PARISH LINK October



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Reminders……



- **The Living Room will meet at 11am at St Patrick's Powerscourt this coming Wednesday 7th October**
- **Saints we celebrate this month: St John Henry Newman 9th St John Paul 11 (POPE) 22nd**
- **A meeting will take place on Thursday 8th Oct at 7 30 pm in St Patrick's church, to form a caretaking group to look after the grounds, church and cemetery at Curtlestown. We would love if some young men and women would consider coming along to hear what's involved, and maybe offer their services. Thank you!**

Cemetery Plots Kilmacanogue

New plots are being developed at the cemetery in Kilmacanogue and currently being sold in advance at €5000 each. The sale of these is being extended to all parishioners in the parish of Enniskerry (four church communities) from 1st September . Please contact the parish office if you would like further information 0868182241



In October we remember…….



11th … St Patrick's 10am: Cathy Kerr (MM)

St Mary's 11 am: Pat Nolan (MM) and prayers for Ellen (RIP). Helen Cuddihy (1st A) Chris Ryan (RD). Betty Kenna (A)

St Mochonog's 10am: Owen Molloy (MM) and Birthday remembrance for Madge Molloy Aoibhe Brady (21st A) Rosalyn King (A) Tom and Margaret Redden Anniversaries

18th .. St Patrick's 10am: Cathy Baumann (RD) John Deasy (RD)

25th… St Mochonog's 10am: Patrick (Whack) Byrne (A) Marcella (Madge) Draper (A) Ambrose and Jobi Stephens anniversaries

November……..1st … St Kevin's 9 am : Madge Quinn (A)



Book Review: *Where Are the Kings* by Donal Ryan

Donal Ryan's new novel, *Where Are the Kings*, is a deeply moving story about family, grief, love and the complicated business of growing up. Set in rural Ireland, the novel centres on a teenage boy who is trying to find his way through adolescence following the traumatic death of his mother. He is taken under the wing of his two very different uncles, and through their sometimes-unconventional care he begins to discover more about his family, his past and, ultimately, himself. There is a great deal of sadness in the story, but this is not a bleak book. Ryan has a remarkable ability to find humour and tenderness alongside sorrow. His characters are flawed, sometimes eccentric and occasionally difficult, but they are recognisably human. Their relationships remind us that families rarely fit neatly into the picture we might like to paint of them. One of the strengths of the novel is the way Ryan portrays grief. Loss does not simply disappear with time; instead, people learn to live alongside it. The novel explores the different ways people respond to bereavement and the importance of having others around us when life becomes difficult. There is also a strong sense of place. Rural Ireland is not simply a backdrop to the story but part of its character, and Ryan captures the rhythms of community life, conversation and family relationships with great affection.

Where Are the Kings offers much to reflect upon: the importance of family, the ways in which communities support people through difficult times, and the unexpected people who can become sources of comfort and strength. It is ultimately a novel about love surviving loss. Ryan reminds us that even when life changes irrevocably, people can still find companionship, laughter and hope.

Scripture quote of the month

Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

Thought for the Month

Seek the Quiet Joy: Enjoy the crisp air, earlier evenings, and simple comforts like a warm drink.

HISTORY!

Our next Talk will take place at a new Venue. On Monday 5th October at 8p.m we will have our inaugural Talk in the Parlour of The Grove Bar in Kilpeddar. It's actually only 6 minute's drive on the M11 from Kilmacanogue when you know the route! Recommend allowing a little extra time on your first trip with the darker evenings, if you haven't been there before. Eircode A63XY89.

Our Speaker is Prof. Michael Farrell talking about "Neuropathology- Tales of Incas, Cows and Gladiators." Prof. Farrell's interests include all aspects of clinical neuroscience but with particular interests in epilepsy, neurodegeneration and brain trauma which includes head injuries in sport, which has led to new developments in the research into dementia. He has been warned to speak in layman's terms to keep it interesting for all the audience. Expect a fascinating Talk!

Read a short writing Cardinal John Henry Newman

The Mission of My Life

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

Pope John Paul 11

On Courage: "Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" (from his inaugural homily in 1978). **On Hope:** "I plead with you—never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged".



A Big Well Done!



Welldone to all involved in making both Kilmacanogue's and Curtlestown's Cemetery Sunday's such a success. There was a great turn our and both were blest with great weather. The choirs added beautifully to the occasions. Thank to all who came along for your generosity to the collections. The two collections raised almost €4000

Take Note!



Reflection HOPE



What can we do to challenge the malaise around us?
To give our neighbours a sense of hope and peace? Mary Potter's inspiring phrase gives us the clue: ***Hope is a flower that grows only on earth, and blooms best in adversity.***
It's wonderful, isn't it! Hope is a fragrant flower that indeed grows only on earth. The important part of Mary Potter's quote is that it blooms best in adversity.
We humans are built to be resilient; when disaster or crisis strikes, we can make choices: to react (negative) or to respond (positive). And so many people step up and respond! Ordinary women and men marshal themselves and others to do simply what needs to be done, to help both neighbours and strangers in their needs of the time. These superb acts of selflessness restore ***hope***, bring comfort and even some healing to those injured and frightened. It's the relief from "being frightened" that is so crucial, as I'm sure you all know. Please join me in thanking the countless ordinary people who do extraordinary things, often without being asked.
Finally, let us remember and take to heart that Hope is a spiritual virtue, bequeathed to us by our God of Compassion, to fill our souls with beauty even in the ugliness of disaster. We cannot "create" it ourselves; it is a gift from our gifting God. In order to grow and cultivate it, like my rose; we must pray for it constantly, and water it with acts of hopeful kindness to our neighbours.
And those of you who are old and not-so-helpful like myself, join me please in praying for and trying to live daily the virtue of ***hope***. **Mary Scanlon, LCM.**