

# Parish of St. Mary's

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - 21st April 2024

### • Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

#### • Day of Prayer for Vocations •

1. Our relationship with those 'in charge' of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference this made for you as a child and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life.

2. The good shepherd 'lays down his life for the sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When have you known another to do this for you?

3. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?

4. What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

#### Thought for the Day

*'God doesn't call the qualified, but He qualifies the called.' God knows us and He calls us by name. As we are looking at different saints or clergy to learn from them, others look at us and learn from us. And as our struggles become real even as others turn to us for guidance, we also have a shepherd to turn to for help.*

*Most of us sometimes forget this, but we are leaders in our own way. The church of tomorrow depends on how we set the foundation for the church of today. There will be crisis and there will be need, but there will always be good people standing behind us.*

*- Teresa Tu Tran*

#### Sunday Scriptures

**First Reading** - Peter tells the people that the crippled man had been cured, through the power of the risen Jesus and not through any power of Peter's. Jesus is the only one who can save us.

**Second Reading** - Through his love God has made us his children. In the next life he will do even greater things for us. Then we shall see him as he is.

**Gospel** - Jesus compares his role to that of a good shepherd who unlike the hireling is ready to give his life for his sheep.

**Take the Risk for Christ** - Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Jesus is the one shepherd of one flock. "I am the good shepherd; I know my own and they know me ... and I will lay down my life for my sheep." We pray for all whom the Lord is calling to follow him as shepherds to his flock, laying down their lives in service as priests, deacons and religious, will hear his voice in their hearts.

**MOYDOW PILLAR BOX DRAMA GROUP** present "Separate Beds" by San Cree in Ardagh Community Centre on Sat Apr 27th @ 8.30 p.m. Spot prizes on the night! Proceeds to Parish Funds. Adm @ €10 on the door.

#### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - APRIL

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donohoe.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - APRIL

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Margaret Kelly, Angela Kelly.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: John Cahill, Kathleen Dowler.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

<b>This Weekend</b>	<b>Apr 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>7.00 p.m.</b>	1. Deceased members of the Hughes Family, Lisnagrish. 2. Gerry and Josie Carroll, Gretta and Barney Dunne and their deceased family members.
<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	1. Eamon Harte (Anniv). 2. Patrick Slattery (First Anniv).
<b>Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor</b>	
<b>Mon Apr 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Jim and TJ Doyle (Anniv).
<b>Wed Apr 24<sup>th</sup></b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Next Weekend: Apr 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>7.00 p.m.</b>	1. Mary Eivers (Months Mind). 2. Patrick and Rose Walker (Anniv).
<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	1. Donal Drake (Fourth Anniv), James, Teresa and Nora McLoughlin, Granard St and Louise Hanley. 2. John Victory (Fifth Anniv).

**Offertory Collection:** Sun Apr 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> - €1,055 - sincere thanks.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** - Please pray for James Kelly Tinnenare, who died recently.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescat in pace.



**TROCAIRE Lenten Collection** - Thank you for your generous contributions to the annual TROCAIRE Lenten campaign. The collection from the parish has reached €2,555. This will be forwarded to TROCAIRE to assist our brothers and sisters across the world who live daily with the reality of poverty.



#### SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on six class pupils from St Mays' National School on Sat next April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 11.00 a.m. by Bishop Paul Connell

We welcome Bishop Paul to our parish and we pray that God's Holy Spirit will guide, inspire and encourage the young girls and boys to be faithful followers of Jesus throughout their lives.

#### Prayer for Vocations • Vocations Sunday 21 April

God our Father, send workers into your harvest.  
May the Spirit we received in baptism  
Touch the hearts of many  
To offer themselves in priesthood, religious life  
And other forms of service.

Give the parents and families of our diocese  
The wisdom and courage to support young people  
In searching for and following the call of God in their lives.  
Through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

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- Fr Tom Healy -