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SUNDAY 8th MAY 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“The sheep that belong to Me listen to My voice; I know them and they follow me.”

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter we celebrate **Vocations Sunday**, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. It is a worldwide day of Prayer for Vocations, especially Vocations to priesthood and Religious life.

In Scripture today, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, invites us to listen to His voice and to be led by Him into ways that draw us into union with God the Father. Distractions in our lives sometimes block our hearts from hearing Jesus' voice, but we know that Jesus is Shepherd to all of us, not just the pious, the uncomplicated and those who do not wander. He invites us all back into His fold, so that we can be drawn into that desired union with God the Father.

We thank God today for all who have shepherded us in life, encouraging us to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, drawing us back to paths that lead us into union with God and living out our vocation in life, whatever that may be, to the best of our ability.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday morning 10.00am

Wednesday 10.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Thursday morning 10.00am

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Vigil Mass: Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm

Sunday 15th May at 11.00am

First Holy Communion Sunday 15th May at 1pm

St. Patrick's Castlederg

Vigil Mass Saturday 6pm

Masses in Castlederg are *livestreamed on www.castledergparish.com*

As the rota system has been suspended for Mass attendance it leaves parishioners free to choose which Mass they attend. You are asked to continue to wear a face covering while in Church. Stewards continue to be available to help people get seated safely, and our protocols for receiving Holy Communion will remain for the time being. As always, your cooperation is very much appreciated. For those who are unable to attend Mass in person you can join any of our Masses online available via our parish webcam, www.aghyaranparish.com

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place every Thursday starting after 10.00am Mass and finishing at 12.00noon.

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection which amounted to **£1,004**. The second collection last week was for **Diocesan Purposes** and this amount will be published when the collection is complete.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYER Michael McCaul, who will celebrate his Ordination to Diaconate today, Vocations Sunday. Michael's ordination will take place in Christ the King Church, Strathroy, Omagh, at 3.00 this afternoon. A native of Derry City and a student of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Michael has been on pastoral placement in Cappagh (Killyclogher) parish for this past year. May God bless him on this important milestone on his journey to priesthood for the Derry Diocese. *St John Vianney, pray for him.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: for the P4 children of St. Caireall's Primary School will take place next **Sunday 15th May at 1pm.** Please keep the children in your daily prayer.

MAY - MONTH OF MARY

During this month you are encouraged to make special effort to pray the Family Rosary (or a decade of the Rosary) or perhaps pray the Angelus or some other short Marian prayers or aspirations in your homes during May. The May Altar is a great way for children to become actively involved in honouring Our Lady at home

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 3rd – 8th July, (ex Belfast). £689 per person sharing. Places are still available. Contact the Pilgrimage Office in Derry: tel 028 7126 0293 or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com. All intending pilgrims are asked to return application forms and full payment by Saturday 28th May.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG, Friday 24th – Sunday 26th June. Bishop McKeown will lead the pilgrimage and invites you to join him. Booking is essential, so please telephone 028 7126 4087 or email: lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org. Bus transport available from St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, if required.

STRULE ARTS CENTRE, OMAGH: *Irish Language activities* every Wednesday until 15th June – sean-nós and set-dancing 6pm-7pm; Singing in Irish 7pm-8pm; Irish Language classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels 8pm-9:30pm. Bookings on <https://struleartscentre.co.uk/whats-on/>

MARY'S MEALS – PRAY IN MAY: During May, Mary's Meals invites us to join them in prayer, in thanksgiving for twenty years of little acts of love and generosity that have made their work possible, and in petition for God's continued blessing, that Mary's Meals will continue to grow and flourish enabling them to reach more hungry children. Each day Mary's Meals reaches more than 2.2million children with a nutritious school meal in 20 countries. Further information and prayer resources including their new resource for children are available on www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, gentle Shepherd,
You know Your sheep and You know how to reach their hearts.
Give to the people of the parishes of the Diocese of Derry
hearts that are open to the call of the Holy Spirit.
Speak to the hearts of the young men of our diocese
that they may hear Your call to follow You and serve Your people as priests.
Awaken in them the courage to answer: 'Here I am, Lord, Send me.'

In his Message for this Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis chose the theme, 'Called to Build the Human Family'. He reflected on the broader meaning of "vocation" within the context of a synodal Church, a Church that listens to God and to the world:

"As Christians, we do not only receive a vocation individually; we are also *called together*. We are like the tiles of a mosaic. Each is lovely in itself, but only when they are put together do they form a picture. Each of us shines like a star in the heart of God and in the firmament of the universe. At the same time, though, we are called to form constellations that can guide and light up the path of humanity, beginning with the places in which we live. This is the mystery of the Church: a celebration of differences, a sign and instrument of all that humanity is called to be. For this reason, the Church must become increasingly synodal: capable of walking together, united in harmonious diversity, where everyone can actively participate and where everyone has something to contribute."

The full text of the Pope's Message can be accessed on www.catholicbishops.ie or www.vatican.va