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**May 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ **Fourth Sunday of Easter:**

This is Good Shepherd Sunday; it is a special day of prayer to promote vocations; encouraging people to be involved in building up God's kingdom.

**First Reading:** (Acts 13:14; 43-52)

Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel firstly to the Jews who reject it. Then they preached to the Gentiles who accepted the message gladly.

**Second Reading:** (Rev. 7:9; 14-17)

This concerns the vision of those who will come through times of persecution to share in Christ's glory in heaven.

**Gospel:** (John 10:27-30)

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will not allow anyone to take from his care the sheep the Father has given him.

❖ **Sacrament of Penance**

Confessions are available in the Confessional Room every Friday from 9.15a.m. to 9.45a.m. and Saturdays from 5.15p.m. to 6.15p.m.

Rite Two is celebrated after the 6.30p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

**Different Ways to Pray**

Would you like a one to one experience of talking about your prayer journey? Please contact Sr. Anne Monday to Thursday 11am to 3pm on 087 6388387 to make an appointment.

Monthly outdoor collection in aid of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** will take place after all Masses **this** weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

**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.

There will no longer be a special collection today as it is – with the smaller number of seminarians – the funds collected over the past years are now sufficient for the near future.

In his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations Pope Francis says that there can no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! He encourages us, especially the young, not to be deaf to the Lord's call. *'If he calls you to follow his path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyses us before the great heights to which the Lord points us.'*

The National Vocations Office is running an overnight ***"Come and See"*** discernment retreat for men, aged 18 years and over, who would like to explore the life of a diocesan priest. It will be held in the national seminary in Maynooth next weekend (18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May). For further information contact [eric.cooney@vocations.ie](mailto:eric.cooney@vocations.ie)

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>James and Bridget Brogan</b> Anniversaries
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Kathleen and Bill Judge</b> Anniversaries
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Jack and Winifred Kennedy</b> Anniversaries
	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Peter and Marie Noone</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

*Pray for the souls Áine Gallagher (niece of Sheila Dowling, C/k Dr.) and Billy Looney, both recently deceased.*

*Also, Annie O'Callaghan, Paddy O'Callaghan, Sean Keary, Kathleen Cronin, John Dillon, Enda Byrne and Eddie Smyth whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.*