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Third Sunday of Easter

The Gospel story contains a wealth of teaching on the meaning of the Eucharist as a celebration of the presence of the Risen Lord. Christ takes, blesses, breaks and gives the bread to the disciples and is known to them in the action. It is the context of two or three gathered in his name that they come to faith. It is he who opens their minds and hearts explaining their doubts in the light of Sacred Scripture. And it is on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, that the Lord of Days walks with them in the cool of the evening.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 19th April 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Teresa Jones, Corr **Anniversary:** Sadie Hussey, Coolarkin – Thomas Flanagan Jnr, Treel – Agnes McHugh and Deceased of the McHugh Family, Drumma – Pat McManus and Deceased of the McManus Families, Drumaraw and Carngreen

Saturday 25th April 1pm First Holy Communion Killyhommon PS

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 19th April 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Dessie Duffy, Doagh – Francis and Mary Jane Rogers, Enniskillen

Tuesday 21st April Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Thursday 23rd April 7pm Service of Light

Saturday 25th April 11am First Holy Communion St Patrick's PS

Sunday 26th April 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Tommy Duffy, Rosnarick Close – Aidan O'Dare, Sandhill – Annie and Patrick Dolan, Sandhill – Deceased of the Greene Family, Braade - Maureen McConnell, Rosspoint – Mary B and Tommy Murphy, Drumanane

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 26th April 10am Mass People of the Parish

Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their eagerness to receive Your Body and Blood

inspire all of us to cherish this Sacred Sacrament. Amen.

The celebration of First Eucharistic takes place this Saturday 25th April, at 11am in St Patrick's Church for the children of St. Patrick's PS. and at 1pm in Sacred Heart Church for the children of Killyhommon PS. Please pray for these children and allow them, by our example as adults and in the practice of our faith, to experience what it is to receive the gift of Holy Communion.



Bulletin sponsored in Memory of Dessie Duffy, Doagh

Mass Cover: as Fr Cathal is presently unavailable to the parish there will be no daily mass this week.

Rosary at the Grotto: it is hoped that the Rosary will be prayed Monday to Saturday at 10.30am during the month of May at the grotto at St Patrick's Church. If anyone would like to lead that Rosary, please contact the parish office at 028 68641889 or botha@clogherparishes.ie

Envelope Collection: Week ending 12th April - Weekly offerings £2605.00 and €42.50. Thank you for your generous support.

The Diocesan Vocations Support Group: invites the faithful to take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour on **Thursday 23rd April at 7pm in St Michael's, Enniskillen**, in preparation for the Ordination to the Priesthood of Stephen Sherry on Sunday 26 April. This initiative seeks God's blessing on Stephen's priestly ministry and to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Ordination to the Priesthood of Stephen Sherry: on **Sunday, 26th April**, at 3pm in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan. The ordination to Priesthood is a significant moment of grace for Stephen, for his family, for his native parish of Tullycorbet, and for the entire diocese of Clogher. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the ordination ceremony on the day, and to join in prayer for Stephen, as we celebrate this joyful occasion for the Diocese of Clogher.

Clogher Diocese Vocations Prayer

LORD OF THE HARVEST

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL in parish clergy, those in religious life and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

— Pope Francis Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Points to Ponder

We see the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, walking away from Jerusalem and the place of their pain.

In the face of their crushing disappointments, their words to the stranger they met, 'We had hoped...' express how their hopes had been dashed by the crucifixion. They are downcast and devastated and we can all identify with times when we have experienced overwhelming disappointments. In this bleak scenario, they do not recognise Jesus and that he is walking with them. However he invites them to articulate what is burdening them. He does not bypass the pain they are experiencing but listens as they share it. As they open up and share with him, they begin a journey and an encounter that ultimately brings healing and true hope. As our former bishop Martin Drennan wrote:

'The impact is very noticeable in how the disciples allow the past to bless them. Their 'hopes' had been crucified by being brought in under the shadow of the Cross and they are now reshaped in the light of new wisdom. Their illusions yielded to reality and hope that was authentic emerged. Forgiving themselves for their blindness to God's ways and their unrealistic expectations of him became reality. Jesus has turned their wounds into wisdom. When a story ends in reconciliation and peace then it can be told with joy. Re-energised by their meeting with the risen Lord, renewed by his word and by the bread of life, the joy-filled disciples returned to Jerusalem as convinced and convincing witnesses.' (From 'Turning wounds into wisdom'). *-Poor Clares, Galway*

Free Lough Derg retreat for young adults seeking space and stillness: A one-day retreat aimed at young adults seeking space for reflection in an increasingly fast-paced world will take place on **Saturday, 25 April**. Titled *'In the Stillness: Faith in a Busy World,'* The event offers participants a chance to step away from the pressures of daily life and reconnect with their spiritual wellbeing.

Clogher don Óige: invite young people (15-17) to join them on pilgrimage to Taizé this summer. 8th -17th August, cost €670, limited places available. More details: www.clogherdonoige.org/taize2026

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4900. £20 Colleen Jones, Derrygonnelly, Pat McBrien, Derrygonnelly, Cahal McCann, Belleek. Draw in The Linnett Inn tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto.

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG/NI: is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Closing date for receipt of application forms is **Friday 29th May**. Contact Aisling on 00353 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie www.accord.ie