

Good Shepherd Sunday

This Good Shepherd Sunday the Gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The Gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'follow him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a *genuine* relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told 'I know my own and my own know me'. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then especially that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate, so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally lay down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

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 which is a call to serve others in the Church and in the 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 raymonddonnelly1@gmail.com) Deacon Martin Donnelly (email deacon@st-michaels.net or phone 028 66322075.

SVP Clones are trying to source two good quality single beds for a local family in need. If you can help them please phone 085 2417 455, leave a message and your call will be returned.

International Parental Alienation Awareness Day, 25th April. This day highlights a particular form of domestic abuse that takes place when one parent tries to distance his or her children, without reason or justification, from the other parent when a marriage or relationship ends. Such a denial of the rights of children to have a loving relationship with both parents has long-lasting and damaging consequences for a child. For more information about the issue log on to www.aliolated.ie

Mary's Meals Online Quiz. Mary's Meals feeds 1.83m children in 19 countries every school day. An Online Quiz to support its work takes place on the last Friday of each month at 8.00pm. To register go to www.bit.ly/QuizforMM or phone Martin Colfer 087 2596159.

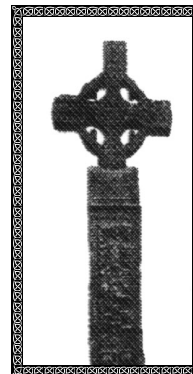
Reminder to all who are aged 60 and over to register for their vaccine.

The HSE has contacted the Catholic Communications Office asking that we remind those aged 60-64 to register for their COVID19 vaccine through the HSE online registration system www2.hse.ie or by phone with HSELive 1850 241 850. If a person is deaf or hard of hearing, they can text HSELive on **086 1800 661** to register.

Pope's Intention for May

That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Parish Mobile (in case of emergency): 085 817 6203.



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25th April
2021

Fourth Week
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Masses and Intentions for the Week

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Vigil 24th	7.30pm	Charlie Cunningham, Coraghy; Francis, Noreen & Tom Cooke & Marie Keating, Cara Street; Margaret McMahon, Clonmore
Sun 25th	10.00am	Joan, Gene & Leo Cosgrove, Follom; Eddie Courtney, Tattynageeragh People of the Parish
Mon 26th	11.30am	John, Margaret & John (Jnr) Maughan
Tue 27th	10.00am	Edward & Bridget Charity, O'Neill Park
Wed 28th	10.00am	Cosgrove Family, Fairview
Thur 29th	10.00am	St. Catherine of Sienna, Patron of Europe
Fri 30th	10.00am	Gerry Meehan, Carn
Sat 1st May	10.00am	Peter Holland, Carraveetra

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Vigil	7.30pm	Elizabeth (Betty) Cosgrove-Denault, Staten Island, NY; Josephine Mulhall, Fermanagh Street; McPhillips Family, Cloncallick & Annagheane
Sun 2nd	10.00am	Phyllis, Bernard & Susanna Beagan, Follom
	11.30am	People of the Parish

Sacred Heart Church Readers:

Sat 1st May Vigil	Michael Killen
Sun 2nd	11.30am Joe Kirke

St Macartan's 2nd May

Reader	Yvonne Crudden
Eucharist Minister	Máire Cullinan

Baptism:

We welcome into our Christian faith community Lucy Angela Mulligan

Death: We pray for Francis Sherry, Edenaforan