

Fourth Sunday of Easter
25th April 2021
Vocation Sunday



This Weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. This Sunday will continue to be an irreplaceable occasion to reflect on the importance of the ministerial priesthood and on prayer for vocations to the priesthood. This is an urgent call for the future of our diocese.



In the light of God's own faithfulness. The first words that Saint Joseph heard in a dream were an invitation not to be afraid, because God remains ever faithful to his promises: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid" (Mt 1:20). Do not be afraid: these words the Lord also addresses to you, dear sister, and to you, dear brother,

whenever you feel that, even amid uncertainty and hesitation, you can no longer delay your desire to give your life to him. He repeats these words when, perhaps amid trials and misunderstandings, you seek to follow his will every day, wherever you find yourself. They are words you will hear anew, at every step of your vocation, as you return to your first love. They are a refrain accompanying all those who – like Saint Joseph – say yes to God with their lives, through their fidelity each day. This fidelity is the secret of joy. A hymn in the liturgy speaks of the "transparent joy" present in the home of Nazareth. It is the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbour. How good it would be if the same atmosphere, simple and radiant, sober and hopeful, were to pervade our seminaries, religious houses and parishes! I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the dream of your lives, serving him in your brothers and sisters through a fidelity that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy. May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!

We Crown Our Blessed Lady



Next Saturday brings us into the month of May. During this month we honour our Blessed Lady as we crown her and place all our prayers and petitions before her.

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. We seek
refuge under your protection, O Holy
Mother of God, do not despise our pleas
– we who are put to the test – and deliver
us from every danger, O glorious and
blessed Virgin. Amen



Monday 26th
P.I Varghese (4th AN)
Jimmy Campbell (RD)
Joan Stack (RD)
Health Intention
Tuesday 27th
Fernando Pérez Ares (MM)
Danny Lavin (9th AN)
Andrew Bonner (AN)
Edith Mc Laughlin (AN)
Breda Gilchrist (Happy Birthday)
Wednesday 28th
Jyoti Lakea (RIP)
Pat Geoghegan (RD)
Paddy Gerrard (RD)
Thursday 29th
Eileen, Joe & Joseph Beatty (AN)
Michael & Breda Murphy (AN)
Elizabeth & Tom Downing (RIP)
Eoin & Siobhan Downing (RIP)
Fernando Perez (RIP)
Health Intention
Friday 30th
Lady Martina Esenwa (RD)
Ger Reddington (RD)
Health Intention
Saturday 1st
Vigil 7pm
Anne O' Sullivan (MM)
Deceased Members of the Harrington
Family (RIP)
Deceased Members of the Dowd
Family (RIP)
Sunday 2nd
Anne O' Sullivan (MM)
Catherine Finnerty (2nd AN)
Sean Mc Kenna (RD)