

PARISH WEBSITE

Integrated webcam and payment facility

St. Senan's Church has a live webcam streaming 24 hours a day. The Camera is focused on the Sanctuary and front seats of the old part of the church. Compliant with all GDPR requirements.

<https://stsenansenniscorthy.ie>

All Masses available to view on the Website

St. Senan's Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 30th January 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 30th January

Vigil

Ellen Farnan (Months Mind)
Anthony Lynch (Months Mind)
Michael O'Connor (A)
Bridie & John Carley (A)

11.00am

Liam Quigley (First Anniversary)
Johnny Hyland (A)

Weekday Masses

Monday - 10.00am

Lil O'Leary (A)

Tuesday - 7.00pm

Larry Kirwan (First Anniversary)

Thursday - 10.00am

Fr. Noel Hartley (A)
Eileen & William Gibson (A)

Sunday, 6th February

9.00am

Padge Kehoe (A)

11.00am

Theresa Ringwood (First Anniversary)

READERS

Sunday, 6th February

Vigil: Joan Fogarty

9.00am: Paddy Gahan

11.00am: Sean Doyle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sunday, 6th February

Vigil: Jer Moynihan

9.00am: Dick Walsh

11.00am: Denis Levingston

FEAST OF ST. BLAIZE

On Thursday, 3rd February we celebrate the feast of St. Blaize. Blessing of throats will take place in St. Senan's Church after 10.00am Mass and at 7.00pm (no Mass). Fr. Banville will be assisted by some of the Eucharistic Ministers.

CANDLEMAS DAY

(Blessing of candles for home use)

Wednesday, 2nd February is the Presentation of Our Lord and candles will be blessed at 8.15am Mass. Please leave them in during the week, marked clearly with your name.

St. Brigid's Day - Lá Fhéile Bríde

Celebrates Ireland's only female patron saint on February 1, most people will be familiar with the popular tradition of making crosses in St Brigid's honour.

With its origins in the Celtic festival of Imbolc, St Brigid's Day was the festival of fertility and marked the beginning of Spring. It signalled an end to the darkness of Winter and ushered in a new season of hope and growth.

Our rural ancestors celebrated the day with a festive meal and a host of customs, all aimed at securing St Brigid's protection and promise of new life and abundance for the year ahead.

PARISH OFFICE

Occasionally there will be a change of face in the Parish Office over the coming weeks, Tuesdays, or Thursdays, but all the usual services will be available. Linda will be working from home on these days.

Garrynisk

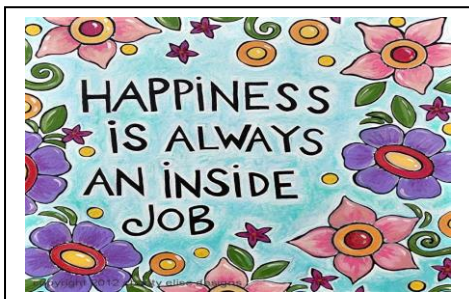
Prayers will be said in Garrynisk graveyard on Sunday, 13th of February at 2 pm.

If nothing ever
changed, there'd be
no butterflies.
-Unknown

A copy of the Pastoral Letter by Bishop Ger is included as an insert in this week's Newsletter.

THE HOOK OF FAITH

'HOPE IN NEW BEGINNINGS' is the first Pastoral Letter by Bishop Ger and is published this week. He also offers us the homily for this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time where the crowds' opinion of Jesus changes rapidly from acceptance to hostility. We have the usual newsletter insert and an article on St Brigid whose feast falls on Tuesday 1st February. We feature the recent launch of the 'Credible Catholic' programme aimed to help adults grow in their faith. Our video this week is an interview with the character who plays Jesus in the drama series 'CHOSEN'. Finally, we reflect how science is revealing more evidence of all creation being marked by God's creative love. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com



New Synodal Way Website <https://synod.ie/>

Fragments from my diary

I bought something recently.

A cosmetic job had been done to disguise serious problems.

It'll be an expensive fix but I'm happy to fix it...
and to be honest I did anticipate that the problems might be there.

But there's a level of deception present.

Here's what happens from Heaven's perspective.

So... I've suffered a loss and most of us would go after the seller.

Indeed, Jesus himself advocates making such an approach in the hope of winning back your brother. In other words, in the hope of saving your brothers eternal life! Matthew 18:15; Luke 17:3. Sounds serious, doesn't it?

You see here's the thing, whatever you or I might do to exact justice, believe me, it's nothing compared to the justice that God will exact if there's no true repentance.

Once a soul understands the severity of God's justice the soul wouldn't wish it on anybody!

I wouldn't wish God's justice on anybody - not so far in my life anyway - and therefore in the absence of the possibility of justice I will accept the loss, embrace it, pay the price involved, thereby becoming the means of the seller's salvation.

This is what it means to be merciful... there's a cost, a price to be paid, and I'm willing* to pay it. In some small way I become a sharer in Christ's work of salvation.

If, on the other hand, I don't accept this loss, and I'm unwilling to pay the price involved - I'm not merciful - then somebody will have to pay it, otherwise the seller will lose eternal life.

Of course, Jesus Christ will pay it but don't be under any illusions, paying the price is real suffering for Christ, not as a past event but in the here and now, and Christ will assume this responsibility only if the seller is genuinely sorry... and the seller will help himself hugely if he makes a real effort to right the wrong.

The more of an effort the seller makes to right the wrong the more he's lessening the burden that Christ has to pay.

And the closer the seller gets to parity - actually righting the wrong - the more he's increasing his chances of salvation.

Remember too that Zacchaeus committed to pay back four times the amount and Jesus declared it a real sign that salvation had come to his house.

This is the meaning of the passages of scripture where Jesus suggests settling with your opponent while still on the way to the court. Matt 5:25; Luke 12:58.

*This willing is about how I use my free will and it's the critically important element.

THANK YOU

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Envelopes
- €505**

**Priests
Envelopes
- €615**