

## Prayer: Open my Life

Heavenly Father,  
Open our eyes to see as you see  
and weep as you weep  
Open our hearts to love the broken  
and care for those without hope  
Open our hands to hold what we  
have lightly  
and to share cheerfully  
Open our mouths to speak for the  
voiceless  
and to shout for mercy  
Open our ears to the gentle  
whispers of your Spirit  
and to obey what you say  
Open our lives to the call of your  
voice  
and the needy cries of the dying  
Amen

*(Fred Drummond)*

## To Laugh Often and Much

To laugh often and much;  
to win the respect of intelligent people  
and the affection of children;  
to earn the appreciation of honest critics  
and endure the betrayal of false  
friends;  
to appreciate beauty;  
to find the best in others;  
to leave the world a bit better  
whether by a healthy child, a garden  
patch,  
or a redeemed social condition;  
to know that one life has breathed easier  
because you lived here.  
This is to have succeeded.

*(Ralph Waldo Emerson)*

## St Agnes: Feast Day 21st January

St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family.

Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high ranking men chasing after her. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death!

**She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 or 13 on 21 January 304.**

St. Agnes is widely known as the patron saint of young girls. She is also the patron saint of chastity, rape survivors and the Children of Mary. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs. She is shown as a young girl in robes holding a palm branch with the lamb either at her feet or in her arms.



# Kilaveney Parish Newsletter

Jan 21st 2024

## The Song of the Seed *(Macrina Wiederkehr)*

Life unfolds  
A petal at a time,....slowly.  
The beauty of the process is crippled when I try to hurry growth.  
Life has its inner rhythm which must be respected.  
It cannot be rushed or hurried.

Like daylight stepping out of darkness, like morning creeping out  
of night,  
life unfolds slowly a petal at a time  
like a flower opening to the sun.....slowly.

God's call unfolds  
A Word at a time,....slowly.

A disciple is not made in a hurry.  
Slowly I become like the One to whom I am listening.

Life unfolds a petal at a time, like you and I  
becoming followers of Jesus,  
discipled into a new way of living....deeply and slowly.

Be patient with life's unfolding petals.  
If you hurry the bud, it withers.  
If you hurry life, it limps.  
Each unfolding is a teaching,  
a movement of grace filled with silent pauses,  
breathtaking beauty, tears and heartaches.



Life unfolds  
a petal at a time  
deeply and slowly.  
May it come to pass.





**Sunday 21st Jan 2024**  
**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Diary for Week.**

**Kilaveney Masses**  
**Sat Vigil 7.30pm Sun 11 am.**  
**Mon to Fri 9.30am**

**Adoration Wed: 10am to 8pm**

**Crossbridge Masses .**  
**Sun 9.00 am**

### Feasts

**Weds** St Francis de Sales  
**Thurs** Conversion of St Paul  
**Fri** Sts Timothy & Titus  
**Sat** St Angela Merici

### Mass Intentions Kilaveney

**Tue** Fr John Leogue  
**Weds** Mary King Rosbawn  
**Sat** Bernadette O'Connor, Dwyer Square  
**Sun** Chris & Phyllis Murray,  
 Ferdinand Torregiani,  
 Margaret O'Driscoll

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**<https://Kilaveneyparish.ie>**

### Todays Gospel Mark 1:14-20

#### Repent and Believe the Good News

Marks version of the Gospel story gets off to a humble, modest start. Mark allows Jesus merely to appear from out of nowhere, emerging humbly from the desert floor to be baptised by John.

His message is simple; the kingdom of God is at hand.

Today as much as ever, people need to know that this kingdom is real and available. They need to see the joy and the possibilities of that kingdom in us.

As CS Lewis once wrote: we are far too easily satisfied. We often cannot see how much better life can be if we put our hands in Gods hand rather than settling for temporary pleasures.

The kingdom of God is here, its real, its right outside your door.

A better, exciting, hopeful, joyful kingdom of life is real and awaiting us.

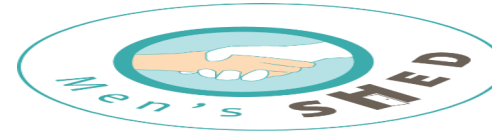
The kingdom of God is at hand. Let us live knowing that this is true and help others believe it too.

### Tinahely Men's Shed.

Annual General Meeting.

Saturday 27th January.

**10 am.**



### Tinahely LGFA.

Tinahely GAA Clubhouse.

**January 20th, 27th &**

**February 10th.**

**10 am – 11 am.**

**Drop off your unwanted clothes, bags, shoes and belts on three Saturdays in January and February.**



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to 25th Jan '24

**Ferns Diocesan Ecumenical Service**

**in**

**St Mary's Church of Ireland Enniscorthy**

**Sunday 21st Jan 2024**

**at**

**7.00pm**

**Preacher: Fr James Murphy (Parish Priest Rosslare**

**& Tagoat)**

**All Welcome**

### Catholic Schools Week 2024

Catholic Schools Week 2024 takes place from **Sunday 21 to Saturday 27 January.**

The theme for CSW 2024 is **Catholic Schools: Communities of Service.**



### Humour

“Never follow anyone else’s path. Unless you’re in the woods and you’re lost and you see a path. Then by all means follow that path.”—

*Ellen DeGeneres*

“Someone asked me, if I were stranded on a desert island what book would I bring: ‘How to Build a Boat.’”

—Steven Wright

“You know you’ve reached middle age when you’re cautioned to slow down by your doctor, instead of by the police.”—Joan Rivers

“I was in my car driving back from work. A police officer pulled me over and knocked on my window. I said, ‘One minute I’m on the phone.’” — Alan Carr