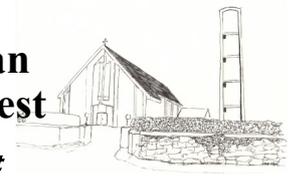




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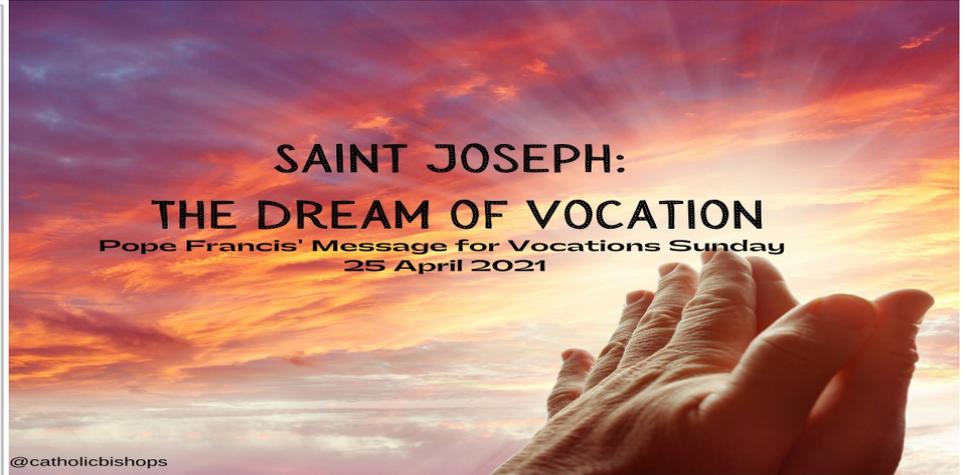
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**25-04-2021
Vocation Sunday**



This Sunday, 25 April, is Vocations or Good Shepherd Sunday, the dedicated annual day for Catholics around the world to offer special prayers to encourage vocations from families and parishes to the priesthood and to religious life. In his message for Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis is focusing on Saint Joseph. He tells us that Saint Joseph suggests to us *three key words* for each individual's vocation. The first is *dream*, the second is *service* and the third is *fidelity*.

Anniversaries

Kilchreest Sat 24th April 7pm

Jack Connors, Patricia Honan
Herman Crean & Dec family members
Michael & Paddy Joe Finnegan

Ardrahan Sun 25th April 10.30pm

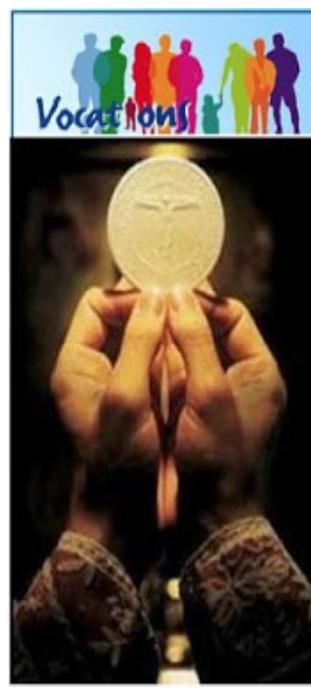
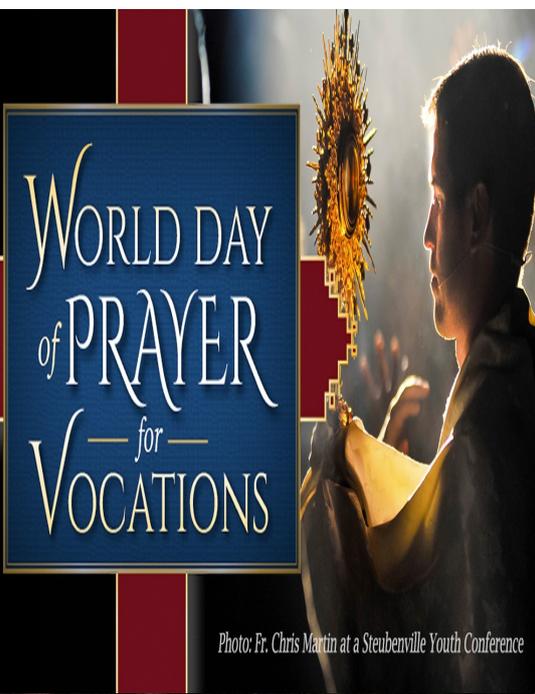
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Tom & Mary Morrissey,
Johnny & Margaret Whelan
William McInerney

Kilchreest Sat 1st May 7pm

Bridget & Joseph O'Flaherty
Frank & Mary Finnegan

Ardrahan Sun 2nd May 10.30pm

Thomas & Bridget Helly
John Joe, Patrick & So O'Dea
Martin & Kathleen Keane
Stephen O'Shea



Priesthood

Loving God, we thank you for our priests, and ask that if it be your holy will, that you bless us with more priests-shepherds, to guide us to holiness through the sacraments.

