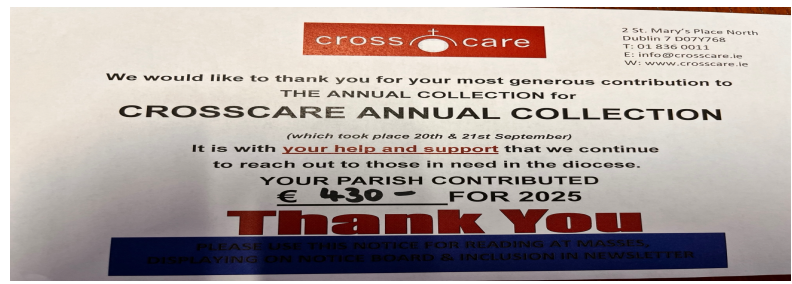
Coffee and Connect

Starting in January, the parish will provide a monthly space to have coffee and connect with others with similar interests, perhaps sharing similar life struggles, or maybe those who would just like to make a connection with the parish in a very informal way. Each month will focus on a different aspect of life and living, and we will provide a local speaker/ expert to give a 15 minute input.

The first "Coffee and Connect" will take place in January

Watch this space for more information in December.





Thought for the week
'Life is 10% what happens to you and
90% how you react to it.' – Charles
R. Swindoll

Kilmacanogue

HISTORY

Our next Talk (Kilmacanogue History Society) is scheduled for Monday November 3rd. at 8pm in Kilmacanogue Parish Hall. The subject will be of considerable interest for people from Bray and North Wicklow area, as it will concern Reginald Brabazon, 12th Earl of Meath and the Countess of Meath, Mary Jane Maitland. It includes their philanthropic activities related to Bray Town Hall and the People's Park, the Hospital Saturday Fund and provision of housing in the Earl of Meath's Liberties in Dublin. The history of Killruddery House and Estate will feature, as well as the legend of Queen Victoria's visit in 1900, also an account of the Land Acts and survival of Killruddery Estate. It promises to be a fascinating Talk by our Speaker Sean J. Murphy, Author, Historian and Genealogist.

We are delighted to report that The Heritage Department of Wicklow County Council have commenced repair works to the Old Church Ruins in our Old Graveyard. Phase one will see the Gable wall's being lowered and boxed in to reinforce the structure and make it safe. This will allow us to reopen the graveyard to Parishioners and visitors. All stone is being saved and recorded to allow for further phases of restoration in the future.



We warmly welcome anyone who is with us for the first time today

The ant and the contact lens



Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. Well, here she is on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and for throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, you can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom, there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lost a contact lens?" Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it. Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

I think it would probably do some of us good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But if you want me to carry it, I will." God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called."