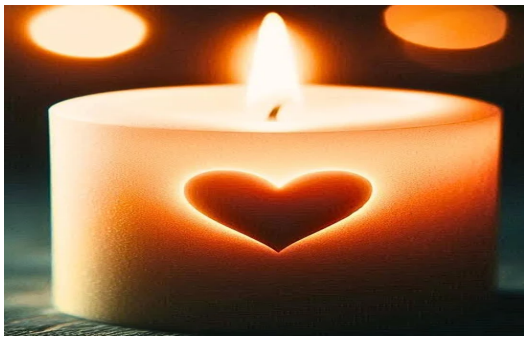
PARISH LINK November



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Reminders……



- **The Living Room will meet at 11am at St Mary's this coming Wednesday 4th November**
- **Saints we celebrate this month: 3rd St Martin de Porres, 6th All Saints of Ireland and 22nd St Cecilia**
- **If you would like to give some of your time volunteering in our parish, please contact 0868182241**
- **We would love to build a larger singing group for St Mary's. If you like to sing please contact 0868182241**



Please Support!

St Mochonog's Choir and The Bray Concert Band, come together every year before Christmas, for festive music and carols. This wonderful event will take place on **Sunday December 6th, 3pm to 4pm in St Mochonog's church**. Admission is free. The words of the hymns /songs are provided, and everyone is encouraged to join in the singing. There will be a collection for voluntary donations, and **all proceeds will go to the local Vincent de Paul conference**. All are welcome.

In November we remember…….

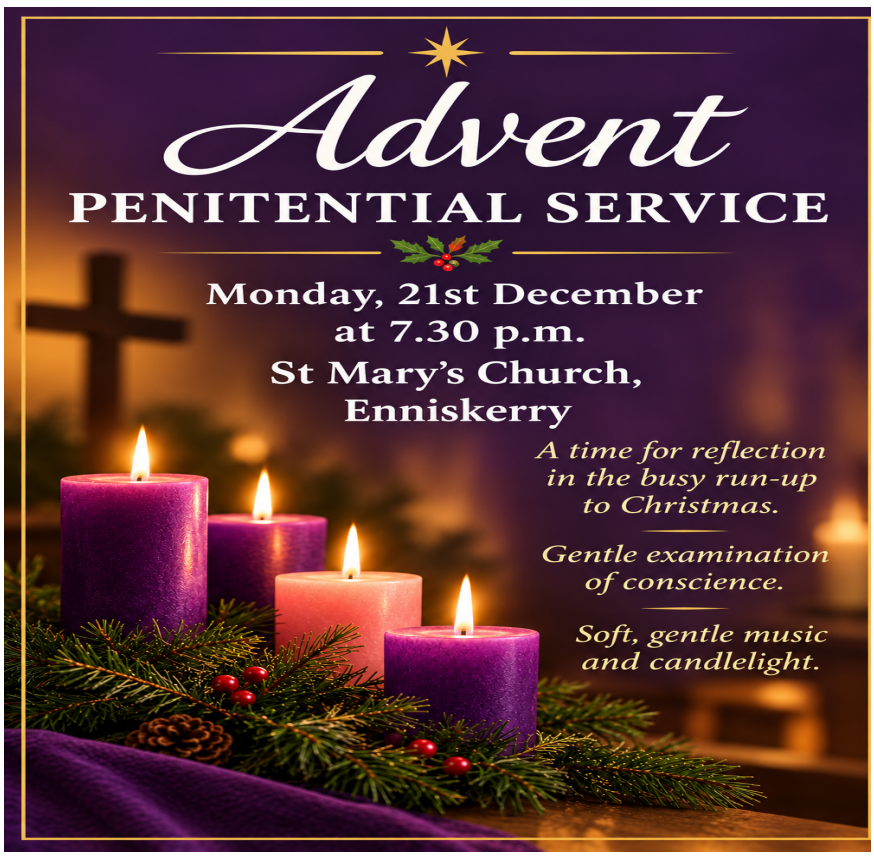


November…1st St Kevin's 9 am: Madge Quinn (A) **St Mochonog's 10am**: Elaine Lyng (MM) Lily Salter (A) Ambrose and Jobi Stephens (A) **St Mary's 11 am:** Wesley Acres (A) Carol Rafferty (A) and prayers also for her parents Dick and Maureen Rafferty

8th … St Patrick's 10am: Tom O'Gorman and Danny O' Gorman whose anniversaries occur. **St Mary's 11 am:** Marie Hannon (A)

15th St Mary's 11 am: Liam Ryder (3rd A) William Ryder (A) and also remembering Josephine Ryder and Marie Kelly

22nd … St Mochonog's 10am: Michael Kearns (26th A) **St Mary's 11 am:** Nuala Ferguson (MM) Aidan and Mary Whelan and John and Gretta Harmon, all whose anniversaries occur.



