



Fourth Sunday of Easter – Shepherd Sunday – Day of prayer for Vocations www.ourlittleparish.ie

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Due to covid 19 restrictions/cocooning and broadband availability, all Parish Masses are currently being celebrated in St. Stephen's Church Tyrrellspass.

Saturday 2nd - **Saturday May 2nd** - Mary Jackson. Jimmy and Nora Cuskelly and Decd members of the Crinegan family. Pat Hensey. Michael Reynolds

Sunday May 3rd - Sally Glennon. Patrick and Betty Claffey and Decd Family Members. 5th Anniversary Mass for Frank Connor Oliver and Kevin Claffey late of Killinlahan.

Monday 4th 10am - Emily Hanlon. Willie Gavigan and Jean Newman

Tuesday 5th 6.30pm - Maisie Conway Sally Glennon. Mary Jackson.

Wednesday 6th 10am - Bridie Corcoran. Imelda Gunning. James Finnegan. Audrey Paisley.

Thursday 7th - 6.60pm - Dale King. Maureen Gaffney. Kathleen Clavin.

Friday 8th 10am - Anna May Campbell. Pat Sheridan. Maureen Peyton.

Saturday 9th May - Daniel Gorry. Sally Glennon. Christy Duffy. Gus and Mary Brennan.

Sunday 10th May - Michaela Maher. Noel Cuffe. Claudia Buckley. Deceased members of the Carey Family, Killavally Deceased members of the Gannon Family

IN MEMORY

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of **Christy Hickey** Hopestown Ballinea. (who will be interred in Castletown in the coming days) **Mary Keane**, Bethany House and late of Mullingar whose funeral took place in Tyrrellspass during the week. **Maureen Gaffney** Castletown Finea (Mother of Fr. Phil Gaffney) **Emily Hanlon** Daingean and Bethany House. **Dominic Feely** (Butcher) Daingean. **Mary Conneely** (Wood of O) and **Tommy Healion** (Cappincur) **Maggie Moorehead**, Ballinacarrigy. May they Rest in Peace.

Due to the current difficulties and restrictions some people are finding it difficult to arrange Masses or get Mass cards signed. To facilitate Parishioners some signed Mass cards are available in all Parish Churches. Please use the hand sanitiser provided before touching them. Please write the name of the person you wish the Mass to be offered for on the sheet provided. If you wish to leave an offering please leave it in the candle shrine or in the letter box at the parish office or you can leave it in at a later stage. If you wish to book an Anniversary Mass or have a Mass card posted to you or for any other reason please contact me on 0879253366. Fr. Barry.

We remember and pray in a special way the 6th Class in our local schools who were due to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming Thursday and all the Children of our Parish who were due to receive their First Holy Communion over the coming weeks. We look forward to these celebrations in due course when things improve. It's so sad that we have been forced to postpone our celebrations and change so many of our plans but we look forward with great hope to the days of celebration which lie ahead.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment I receive you sacramentally, Come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All praise and thanksgiving be every moment thine! x3

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 2020 The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly celebrate vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms. Many parishes and religious institutes commemorate this day with prayer for vocations and vocation promotion.

"Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us." --Pope Francis,

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate. Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability. Help us to remember our own baptismal call and rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call. Inspire parents and families to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service. Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized. Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creativity with a daily 'YES!' Amen.

There are currently 2 students studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Meath. For more information on vocations, please contact: Fr. Shane Crombie (frshane@gmail.com), Vocations Director. Thank you for your donations to the envelope collection for Vocations

HELPLINES Samaritans 116123. Westmeath COVID-19 Community Response Forum 1800 805 816 email: covidsupport@westmeathcoco.ie COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE 0818 22 20 24

Accord's new helpline offering advice to couples during pandemic restrictions

Conscious of those who are experiencing difficulties in their relationships and family lives during the COVID-19 pandemic, Accord has set up a support line where callers can talk to experienced couples and relationship counsellors. Accord's free and confidential 'Relationships Support Phone Line' for marriages, families and relationships offers support to those experiencing extra pressure due to social restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The number is: Accord CLG – 01 531 3331

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL OUR BRAVE AND LIFE SAVING FRONTLINE WORKERS