

In the Gospel of Matthew, we encounter a profound moment where Jesus asks his disciples a critical question: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" (Matthew 16:13). The disciples share various opinions circulating among the people: "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." However, Jesus then poses a more intimate question to his closest followers, the one that resonates deeply with each one of us today: "But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15)

In this simple yet profound inquiry, we find an invitation to reflect on our own personal relationship with Christ. Who is Jesus to us? How does he feature in our lives, in our joys, struggles, and everyday experiences?

Each one of us has a unique story of encountering Jesus in our lives. For some, it may be through the witness of a loving family member or a compassionate friend. For others, it may come through the beauty of nature, a moment of profound stillness, or a powerful moment of prayer.

Our journey with Christ is a tapestry of experiences, challenges, and graces woven together. As we grapple with life's complexities and uncertainties, we find comfort in knowing that Jesus walks with us every step of the way. In our diverse encounters with Christ, we discover different facets of his personality and teachings. He is the healer who mends our brokenness, the teacher who imparts wisdom, the savior who redeems us, and the friend who never abandons us.

The encounter with Christ transforms lives. Through the sacraments, the word, and the community of believers, individuals encounter the living God and find solace, purpose, and belonging.

As we reflect on this gospel passage, let us take a moment to ponder our response to Jesus' question. Who is Christ in our lives? How has he made a difference in our journeys? May we embrace this ongoing encounter with Jesus, allowing his love to shape and guide us as we strive to be his faithful disciples, witnessing his love to the world.

St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra

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Sunday 27th 11am Month's mem. Stephen Shannon Drumkilrooske, Molly and Ciaran Shannon / Michael Mc Govern Rail.Rd. Brigid, Hugh Fitzpatrick, and family Pat, John Gertie, Maura Phyllis

Monday 28th 7pm Evening Mass **Wednesday 30th** 9am Morning Mass

Friday Sept. 1st 7pm Anniv. Stephen Tully Coragh / Katie, Tommy, Mickey, Owen, Paddy, Marie O Reilly Feugh Milltown

Sunday Sept. 3rd 11am Anniv. Tommy and Teresa Mc Dermott, Anna May and Vincent Crowe / Annie and Matt Reilly Cordalea

Collection Aug. 20th €1,083

Please remember in prayer, Brenda Hunt Castleknock Dublin who died during the week, husband of Aine Dolan.

Sacred Heart Church Arva

Sunday 27th 10am Anniv. Charles and Anne Cullen, Mona and Carmel Cullen Gartylough

Friday Sept. 1st 10am Morning Mass

Sunday Sept. 3rd 10am Anniv. Kathleen and Gerry Ellis and dec. family

Collection Aug. 20th €755

Special 7pm evening mass - Sacred Heart Church Arvagh - 26/08/2023

Moyne C.S. - Class of 1993 to 1998 the 25th anniversary reunion remembrance mass especially for deceased classmates: Sean Mulligan, Crott, Moyne; Martin McKiernan, Aughagreagh; Bernice Treacy (Nee Martin), Corrinagh, Moyne; and Enda Walsh, Cordownan, Arvagh. Always remembered fondly. RIP.

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea

Saturday 26th 7.30pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday 29th 10am St. John the Baptist

Sat. Sept 2nd 7.30pm Vigil anniv. John Mc Kiernan Drumkeeran / Gerry Leddy Gurteen Arva

Collection Aug. 19th €165

Secretary Bridie Finlay 049-4334179 Monday to Wednesday 1.30 to 3.30pm killeshandra@kilmorediocese.ie

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A warm welcome to Fr. Andrew Tully our new Parish whose appointment begins on Friday Sept. 1st. We wish him God's blessing as leader in Faith with Fr. Oliver, to the united communities of Killeshandra, Arva and Coronea.

The pastoral team together with our extended parish committees would like to express our sincere thanks to Fr Charlie for his hard work and dedication over the past four years. In a relatively short period of time, he has become an integral part of our community and particularly admired by our younger generation for his continued work across our Parish schools. Whilst we would like to recognize and acknowledge his valued term with us here in Killeshandra Parish with a small presentation or farewell function, Fr Charlie has politely declined.

With that, we respect his decision and wish him the very best in his new position in the Parish of Knockbride.

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