

Scripture quote of the month Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you".

Thought for the month

"March teaches patience through gentle change." – Focus on growth rather than forcing immediate results.

Pope Leo and Lent

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.

In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.

Likewise, our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance. In this context, conversion refers not only to one's conscience, but also to the quality of our relationships and dialogue. It means allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires — both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity's thirst for justice and reconciliation.

Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others. Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love. <https://sma.ie/message-of-pope-leo-xiv-for-lent-2026/>

I impart my heartfelt blessing upon all of you and your Lenten journey.

Enniskerry Gardening Club



Lecture on 'The Critters in your Garden' 7.30pm on Thursday, 12th March
Powerscourt National School, Enniskerry
Members free: guests and friends €5
Tea and biscuits to follow.
All welcome.

Our Next Gathering

Would love to see many of you as possible for our new collaboration with St Patrick's Powerscourt

Coffee and
Connect 28th
March

Curtlestown

The "Curtlestown Wren boys" would like to thank all those who have supported us and donated to our local Charity "Charabanc". On St Stephen's day 2025 we collected 2484 Euro. And over the 20 years since we first began we have collected over 40.000 Euro. This money goes towards the insurance and upkeep of the "Charabanc bus" we are very grateful, as are all who use the bus. Once again thank you.

A vibrant poster for a 'Healthy Ageing' event. The main text reads 'Healthy Ageing Throughout a Lifetime' in a large, elegant font. Below this, it says '28th March at 11am in Powerscourt Parish'. The poster features a scenic background of a river and trees, with smaller images of people engaged in social activities like coffee and chat. It also mentions 'With Gay Robinson Senior Social Worker Mental Health Older Persons Service' and includes a logo with the letters 'HE'. At the bottom, it says 'Coffee & Chat' and 'Join us for an informal and informative discussion about healthy ageing throughout life. All are welcome!'.