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Sunday 8th May

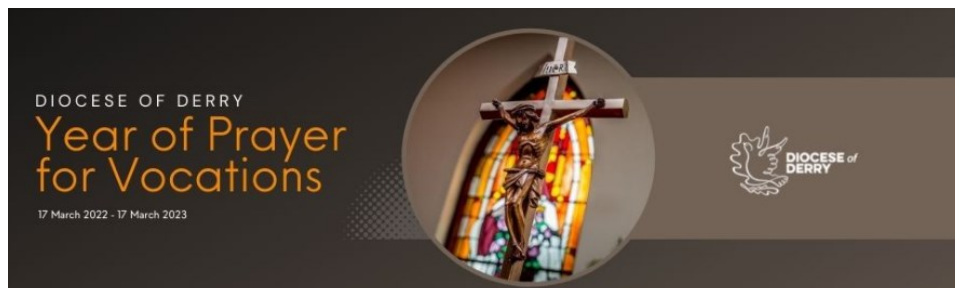
Good Shepherd

In the tenth chapter of John's Gospel the focus is on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This language is to be understood in the light of Old Testament ideas that God was the shepherd of Israel and that their kings were meant to follow his example. Often they failed in this duty and the people were abandoned. This explains the importance of Jesus describing himself as the shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. In the text for today, the emphasis is on the relationship that must exist between Jesus and the members of his flock. They are known by Jesus (this is the intimate knowledge of friendship) and they listen to him and follow him on the path that leads to life. All of this is possible because Jesus is completely united with God his Father.

Reflection

A superficial reading of the Acts of the Apostles might lead one to imagine that the early days of the church were so blessed by the presence of the Spirit that it was easy for the disciples to remain faithful and for the church to grow. However, this was clearly not the case. The first generations of believers were setting out on a journey into uncharted territory and they faced huge problems, including marginalisation and even death. The New Testament, both in the Acts and the Book of Revelation, is witnessing not to the ease with which they undertook their task but rather to their courage and openness in facing whatever came their way. It is also a witness to their utter conviction that Jesus was with them through all their experiences.

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Bishop Donal issues [Pastoral Letter for Vocations](#)



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Pray for the children preparing for First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Children of Oakgrove Ps who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 7th. May

Vocations Sunday In his [Pastoral Letter for Vocations](#) Bishop Donal encourages us to pray for an increase of vocations to Priesthood and religious life. It has been said that 80% of vocations come from the 20% of parishes where people are actively praying for that intention.

For more information go to derryvocations.org

SINCERE THANKS from Sister Ann and Gerry Deeney to ALL who contributed in any way to the very successful Easter Raffle/Fundraiser in aid of vulnerable children and their families in Kenya, India, Chile, Peru, Nigeria and Zambia. Thanks also to the many people who contribute generously throughout the year to the Hunger Box in the Holy Family Church. This Easter we raised £17,532 and €590 Euro.

Concert For Ukraine featuring "The Magnificent Seven Crew" in partnership with the Derry Branch of Concern Worldwide: Monday 6 June, in the Millennium Forum, with over 30 top singers and entertainers from Derry City and beyond, who are giving of their time freely to help those suffering as a result of the terrible devastation being inflicted on the people of Ukraine. Tickets, £16.50, are available online or at the Millennium Forum Box Office. All proceeds from the show will go to the Ukrainian humanitarian appeal.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd to 8th July 2022, (ex Belfast) £689 pp sharing. Places still available: contact the Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, tel 028 71260293 or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com.

The **Catholic Chaplaincy** at Queen's University will celebrate its Golden Jubilee with a Gala Ball in Belfast City Hall, to take place on Friday 10th June at 7:00pm. Booking of Tickets available at this link [Golden Jubilee](#)



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Our Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday schedule Monday to Friday

09:15am Immaculate Conception
7:15am (Lent) & 10:00am St Columb's,
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)
07:30pm St Columb's

Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's
11:00am Immaculate Conception

Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett
07:00pm St Columb's
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

Morning (Sunday)

09:15am St Mary's Oratory
10:15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
12:15pm Immaculate Conception

Evening (Sunday)

12:30pm St Columb's
06:00pm St Columb's

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website

All Liturgies are streamed on www.youtube.com/watersideparish



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Rest in Peace

Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Tommy and Teresa Nicholas, Tommy Parke, Louise Tracey, Mary Mullan, Harry Bryson, Anna Canning, Molly McGowan, Alex Doherty, Sheila Kelly Kathleen Whoriskey, Gertrude Boyle, Thomas McLaughlin, Annie Quigley, John McCourt

A 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.



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