

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Monday to Friday Clonmellon 9.35am followed by Mass @ 10am

This is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. There is an enduring command of Christ to his Church to go out and preach to all people. There is need for people of faith to respond to that command, people who are prepared to dedicate their lives to this work for the sake of the Gospel.





KILLALLON Sun 10am: Ist Anniv. Donie Geraghty & d.f.m. asses Clonmellon 11.30am: First Holy Communion

Mon – Ven Edel Quinn Tues – Our Lady of Fatima Wed - St. Matthias Apostle

KILLALLON Sun 10am: Anniv. Michael Nolan

CLONMELLON Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Ann Gilsenan, Anniv. Thomas & Elizabeth Dunne, Anniv. Patrick & Kathleen Walsh

## Trocaire Boxes will be taken in today (Please change coins into notes)

Baptism 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 11am in Clonmellon Cemetery Devotions: Sun June 1st Killallon 7pm, Archerstown 8pm Sun. June 8th Clonarney,7pm Clonmellon 8pm

TODAY - Vocations Sunday - Collection at all Masses in the Diocese for students studying for the priesthood for our Diocese. *Join Accord* – Catholic Marriage Care Service providing relationship and Family Support for over 60 years. Contact marriage preparing @ Accord .ie

Summer Concert in Kells (See Notice Bds)

### **POINTS TO PONDER:** Day of Prayer for Vocations

Just for fun, I googled this question: 'Is my phone listening to me?' And the top hit was a simple answer: 'Yes, and here's how to stop it.' Have you ever had an experience of talking to a friend about buying something – let's say a power-washer – and the very next time you went on Facebook or somewhere like that, you saw ads for power-washers?

Yes, our phones and other devices are listening to us. They hear our voices. And then they try to sell us stuff. They know us, and all too often, we hear their voice and follow them. But they are often false shepherds, making promises that they cannot keep. There is only one true shepherd. And we are all his sheep. And today, we are reminded to listen to his voice. Because at the end of the day, there is only one voice we can trust; one voice that truly matters to our soul. And that is the voice of the shepherd, the voice of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. So why don't we always hear that voice? And how might we hear it more effectively? I want to put aside the obvious reasons why we don't hear his voice - that there are too many other competing voices, and we don't always take the time to listen to his voice. But at the end of the day, Jesus seems to be saying to us, it is only the voice of the shepherd that can lead us home, that can lead us to safety. - Tonya LaLonde mypastoralponderings.com



# I am the Good Shepherd, please pray for me - our new Pope Leo XIV - Let us all rejoice

Let us pray that Pope Leo XIV will lead the Church with wisdom and courage. May his Augustinian formation inspire all of us to embrace a Eucharistic way of life marked by poverty of spirit, humility of heart, and a renewed love for God and neighbour.

### **Prayer for Vocations**

O Lord, my God, You renew the Church in every age by raising up priests outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of Your unchanging Love. In Your Plan for our salvation You provide shepherds for Your people. Fill the hearts of many men with the spirit of courage and love that they may answer Your call generously. Give parents the grace to encourage vocations in their family by prayer and good example. Raise up worthy priests for Your Altars and ardent, but gentle servants of the Gospel. Give the Church more priests and keep them faithful in their love and service. Amen

#### Prayer to the Virgin Mary for the Month of May

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity.



O Star of the Sea, help me and show me, That you are my Mother and my protector. O Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart To aid me in my need. (Mention your intention here, if desired.)

This prayer can be recited daily during May, accompanied by the Rosary or other Marian devotions, such as the Litany of Loreto or the Magnificat. Many also offer flowers, candles, or other symbols of love and devotion to Mary during this month. May is a beautiful time to deepen your relationship with the Blessed Mother and seek her intercession in your life