

## PARISH LINK JUNE



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### Reminders.....



- **Saints we celebrate this month: St Kevin 3<sup>rd</sup> St Anthony of Padua 13<sup>th</sup>, Saints Peter and Paul 29<sup>th</sup> .**
- **We still need new people to be part of our money counting team, if you have Monday mornings free. please consider.**
- **Please send in Intentions in the first week of the month if possible, Thank you.**
- **24 hours notice is need if you wish to have a recording of a church funeral or wedding.**
- **If you know of any child going to St Patrick's Powerscourt who would be due to receive First Communion or Confirmation this year , please ask the family to contact the parish office.**
- **Next parish Link will be distributed on 6<sup>th</sup> September**

### Hearing!

To us the Loop system in church please switch your hearing aid to "T" or "Telecoil" mode. Some aids switch automatically, but many require activating this setting via a button or app.

### Cemetery Plots

New Plots are being developed at the cemetery in Kilmacanogue, and currently being sold in advance at €5000 each. Priority for the sale of these is, at present, being given to registered parishioners living in Kilmacanogue. Please contact the parish office if you would like further information 0868182241



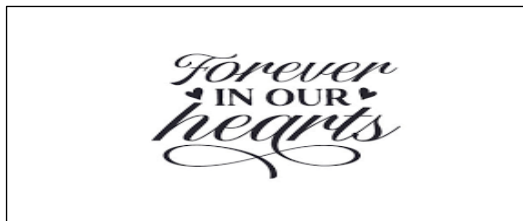
### In June we remember.....

**7<sup>th</sup> St Mary's 11 am:** Patrick Tuite (40<sup>th</sup> A) Mary Flynn (2<sup>nd</sup> A) Bertie O'Connell (A)

**14<sup>th</sup>..... St Patrick's 10am:** Lindy Wilson (4<sup>th</sup> A). Alan King (18<sup>th</sup> A)

**21<sup>th</sup>... St Mochonog's 10am:** George Salter (A) Edward (Ned) Devlin (A)

**28<sup>th</sup>... St Mary's 11 am:** Bridget Coogan (1<sup>st</sup> A)



### What does a Vibrant Church Community Look Like

What makes a vibrant parish, one with vitality and a healthy life people recognise? A vibrant parish is alive with a pulse that is felt and seen from within by its members and externally by those who know it by its works, ministries and reputation.

All who enter experience **welcome and hospitality**. Parish doors swing wide open to convey a hospitable spirit literally and figuratively. The stranger becomes a guest. Engagement needs to be life giving and affirmative, avoiding negativity (i.e. gossip) People linger and engage with one another. Those with different needs are accommodated by lifts to church, or wheelchair access. Parishes can invite new people to join the ministries, but they must also welcome new ideas and fresh ways of doing old business. Changes that new people bring into any system are met with a flexible and hospitable spirit.

Parishioners recognise their **parish mission**. Parishioners know who they are and who they are called to be. They have seen their mission statement in writing, but they have also seen it in action and know their parish's connection to the broader Gospel mission. Their mission inspires and empowers them to be fully alive and awake in the world as a member of a body that has a purpose.

**Liturgy** inspires active participation and offers an experience of God. Many components create good liturgy and almost everyone has an opinion on them. But some values help all liturgies. Liturgical ministers who are well formed in their roles invite all community members to celebrate together. Music responsive to the liturgical seasons as well as the cultures and languages that make up different assemblies moves the hearts and spirits of those who play, listen and sing. Relevant preaching connected to the lives of the community touches hearts and sends all forth nourished and challenged. Vibrant parishes offer liturgies that invite people to linger with God yet propel them into the world and the needs found there. Come to be nourished and then sent forth to act. A young parishioner made a drawing of his new church with two differently coloured doors, one marked IN and one marked OUT. That is liturgy's role.

