

Nenagh Parish News

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The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees & other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father. In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

Mass Times

St Mary of the Rosary

Weekend Masses:

Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion | Saturday 10am
Saturday Vigil Mass | 6.15pm
Sunday 8am | 12 noon | 6pm

Weekday Masses

8am | 11am

Adoration | Weekdays 5-7pm

Confessions | Sat after Liturgy

Parish Radio: 106.2FM

St John the Baptist, Tyone

Saturday | 7.30pm

Sunday | 10.30am

Polish Mass | 2nd & 4th Sunday Each Month
| 1pm

*I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock,
and one shepherd.*

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer For ...our troubled world

Lord, We join our hearts to you, for it's you who goes before us, amongst the troubles, within the grief and brokenness of conflict.

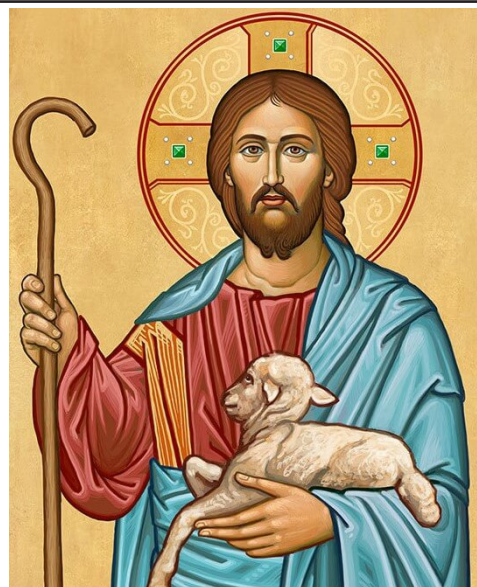
We join our hearts to you, for it's you who walks besides the widow, the orphan, the poor and hopeless.

We join our hearts to you, for it's you who is beneath us, carrying the wounded, the homeless, the outcasts and the dying.

We join our hearts to you, for it's you who reigns above, who sees the Earth filled with love and beauty, yet a world shrouded in darkness.

We join our hearts to you, for our prayers are yours, prayers for this land to be clothed in the saving grace which flows from Calvary.

We join our hearts to you, for we long to be your hands, your feet, your voice and your love to the world. **Amen.**



Sacrament of Reconciliation

CBS - 22 April

Gaelscoil - 23 April

St. Mary's Primary School - 24 April

Nenagh Community National School (ETB) - 25 April (7pm)

Venue - St. Mary of the Rosary @1.30 on each of the days unless otherwise indicated

Odhrán Pastoral Choir

Odhrán Pastoral Choir invites all parish choir members, both singers and musicians to come together next Wednesday 24th April @ 7.30pm in St John the Baptist meeting room to continue singing and praising God. The aim is to meet monthly and sing in St Mary of the Rosary Church on a regular basis.

Vocations Sunday .. Good Shepherd Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter ... April 21st 2024

Lord, the ministry of priests confirms your unfailing care for your people. Call from among us the priests and religious needed for your church of today and tomorrow.

Bless all those who are discerning a vocation to priestly or religious life and bless all those who minister in your church in any way.

www.killaloediocese.ie email: vocations@killaloediocese.ie

Vocations Director for the Diocese of Killaoe: Fr Ignatius McCormack

Those We Remember | Sat 20 - Sun 28 April St Mary of the Rosary

Sat 20th 6.15pm
Sun 21st 8am
Sun 21st 12noon

Seán O Morónagh (1st A)
Tony Geraghty (A)
Jack White (A)
Gerry McLoughlin (A)
Maureen & Christy O'Brien (As)
Liam & Olive Kinsella & deceased family members (As)
Peter Hogan (A)
Mary O'Brien (A)
Dariusz Leszczynski & Lukasz Koniuszek (As)
Maeve O'Donoghue (A)
Anna Wade (A)
Deceased members of the Mackey & Ryan Families
Sean McKenna (A)
Jack Looney (1st A)
Sean English (A)
Peg Power (A)
Baby David Grace Donnellan (A)
Paddy & Chrissy Fagan & their baby daughter Christine (As)
Mary J Grace (A)
Billy Devereux (A)
Mary Quigley (A) & deceased members of the Kelly & Quigley Families
Nancy & Joe McGrath (As) & deceased family members
Bridget Nolan (A)
Anne Gilmour (A)

Sun 21st 6pm

Wed 24th 11am

Fri 26th 11am
Sat 27th 6.15pm

Sun 28th 12noon

Sun 28th 6pm

St John the Baptist

Sat 20th 7.30pm James (Jimmy) Fitzpatrick (A)
Sun 21st 10.30am Joseph Dervan (A)
Ester Ryan (MM)
John Quigley (MM)
Harr & Catherine Durkan (As)
Sat 27th 7.30pm Nancy Murphy (MM)
Bridget & John Fogarty (As)
Tim Hoare (A)

Our Faithful Departed

Baby Patrick Ray-Forde
Margaret (Peggy) Nagle

May They Rest In Peace. Amen

Readers | 27-28 April 2024

6.15pm Peggy Shoer
7.30pm Patricia Ryan
8am Helena O'Gorman
10.30am Patricia Fitzgerald
12noon Adrian McIntyre
6pm Delsey Pauly

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