

**St. Mary's Cathedral**  
**30th April 2023**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

**Please remember the following in your prayers**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Sharon Dwyer, Garden Row  
Margaret Hennessy, Bishop Birch Place  
Michael Hogan, Shellumsrath  
Matthew (Matty) Brennan, Wallslough  
Molly Hennessy, Castlecomer Road.  
Eileen Garvey, UK

**MONTHS MIND**

5.30pm Sr. Veronica Doran, Presentation Convent.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

11.00am Birdie and Ralph Kavanagh, St. Francis Tce  
Denis Doherty, Jim and Betty Doheny, Michael Kenny.

**NEXT WEEKS ANNIVERSARIES**

11.00am Margaret Hayes, James's Green  
5.30pm Tom Byrne, Dean Cavanagh Place  
Maurice and Margaret Wall, DeLoughry Place.

**PARISH OFFICE**

The parish office is open Tuesday and Friday 9.30am to 1.00pm

**CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP**

The Shop is open Tuesday through Friday, 9.30am – 5pm.  
Gifts for Weddings and Holy Communion are available;  
wide choice of bibles in stock.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The SVP will hold their monthly collection today after all Masses. Your support is appreciated.

**TROCAIRE - WORKING FOR A JUST WORLD**

Please return Trocaire Boxes at this time.

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**FRIST HOLY COMMUNION 2023**

We will celebrate First Holy Communion for Mother of Fair Love School on Friday. Please pray for Ella, Leo, Mason and Johnny who will receive their first Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion will take place for CBS and Presentation Primary School on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please remember the boys and girls in your prayers.

**DIOCESAN DRAW**

Congratulations to all who were winners in the April draw which took place last Wednesday evening in the Chapter House. Thanks to all who continue to support the draw and those who are promoters in our own parish and right around the diocese.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE FROM CORK**

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from May 31st to June 7th 2023; the spiritual director is Fr. Ted Sheehan. Cost per person sharing is €849.00 half board staying in Hotel Leone. 6 places still available. Please contact Sean O'Shaughnessy on 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours on 012410800.

**The Totus Tuus Conference**

The Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023 will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland this coming Saturday May 6th from 2pm. Speakers include Siobhán Dunniece, Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins. You can follow the conference by going online at [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) or by downloading the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet or listening live via Facebook or listening live your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

**SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH**

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**VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2023**

Vocation Sunday was established by Pope Paul VI in 1964 and seeks to assist the members of the People of God, as individuals and as communities, to respond to the call and mission that the Lord entrusts to each of us in today's world, amid its afflictions and its hopes, its challenges and its achievements.

Pope Francis asks us this year, in our reflection and prayer, to take as our guide the theme "Vocation: Grace and Mission". This Day is a precious opportunity for recalling with wonder that the Lord's call is grace, complete gift, and at the same time a commitment to bring the Gospel to others.

Pope Francis, in the Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, spoke to every baptized person, saying, "You need to see the entirety of your life as a mission" (No. 23). Yes, because each and every one of us is able to say: "I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273). Our shared mission as Christians is to bear joyful witness wherever we find ourselves. That mission finds expression in works of material and spiritual mercy, in a welcoming and gentle way of life that reflects closeness, compassion and tenderness, in contrast to the culture of waste and indifference. By being a neighbour, like the Good Samaritan (cf. *Lk* 10:25-37), we come to understand the heart of our Christian vocation: to imitate Jesus Christ, who came to serve, not to be served (cf. *Mk* 10:45).

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

O Jesus, divine Shepherd of souls,  
you called the apostles and made them fishers of men.  
Continue to draw to yourself ardent and generous  
souls from among the young,  
in order to make them your followers and your  
ministers.  
Give them a share in your thirst  
for the redemption of all...  
Open before them the horizons of the entire world...  
By responding to your call, may they prolong your  
mission here on earth,  
build up your Mystical Body which is the Church,  
and be 'the salt of the earth'  
and 'the light of the world' (*Mt* 5:13)".