

Vocations Sunday 25th April “St Joseph – the Dream of Vocation” is the theme of Vocations Sunday 2021. We prayerfully reflect on the vocation of all Christians, a call to serve others in our Church and world that is rooted in our baptism. More particularly, do you hear a call to the diocesan priesthood, the permanent diaconate or consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or contact one of the Diocesan Vocations Directors: Fr Raymond Donnelly, (email raymondodonnely1@gmail.com) Deacon Martin Donnelly (email deacon@st-michaels.net or phone 028 66322075.

Online Diocesan Service of Light for Confirmation. Bishop Duffy will lead a Service of Light for all the Confirmation candidates across the diocese - and their families and school communities on Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 7.30pm, in St Macartan’s Cathedral, Monaghan, via www.clogherdiocese.ie and the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page. Each candidate, family and wider parish family, is invited to take part online. The HEARTS ON FIRE resources for Confirmation are available on www.clogherdiocese.ie/heartsonfire

In Conversation with Sr Nathalie Becquart. Sr. Nathalie Becquart will join the Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB live from Rome on Wednesday 21st April at 7.00pm. Sr. Natalie was appointed as undersecretary to the Synod of Bishops by Pope Francis earlier this year, becoming the first woman to hold this position in Church history. This online event is organised and facilitated by **Blest**, the Chaplaincy’s new group for women students. Everyone is welcome to join the student-led conversation. Zoom ID is: **89575216842** Passcode is: **Synod21**

With a Father’s Heart

Pope Francis is well known for his devotion to Saint Joseph – husband of Mary, foster father of Jesus, and Patron of the Universal Church. So, it shouldn’t have come as a surprise that the pontiff would announce a Year of St Joseph which will run until 8 December 2021. A powerful meditation on Saint Joseph, called *Patris Corde (With a Father’s Heart)* was written by Pope Francis in order to “to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience.” The Pope’s reflections have a special relevance to those who are on the path of priestly formation and for those who are ministering as deacons and priests in parishes and dioceses.

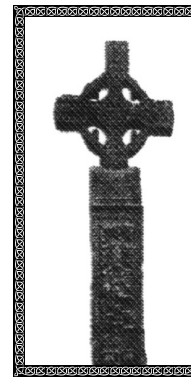
In *Patris Corde* we are invited to get to know Joseph better as a man who lived his life, as we do, in the midst of a challenging and changing world. For Joseph, the only real constant was his trust in God, born of a lived faith, which knew that God is always true to his promises and that he is with us in every moment.

While all of us can learn from Saint Joseph’s faith and fidelity, what is particularly relevant for seminarians, deacons and priests is the reflections offered by the Pope on the fatherly role of Joseph. For Francis, he is a father who is beloved of Jesus and Mary. He is a tender and loving father. He is obedient to the will of God as it is made known to him through prayer and reflection. He accepts with trust that which he does not fully understand, knowing that God sees the bigger picture.

He is a creatively courageous father who teaches us that “the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose.” He is a father who understands the importance and the dignity of work “as a means of participating in the work of salvation.” Finally, Joseph is a father in the shadows in the sense that “Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way,” says Pope Francis.

With this portrayal of Joseph as a beloved, tender, loving, insightful, humble, creatively courageous, guardian of the treasure of God, the Pope presents a model of behaviour and attitude for all fathers and in a particularly important way for spiritual fathers.

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18th April
2021

Third Week of
Easter

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Masses and Intentions for the Week Third Sunday of Easter

Vigil 17th	7.30pm	Edward, Eileen, Ellen & Pat Kelly, Clones; Margaret Foy, Beechgrove & Rosie & Francie Burns, O’Neill Park
Sun 18th	10.00am 11.30am	Barry Faux, Cornagague Una Maguire, Carn Gardens (Month’s Memory); Mary Reilly, O’Neill Park (Month’s Memory); Felix Flynn, O’Neill Park (1st Anniversary)
Mon 19th	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Tue 20th	10.00am	Charlie Kane, Fermanagh Terrace (1st Anniversary)
Wed 21st	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Thur 22nd	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Fri 23rd	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Sat 24th	10.00am	Jim, Mai & Gerry Curran, Mullinamoy

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Vigil	7.30pm	Charlie Cunningham, Coraghy; Francis, Noreen & Tom Cooke & Marie Keating, Cara Street; Margaret McMahon, Clonmore
Sun 25th	10.00am 11.30am	Joan, Gene & Leo Cosgrove, Follom; Eddie Courtney, Tattynageeragh People of the Parish

Sacred Heart Church Readers:

Sat 24th	Vigil	Geraldine O’Reilly
Sun 25th	11.30am	Paul Jenkins

St Macartan’s 25th April

Reader	Siobhan Maguire
Eucharist Minister	Sinead McKenna

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian faith community Róise Anne Rice
Death: Maura Claughton, Derby and formerly Newbliss