What a wonderful vocational call, yet one so in need of men to say "yes, here I am Lord!" Hear our cries for priests, strengthen our current priests so they never get discouraged, and enflame the hearts of those men you wish to become priests, that they may embrace your call. Amen.

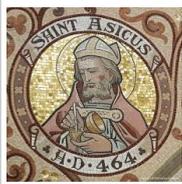
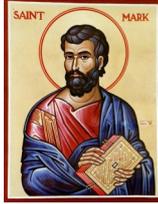


Saints of the week

24th April. St Fidelis Franciscan Capuchin martyr. He was born Mark Rey in Sigmaringen, Germany, in 1577. A practicing lawyer, he traveled across Europe as a tutor to aristocrats but then started defending the poor. In 1612, he

became a Franciscan Capuchin monk, taking the name of Fidelis. A missionary to the Calvinists in Switzerland, Fidelis was stabbed to death. He was canonized by Pope Benedict 14th 1746.

25th St. Mark Was closely connected with the preaching of Sts Peter, Paul and Barnabas. His Gospel was probably written in Rome when he was with Paul, and is traditionally viewed as representing St. Peter's approach to the preaching of the good news. Later tradition has him as an interpreter for St. Peter. His symbol is a winged lion.



27th April St. Asicus Was St. Patrick's expert craftsman in metal work and accompanied him on his journeys. He was left in charge of the church in Elphin with Patrick is said to have founded.

28th April St. Peter Chanel Born in France, 1803, joined the Marists. He worked on the island of Futuna, Oceania, where he was clubbed to death for baptising the chief's son.

28th April St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort. 1673—1716

As a young priest discovered his true vocation preaching missions. Most important was the spirit of prayer which he instilled especially with the recitation of the rosary. A few years before his death, Louis gathered together a few priests who became the first members of his Company of Mary. He died at Saint-Laurent-sur-Sevre on April 28, 1716.



29th April St Catherine of Sienna Born to a large family in northern Italy, St.

Catherine started having mystical experiences when she was only 6, seeing guardian angels as clearly as the people they protected. She became a member of the Dominican third order when she was 16, and continued to have visions of Christ, Mary, and the saints. St. Catherine was one of the most brilliant theological minds of her day, although she never had any formal education. She persuaded the Pope to go back to Rome from Avignon, in 1377, and when she died she was endeavoring to heal the Great Western Schism. In 1375 Our Lord give her the Stigmata, which was visible only after her death. One of her written works treatises called "a dialogue" are considered among the most brilliant writings in the history of the Catholic Church. She died when she was only 33, and her body was found incorrupt in 1430.



30th April. St. Pius V, pope. 1504—1572

Dominican, who implemented the Tridentine decrees. He formed the Catholic League which defeated the Turks at Lepanto

First Communion

Dates

2021

Kiltiernan NS 25th Sept

Bally Glass NS 11th Sept

Ardrahan NS 18th Sept

Kilchreest NS 2nd October

Confirmation

Dates

2021

Kiltiernan NS 7th Aug 11am

Bally Glass NS 7th Aug 2pm

Ardrahan NS 21st Aug 11am

Kilchreest NS 14th Aug 11am

Saint Joseph suggests to us *three key words* for each individual's vocation. The first is *dream*. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. If we were to ask people to express in one word their life's dream, it would not be difficult to imagine the answer: "to be loved". It is love that gives meaning to life, because it reveals life's mystery. Indeed, we only *have* life if we *give* it; we truly possess it only if we generously give it away.

A second word marks the journey of Saint Joseph and that of vocation: *service*. The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself. By freeing love from all possessiveness, he became open to an even more fruitful service. His loving care has spanned generations; his attentive guardianship has made him patron of the Church. As one who knew how to embody the meaning of self-giving in life, Joseph is also the patron of a happy death.

The third characteristic of Saint Joseph's daily life and our Christian vocation, namely *fidelity*. 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 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. This fidelity is the secret of joy the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbour