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# Sunday Bulletin


## Parish of Kilmoremoy

**21st April, 2024 • Fourth Sunday of Easter• Year B**


**Parish Priests: Fr Anthony Gillespie • Fr Kieran Holmes • Fr Aidan O'Boyle • Priest on Duty: 087-2586015**

## *The Lord has a plan for each of us*

**THE Lord has a plan for each of us; he calls each one of us by name. Our task is to learn how to listen, to perceive his call, to be courageous and faithful in following him and, when all is said and done, to be found trustworthy servants who have used well the gifts given us.**

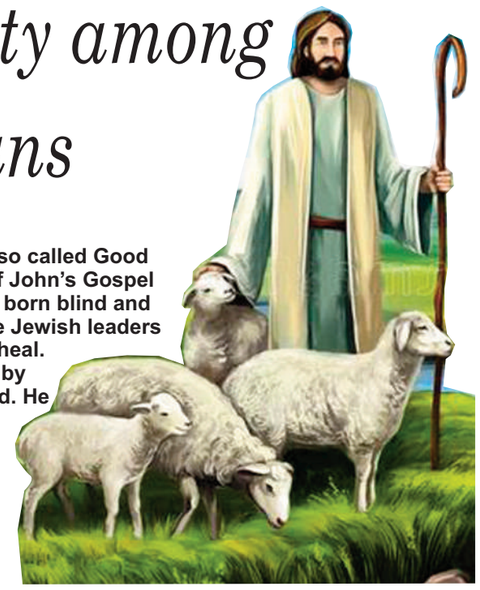
**Through baptism God calls us all to follow Christ, calls us to live according to the Gospel, calls us to be holy. People respond to this call in many different ways. Some people follow this calling through priesthood or religious life.**

**Such a call may come as a sense of longing for something more; a desire to commit one's life completely to Christ; wanting to be of service to others in and through the Church; a suggestion or invitation from another. God's call to each of us is as personal and individual as we are, but it is always a call to love, to freedom, to fullness of life and to serve others with the special gifts you have given me. God, today, I thank you for your love and for all things, Amen.**

**Are you thinking about becoming a priest, religious or lay missionary?**

**If you would like more information, advice or guidance about the discernment process, please contact any of the above named priests.**

## *Restore unity among all Christians*



**THE fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticising the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus. This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.**

**Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. We learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.**

**This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.**

**As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.**

**John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.**

## *Just a thought*

"The whole object of our life is to turn everything into good. If I want to imitate Jesus, I have to turn everything into good, just like He does"

"When we read the Scriptures, God is talking to us. He's not talking to everybody. He's talking just to us"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## 21st April 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (Day of Prayer for Vocations)

**FIRST READING** 4:8.12

A reading from the Book Acts of the Apostles
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.' The Word of the Lord.

**R. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St John *3:1-2*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.
The Word of the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**
**I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me**. **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said: **'**I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'
The Gospel of the Lord**.**

**Priest on Duty: 087 2586015**

## St. Muredach's Cathedral – Daily Masses

**Monday, 22nd April**
**8 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.**
**10 am*Tom, Nellie and Clare Robinson,** *Sligo Road.*
*__Deceased Heffernan family__, *Ardnaree / Hill Street*
**and Deceased Keane family**, *Ardnaree.*
*__Thomas Deane__, *Donegal.*

**Tuesday, 23rd April**
**8 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.**
**10 am Paddy & Margaret (Gretta) Connor,** *Garden St.*

**Wednesday, 24th April**
**8 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.**
**10 a.m.*Eamon Hughes,** *Corcoran Terrace*
**and Deceased family members.**
*__Frank and Mai Moran__, *Lord Edward Street,*
**Ellen and John Moran**, *Tyrawley Terrace*
**and Maureen Moran**, *Collins Close.*
*__Frank Davis__, *Shanaghy*
**Deceased Holmes and Davis family members.**

**Thursday, 25th April**
**8 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.**
**10 am Nan & Peggy Ruane & Deceased Ruane family,** *Ardnaree.*

**Friday, 26th April**
**8 a.m. Colin Moyles,** *Moyvale Lawn.*
**10 am Darren Whyte,** *Carrowkelly*
**Tommy & Kathleen Kilroy**, *St. Muredach's Tce.*

**Saturday, 27th April**
**10 a.m. Maud Gilvarry,** *Corcoran Tce.***(First Anniversary)**
**7.30 pm Kevin McNamara,** *Letterkenny / Ballina*
**Padriac McNamara,** *Bohernasup*
**Deceased Cawley and McNamara families.**

**Sunday, 28th April**
**8.30 am Bernadette Davey,** *Belleek Lodge*
**11 a.m. Margaret Parsons,** *Ardnaree* **(Month's Mind)**
**12.30 pm John O'Boyle,** *Marian Crescent/New York*
**(Month's Mind)**

## St. Patrick's Church – Daily Masses

**Monday, 22nd April**
**7.30p.m *Kevin Clarke,** *The Commons.*
***John and Nellie Walsh,** *Behymore*
**John, Bridget, Tom & Mai Walsh,** *Knockleagha*
**Tony & Ann McFadden & Deceased Carr family**

