

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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8th May 2022

4th Sunday of Easter



Vocations Sunday Reflection

Donal Neary SJ

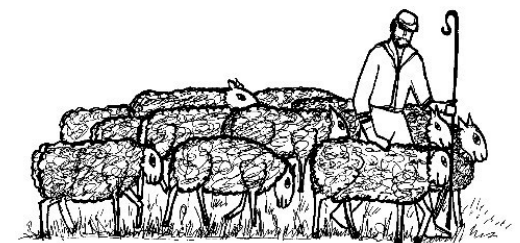
We talk about the shortage of vocations. We wonder about a time when hundreds joined every year. This brings up all sorts of questions about the future of the church. Today, Vocations Sunday is not about priesthood only, or religious life. The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of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



In Memoriam

We pray for those who died recently:

William Foster, The Orchard, Athy
Kathleen O'Connor, Carlow Road, Ballylinan

Anniversaries for 08 May 2022

Killeen (9am): Edward & Margaret Warren
Paddy O'Neill

Arles (10am): First Holy Communion

Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 15 May 2022

Killeen (9am):
Arles (10am): Michael Boran (Months Mind)
Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am): Paul Davis
Joseph & Bridget O'Brien

Rebuilding Parish Music Ministry



Choirs and choir members might be interested in an hour-long event taking place live on line on **Friday, May 13th at 7:30 pm** from the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Dublin. Organised and led by the Advisory Committee on Church Music, it promises to be a time of inspiration and encouragement, looking to recovering the spirit of the choir, new repertoire, choral techniques and ICMA tastings. You can tune in at www.rednuns.com or watch a recording later.



Solemn Novena to

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen
25th April—20th June 2022

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm)

9th May

Speaker: Andrea Hayes

TV & Radio Broadcaster & Writer

KNOCK

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock

Sunday 5th June 2022

2.30pm Ceremonies begin in the Basilica with the Anointing of the Sick

3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass

Followed by Rosary Procession and concluding with Benediction (outdoors – weather permitting).

Ceremonies are usually concluded by 5pm.

Safeguarding

DLP: Mick Daly, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Blessed John Sullivan Mass

Celebrated by Bishop Denis, this annual Mass takes place this Saturday (7th May) at 6.15pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. You are encouraged and most welcome to attend in-person, alternatively you can tune in via webcam <https://carlowcathedral.ie/webcam/>

Graiguecullen Bingo

Tuesday 10th May at 8.30pm. Jackpot on 40 numbers €700. Double number €460.

Lotto €1,350. Great prizes, bring a friend.



Weekly Collections

Sunday 1st May

Arles:	Offertory	€ 256.80
	Envelope	€ 197.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€ 242.30
	Envelope	€ 198.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€ 367.18
	Envelope	€ 94.00

A sincere word of thanks to all those who contribute to the upkeep of our parish.

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

~ Mahatma Gandhi ~

Pro Life Talk



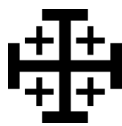
Tuesday May 10th in Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow at 8pm at in the Rossmore suite.

All welcome!

Oberammergau Passion Play – June 3rd to 8th, 2022

Trip includes one night in Vienna and two nights in Salzburg, Fr Liam Merrigan, PP of Monasterevin Parish is the Spiritual Director. Cost €1,735pp, single supplements apply, check-in luggage extra. For more information contact Marian Pilgrimages at 01 8788159

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Carlow Choral Society - Vivaldi Gloria and Magnificat

Church of the Most Holy Rosary in Tullow, on Sunday May 22nd at 7.30pm.

Tickets are €20.00 and the concert is free for accompanied under 16s. Tickets are available on www.eventbrite.ie and from choir members.