Book Review: "Loss: The New Collection" by Donna Ashworth

Grief is a landscape that every one of us will have to walk through at some point in our lives. It is the price we pay for love, yet when it arrives, it can feel incredibly isolating, confusing, and overwhelming. For anyone currently navigating the dark valleys of bereavement, or for those seeking the right words to comfort a friend, Donna Ashworth's newly expanded book, Loss: The New Collection, offers a gentle sanctuary.

Ashworth, a bestselling poet known for her deep empathy and emotional clarity, has compiled a beautiful Treasury of words explicitly designed to meet people in their quietest, heaviest moments. Rather than offering clinical advice or hollow platitudes, the book presents short, accessible poems and reflections that act like a warm hand to hold during the darkest days of sorrow.

One of the most profound reminders woven throughout this collection is that grief is not a problem to be solved or an illness to be cured. Instead, Ashworth gently reveals that great grief is simply the continuation of great love. She honours the unpredictability of mourning—how it comes in waves, shifting from total numbness to sharp heartbreak—and reassures the reader that every feeling is a normal part of the healing process.

For our parish community, this book serves as an invaluable resource. It is a thoughtful gift for someone who has recently lost a spouse, parent, child, or dear friend. Because the pieces are short and bite-sized, it is perfect for a grieving heart that may find it difficult to concentrate on a heavy, lengthy book.

Loss: The New Collection ,reminds us that while losing someone casts us adrift, we do not walk the path to healing alone. It is a comforting, hopeful addition to any bedside table and a reminder of the enduring power of love.

Scripture quote of the month *"And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.* Romans 5:5

Thought for the Month

"It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful." — David Steindl-Rast

HISTORY!

PAST TIMES

Unfortunately, due to unexpected circumstances Kilmacanogue History Society have had a change of Speaker for our November Talk on the Delgany Heritage Trail, which has had to be deferred. However, we are very lucky to have Peadar Cullen, author and local historian speaking about "Evie Hone- Stained Glass Artist of Marlay" instead. This Talk takes place in the Parlour of the Grove Bar near Kilpedder, Eircode A63XY89, on Monday 2nd November at 8p.m. All welcome.
It is for her work in the medium of stained glass that she is best known and with Harry Clarke and Michael Healy, she is recognised as one of the leading artists in this field. Evie Hone's masterpieces are primarily located in churches and public institutions across Ireland and the U.K. Among her most celebrated pieces is the 'My Four Green Fields' window now housed in Government Buildings.

November Themes **Remembrance:** Honouring loved ones who have passed away, alongside historical reflection and remembrance days. **Gratitude:** Shifting focus from grand gestures to everyday blessings, small joys, and inner peace. **Transition:** Letting go of the last remnants of autumn and embracing slower, cosier indoor rhythms. **Renewal:** Using the shorter days as an invitation to pause, take stock of the year, and reset. *"The month of November makes me feel that life is passing more quickly. In an effort to slow it down, I try to fill the hours more meaningfully."* — Henry Rollins

A Big Thank You!



We would like to express a big thank you to Paul Cahill for his brilliant work in trimming the hedges around **the Church at St Mochonog's** and removing several heavy overhanging boughs from the main Church driveway. This work is carried out on a voluntary basis as Paul's contribution to the upkeep of Church grounds and is greatly appreciated by all our Parishioners. Well done to all .

November Prayer "As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, November gently slows us down. It is a month where memory meets hope. We light candles for those we love and miss, trusting that the light of Christ shines brighter than any darkness. May our parish be a harbour of comfort this month—holding space for grief, offering gratitude for lives well-lived, and walking gently together into the promise of God's peace."



St. Martin de Porres.



Martin lived in 16th- and 17th-century Peru and experienced racial prejudice and poverty himself. He devoted his life to caring for sick people, serving the poor and treating people of different backgrounds with compassion. He also cared for animals. What makes him especially relevant is that **he lived out the equality of human dignity in a society deeply divided by race and class**. He did not reserve his kindness for people who were socially respectable or powerful.

Take Note!



Come and light a candle for your loved ones



Families are invited to bring their children dressed as angles and shepherds. This is a really special event for the whole community and we would love to see as many of you as possible.

Thank you from Missio Ireland We at Missio Ireland extend our thanks to the parishioners of Enniskerry parish, for their generosity on Mission Sunday. An amount of €375 has been received, for which we are very grateful. The support of each parishioner who donated to this worthy cause is very much appreciated.

What is The Living Room? The Living Room is a special ecumenical collaboration between Powerscourt Parish and St. Mary's Parish, Enniskerry. Our monthly gatherings offer a different and refreshing way to pray. The Living Room has become much more than a time of prayer and reflection; it is a warm, welcoming space where friendships have grown, support is shared, and a real sense of community has developed. An important part of our gathering is the opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee together afterwards. This relaxed social time allows friendships to deepen, conversations to continue and new connections to flourish in a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere. All are Welcome Next Wednesday 4th Nov 11 am St Mary's