

Today's Mass Readings

First reading

A reading from the 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

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. John

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

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



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25th April 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

Vocations Sunday Reflection

Donal Neary SJ

We talk about the shortage of vocations. We wonder about a time when hundreds joined every year. This brings up all sorts of questions about the future of the church. Today, Vocations Sunday is not about priesthood only, or religious life. The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism is the anointing of vocation.

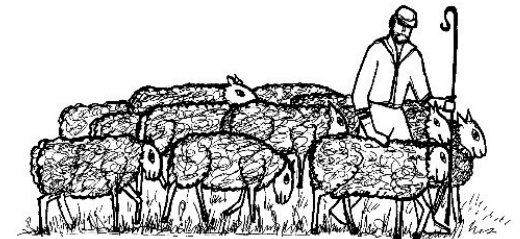
The baptismal vocation is for Witness, Love and Service. This will be expressed in ways in which people take on their baptism. In married life, single life – within the single life, religious life, priesthood.

Witness – to our faith, the love of God. To the life and the values of Jesus in our lives. Teaching is not itself a vocation for example but the way we teach is a way of living out our vocation.

Love – the ordinary relationships of life. In the special promise of marriage, in family and in friendship. Any love is a sharing in the love of God and a sharing of the love of God. In the moments of unselfish love in any relationship we are living out the vocation. When you love, you are doing God's will!

Service – the wider world. Love of the poorer world, here and elsewhere. A way of welcoming the stranger. Christian love doesn't always mean knowing a person. We want to make the lives of all deserving of the name human.

Lord, be with me as I offer myself in partnership with you to work in your world.



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 25th April 2021

(10am): John & Elizabeth Byrne
Bridie Kealy, Ballylinan
Patrick Freeman, late of Borris

Anniversaries for 2nd May 2021

(10am): Joe Mahon (1st Anniv)
Arnold Mahon (Months Mind)



Mass of Appreciation

Next Wednesday morning (28th April), Bishop Denis will celebrate our 10am morning mass in Appreciation for Fr. Tommy's Priestly Ministry over the past 37 years.

This mass will be broadcast on our Webcam and we invite you to join us in prayer that morning.



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An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.



Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least 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. Amen.



Parish Office & Shop

Each Tuesday the Parish Office will open for reduced hours (10-12 Tuesday only) to facilitate those who wish to get a mass card, book an anniversary, or drop in their parish envelope offering, etc.

Lockdown Mass Schedule

Join in the celebration of the Mass from the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles via Parish Webcam (arlesparish.ie)

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Saturday 10am

Preceded by Rosary at 9.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 10.30am - 11.30am

Sunday Mass

10am



Safeguarding

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Today is the **International Parental Alienation Awareness Day**.

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.alieneated.ie.



Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening.

~ Mahatma Gandhi ~

Album of Photographs for Fr. Tommy

During the week someone suggested that we should collate an album of photographs for Fr. Tommy of parish activities over the past 37 years. It would serve as a lovely reminder to him of all the friendships he enjoyed while he was with us; all the projects he was involved with; all the events in the life of our parish. It would be something that he could bring with him and look upon occasionally in the future.

With this in mind, we are calling for donations of photographs that include Fr. Tommy and other parishioners over the years. If you have a photo and would like it to form part of this album, you can drop it into either:

The Parish Office (Tuesday 10-12) or put them into the letter box in the Parish Centre

Or drop them into the Post Office in Ballylinan during opening hours.

The deadline for the project will be this Friday (30th April) at 5pm. Whatever photographs we have gathered by then will be included in the album.

Many thanks for your help with this project!

Fr Padraig