**Faith is nurtured.** How? Could we have some suggestions for this one please? Is there anything that you would like to experience or provide for the parish that would grow us in our faith. Can we think outside the box? All suggestion welcome at 0868182241

**GROW IN FAITH - LIVE IN LOVE**

## Scripture quote of the month

"Let all that you do be done in love." - 1 Corinthians 16:14

## A Welcome Poster

### A Community Effort

We are designing a poster for all our church porches and would very much like the input of the whole community. The plan is to use a single word or a very short sentence (Three or four words) to describe what being part of the faith community in the parish of Enniskerry means to you. Please give it some thought and then send your word/short sentence to 0868182241 or email [clusterfaithdev@gmail.com](mailto:clusterfaithdev@gmail.com). Thank you!

## Curtlestown Cemetery



It's that time of year again when we are looking for people to help cutting grass in the cemetery the past 20 years this resting place of our families and friends has been kept in pristine condition by a group of volunteers however these people are getting older and are no longer able to carry out this work ,So we are appealing to younger people to help out especially those who have friends or relatives in the cemetery. The blessing of the graves is not far away and it would be lovely to have this very special place looking it best.

If you are willing to help and would like to be added to the WhatsApp group send name and number to 086 1026709

## Still Confused! Our collections simply explained:

**Blue Envelopes:** Go to the Diocese (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)

**Green Envelopes:** Stay in the Parish

**Yellow Envelopes Kilmac:** Stay in the Parish

**Pink Envelopes:** Stay the parish. There are left in the church and can be taken before mass and placed in either collection basket

**1st Collection:** Goes to the diocese. The first collection is for the support of clergy in the parish and beyond.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Goes to the Diocese. It is called the Share collection. **Share** was originally set up in the 1970s to provide funding to meet the needs of new and developing parishes. In more recent years, however, as the need for new churches diminished, Share has been used to refurbish parish churches, build parish pastoral centers and fund the diocesan administration of central services. Our parish is part of the Archdiocese of Dublin and our support of this collection assists other parishes as well as funding the administration of the Archdiocese which oversees 199 parishes.

The share collection is replaced by 7 special collections during the year.

**Tap Machines St Mary's:** There are two tap machines. The small one sitting on the bookshelf **Stays in the parish**

The tall one in the corner **goes to the diocese** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> collection)



## Thought for the Month

It always seems impossible until it's done

## Pope Leo's Latest Teachings



**On Peace and Youth (May 14, 2026):** Visited Sapienza University to advocate for an "unarmed and disarming peace" and urged youth to reject a "spiritual malaise" caused by a "distorted system that reduces people to numbers".

**On World Conflicts:** Warned against rising military spending, calling it a "pollution of reason" that diverts resources from education and healthcare.

**Against Violence (May 10, 2026):** Expressed deep concern over violence in the Sahel region (Chad and Mali), calling for peace and development.

**On Technology:** Addressed the dangers of artificial intelligence in war, calling for technology to serve humanity, not destroy it.

**On Scripture (Easter Season):** Highlighted the need for God in everyday life, emphasizing that "He is still God-with-us".

## Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels need several drivers to cover the Enniskerry area. Please contact 087 9721491 if you think you could spare any time. Thank you.

## Blessing of the Graves 2026



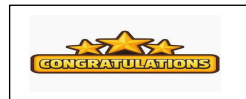
**Kilmacanogue 3pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

**Curtlestown 3pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**Glencree After the 9am mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

## Kilmac

Best Wishes on the retirement of Geraldine Carr and Colleen Morris from the play school. Thank you for all your hard work over the years. Best wishes from all of us in the community of Kilmacanogue



## Saints Peter and Paul

Despite having very different backgrounds and occasional theological disagreements, they are twin giants of the Christian faith who worked toward the same mission

**Saint Peter:** Originally a fisherman from Galilee, he was chosen by Jesus to be the "rock" upon which the Church was built. He is revered as the first Pope.

**Saint Paul:** A highly educated Roman citizen and Pharisee who initially persecuted Christians, he experienced a dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus. His extensive missionary journeys and letters form a massive portion of the New Testament.

### Martyrdom and Feast Day

Both men were martyred in Rome between 64 and 67 AD during the reign of the Roman Emperor Nero. Because Peter was not a Roman citizen, he was crucified, requesting to be put on the cross upside down as he felt unworthy to die in the same manner as Jesus. Paul was spared the cross and was instead beheaded

Their shared feast day, the **Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**, is celebrated globally on **June 29**. It is one of the oldest and most significant feast days in the Christian calendar.