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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 and 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 26th April 10am Mass People of the Parish

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

Tuesday 28th April Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 28th April 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine **Anniversary:** Josie and Maurice McGuinness, Mill Green

Wednesday 29th April **St Catherine of Siena** 10am Mass

Thursday 30th April 10am Mass

Friday 1st May **St Joseph the Worker** 6pm Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday 3rd May 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Mai Flanagan, Enniskillen

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 3rd May 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Paul Duffy, Kilnamadoo **Anniversary:** Nuala Maguire, Drumgaph – Elizabeth and James McGovern, Portmush – Joe and Bridget Corrigan, Aghamore

Sacrament of Confirmation: We welcome Bishop Larry, who will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people on Friday 1st May at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church. May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire these young people through the anointing with chrism and laying on of hands.

A Prayer for the Confirmation Candidates

God our Father,

We thank you for our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

You call each one of them by name and promise that whatever happens in their lives, you will be with them always.

We pray that this journey to Confirmation will be an opportunity for them to deepen their faith and renew their hope in you so that your love may shine through them to the world.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Thank you: as a family, myself, together with our dad Charlie, and my brothers, Paul, Brendan and Kevin, wish to express our sincere gratitude for the support, kindness and sympathy offered to us on the death of our wife and mother, Anna. As you can imagine, our loss is great, yet we take comfort from her almost 93 years of life, and also from the fact that so many people have reached out to us since her passing. Thank you to those that travelled to the wake and funeral, and to all who sent cards and messages of sympathy. Your prayers and support mean so much to us. We trust that mammy is now at peace and that she will rest forever in the arms of God.

Fr. Cathal

Date for Diary: Day of Friendship & Prayer, Lough Derg, will take place on **Wednesday, 20th May**. Guest speakers on the day will be Most Reverend Archbishop Eamon Martin and the Most Reverend Archbishop John McDowell. **Clogher Diocesan One Day Retreat to Lough Derg** will take place on **Saturday, 23rd May**.

Clogher Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Most Rev Larry Duffy, will take place on Wednesday **5th August 2026**. A schedule for the day will be issued closer to the date.

Ordination to the Priesthood of Stephen Sherry: on **Today 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.

A Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries, dedicated sisters and brothers.

Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give Your Church, helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.

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 028 68641889 or botha@clogherparishes.ie

Coffee Morning: Today **Sunday 26th April** 11am - 1pm in Boho Community Centre. Fundraising event for three local girls travelling on pilgrimage to Lourdes in July with Clogher don Oíge.

Envelope Collection: Week ending **19th April** - Weekly offerings £1735.00 and €52. Thank you for your generous support.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £5000. £20 Nuala McKenzie, Boho, Niamh McGurn, Derrygonnelly, Kenny Jones, online player. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto.

Points to Ponder

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For years we prayed for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Nowadays we recognise the vocation of every Christian to be the light of Christ. Jesus announced that his mission would be the kingdom or reign of God in the world. His taskforce would be the assembly of followers, later called the Church. In a vastly changed world, the Church of tomorrow will not be the same as the Church of the past.

Jesus once described the kingdom of God as a hidden treasure. The treasure too long hidden is the grace of baptism received by every Christian. It is a vocation, a call to bring the light of Christ to others. According to the late Pope Francis, Spirit filled evangelisers are what the Church needs today. 'How I long to find the words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelisation full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction!'

Pope Francis and now Pope Leo have asked the Church to engage in synodality, a method going back to the days of the apostles. A synod literally means walking together. It means discussing what needs to be changed, but above all, listening to the Holy Spirit.

For many people today the Church is irrelevant, so they have walked away in another direction. But there is an emptiness in the jigsaw of the heart that only God can fill. A renewed Church will be closer to the ideals of the Gospel. People will recognise Jesus as the keystone of life.

Let us trust in the Holy Spirit who transformed the confused apostles into zealous missionaries. capuchinfranciscans.ie

Pope Leo XIV calls the whole Church to pray persistently for vocations, to support those discerning, and to accompany them with patience and hope. He highlights that the Church's future depends on generous hearts willing to say "yes" to God. Every vocation begins with God's loving call and flourishes when it is nurtured through prayer, community, and courageous trust.