**Tuesday, 23rd April**
**9.30 a.m. Celebrant's Intention.**

**Wednesday, 24th April**
**9.30a.m. Celebrant's Intention.**

**Thursday, 25th April**
**9.30 a.m. Eileen McGuire,** *Connolly Street.*

**Friday, 26th April**
**9.30 a.m. Mass of the Sick.**

**Saturday, 27th April**
**9.30 a.m. Josie Rogan,** *Knockatinnole,* **(Month's Mind)**
**7.30 p.m. Hubert Smith,** *Quignashee.*

**Sunday, 28th April**
**10 a.m. Danny Gaffney**, *Convent Hill Avenue.*
**12 Noon Annie and William Naughton,** *Behybeg*
**and William Robinson.**

**Holy Communion for Celiacs**
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Confessions in St. Muredach's Cathedral:
Friday 5 – 6 p.m. Saturday 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.

## We welcome into God's family:

**Reina & Fia Donnelly,** *Crossmolina*
**Emmie Rae Forde**, *Abbey Court*
**Maggie Teresa Maughan**, *Knockleagha.*

## May God grant them Eternal Rest:

**Sean McHale,** *Belleek/Cooneal/Ballycastle*
**Kathleen Egan (nee Leonard),** *Gurteens / Easkey.*
**Eugene Devenney**,*Breaffy / Castlederg/ Birmingham.*

**Vocations Sunday (Serran Club)** Theme **-'Pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers to his Vineyard'** Sunday April 21st is Vocations Sunday. There will be a special Holy Hour in St. Muredach's Cathedral to pray for Vocations **from 6 pm - 7 pm.**

**To the People of the Diocese of Killala** 16th Apr. 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I write to you in my new role as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Killala. As such, I wish, firstly, to pay tribute to Bishop John Fleming who has retired after twenty-two years of generous and exemplary service. I know his dedicated, innovative and caring pastoral leadership is much appreciated by the people of this diocese. Bishop John brings a great energy & clarity to everything he undertakes. During those years you have witnessed his wise, good humoured and sensitive leadership. The collaborative work he carried out over that time makes it possible for this period of transition to begin from a very strong foundation. I wish Bishop John good health & many years of happy & active retirement.

Having now assumed my new responsibilities in Killala, I look forward to meeting with each of the parish communities & the various committees that are so much part of the life of your diocese.My first step will be to get to know the people & places, beginning with the priests.

Over the past while I engaged in a consultation process carried out by the Apostolic Nuncio with a variety of representative groups from the Western Province, particularly in the dioceses of Achonry, Elphin, Killala & Tuam. During these meetings it became clear to me that our dioceses of Killala and Tuam have more in common than we might have realised, and what really shone through for me was the understanding that the proposed union between Tuam and Killala would allow each diocese to be mutually enriched by the heritage and culture and the variety of practices of the other.

The Diocese of Killala has been planning for the future, as is clear from 'The Synodal Pathway in Killala Diocese, Placing Hope in Faith'. This is an excellent document which is, quite clearly, the fruit of listening and dialogue done under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. I am excited about the future, & I am encouraged by the pastoral energy already so evident to me in this diocese. I look forward, therefore, to working with you in preparing the dioceses of Killala and Tuam for formal union by the Holy See in the not-too-distant future.

Together, then, let us pray for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit as we move forward together in hope.
Yours sincerely,
**+ Francis Duffy**
**Apostolic Administrator of Killala**
**Archbishop of Tuam**

**Keeping Children Safe**
The diocese of Killala is fully committed to keeping children safe. Information is available on the diocesan child safeguarding website www.killaladiocese.org / safeguarding. Anyone who has issues or concerns around the safety of children, please contact the diocesan confidential helpline 087-100 3554. Concerns and complaints may also be passed on directly to TUSLA (Child and Family Agency) and / or An Garda Síochána.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (Adoration Chapel)** is open Mon.-Sat. 2-8 p.m. & Sun. 2- 6 pm.

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**"Faith and Art".** A creative retreat @ Holy Hill Hermitage, Skreen, Co. Sligo, Sat. Apr. 27th from 9.30 am. Reflections, art & creativity, poetry, a shared feast, beautiful gardens & journeying with friends. Tel. Marian @ 086 844 6536. Ballina Churches Together.

**New Cathedral rota** for opening & closing of Cathedral will begin on Mon. 30th April. Many thanks to all who are helping out. If anyone would like to be involved please let the Parish Office know tel. 70555.

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**Volunteer Support Officer for ALONE** & your local community is looking for volunteers in Mayo for older people who need befriending for 1 hour /or telephone support for 2 hours weekly tel. 086-013 5043 or email paul.stafford@alone.ie

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**Grow Mental Health** - Weekly Peer Support Meetings in Ballina Community Centre, Teeling Street every Tues.@ 7.30 p.m. Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through 12 Step Program of connection. Tel. Celia 086-152 6966/www.grow.ie

**Mayo COPD Support Group AGM** Thurs. Apr. 25th @ 2.30 pm in the CastlebarTennis Club, Lannagh Rd

**Mayo Christian Education Meeting** focusing on concerns Christian parents have on the new SPHE curriculum in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Tues. Apr. 23rd at 8 p.m. All welcome org. by Family & Life.