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Fourth Sunday of Easter - *Day of Prayer for Vocations*

This is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. There is the enduring command of Christ to his Church to go out to preach to all people. There is need for people of faith to respond to that command, people who are prepared to dedicate their lives to this work for the sake of the gospel.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 30th April 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Joe McManus, Drumbeggan.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 30th April 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Barney Flood, Sillees Grove; Dick and Bea Jones and Deceased of the Jones Family, Drumbeggar; Kathleen McSherry, Enniskillen; Madeline McQuaid, Creamery Road.

Tuesday 2nd May **St. Athanasius** 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 3rd May **SS Philip and James** 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** John James and Mary Dundas and Margaret Meredith, Knockmore Park.

Thursday 4th May 10am Mass

Sunday 7th May 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Gavin and Phil Meehan and deceased of the Meehan Family, Main Street; Aidan O'Dare, Sandhill and deceased of the O'Dare and Greene Families, Braade; Annie and Patrick Dolan, Sandhill; Joe, Agnes and Oliver McKeever, Knockmore Park.; Robbie and Nan Brogan, Tonagh.

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 7th May 10am Mass. **Months Memory:** Patricia Creamer, Enniskillen. **Anniversary:** Nuala Maguire, Drumgamp; McGurn and Flanagan Families, The Barrs.

Weddings: Congratulations to Emma Timlin and Ruairi Jones, and to Neasa McHugh and Christopher Currie who were married recently in the parish. May God bless them with health and happiness.

Vocation Sunday: The church in Ireland is launching a Year for Vocations as it grapples with a steep decline in seminary numbers and with aging priests. Focused on diocesan priesthood, the Year for vocations opens today 30th April, which also marks the 60th anniversary of the initiation of the annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations, instituted by Saint Pope Paul VI in 1963 during the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. Bishops offered the following prayer for vocations. *(source: the National Vocations Office of the Bishops' Conference):*

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest
and to bless all who strive to listen to your voice.

Inspire, in the hearts of men and women, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage
to give themselves to your Church in faith.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Holy Communion: congratulations to the children of Killyhommon and St Patrick's primary schools who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion yesterday. We pray that they will come to a deep understanding and appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist in their lives. May their parents and teachers be supported and encouraged as they seek to pass on the faith to these boys and girls.

Prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty.

Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being.

So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.



Rosary at the Grotto: May is the month dedicated to Our Lady, Jesus' blessed mother. From Monday 1st May the Rosary will be prayed Monday – Saturday at 10.30am at the grotto at St Patrick's Church. Please come and join in this traditional prayer to Our Blessed Lady.

Altar Society May: Derrygonnelly – Sean McLoughlin, Annette Murphy and Janette Murphy. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 14th May in St Patrick's.

Boho – Margaret Corrigan. Collector: Charlie Jones.

Choir Members: Thanks to those who have joined the choir in St Patrick's and to those who have maintained the music and singing at our liturgies over recent years. We encourage others to consider becoming a choir member in any of our three churches. *"when we sing we pray twice"* (St. Augustine).

Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May: Monday 1st and 29th, Sunday 7th and 14th, Tuesday 9th, Saturday 20th and 27th. €45 per person - Booking essential - at www.loughderg.org - by email info@loughderg.org – Tel: 00353 7198 61518.

Mary's Meals: As we honour Mary, Mother of God, during the month of May, we hope you will join with us in prayer for Mary's

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel:

John 10:1-10

1. In the Middle East, it was the task of the shepherd to find water and pasture and to ensure safety. In your life who nourished you and gave you security? For whom have you done this?

2. Important to the shepherd's ability to give security to the sheep is the fact that he was known and familiar to them. They recognised his voice. Does this resonate in any way with your experience?

3. We are familiar with the image of Jesus as the shepherd. The image of Jesus as the door (or gate) is not so familiar but is one that merits attention. Jesus presents himself as the door through which we pass and find life. What are the doors through which you have passed and found life: a situation, a place, a book, an experience, a person? For whom have you been a door to a richer life? *John Byrne OSA*

Meals – the charity named after Our Lady – and to ask for God's continued blessing on our work.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £5000. £20 Bridie Maguire, Boho, Colleen and Frances Hoy, Monea, Annie McGovern, Monea. Draw in the Linnett Inn tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto, enter online via the klubfunder app. The 'Hooley on the Pitch' - June 30th to July 2nd featuring the fantastic Tumbling Paddies on the Friday night, Bingo Loco on Saturday night, with amazing prizes on offer, and Sunday Funday, closing with Sean Magee and guests. Looking forward to a brilliant weekend of entertainment!

Darkness Into Light: Walk will start at Saturday 6th May @ 4:15am SHARP

From Castle Park centre Lisnaskea Registration in OAK Healthy Living Centre Mon – Friday 9:00am—5.00pm Or online at www.darknessintolight.ie Donations welcome on the Morning of walk. Please use Town Car parks— No Parking at the Castle Park Centre. Please come early for the Warm up activity starting at 3:50am.

The Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023: will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland this coming Saturday May 6th at 2pm. Speakers include Siobhán Dunniece, Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins. follow the conference by: Going online at www.radiomaria.ie. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App Listen live via Facebook. Call 01 4373277 and listen live 5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

Although the repeated Hail Mary prayer is addressed directly to Mary, it is to Jesus that the act of love is ultimately directed, with her and through her.

St. John Paul II