

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter 21st April 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocation Sunday

Sunday Reflection – Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd'

A famous singer on tour was invited by an old man to sing the well-known psalm 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. He agreed on condition that the old man would sing it afterwards. Both sang it well. "The difference between us", the singer confessed afterwards, "is that I know the song but you know the Shepherd. I sang from my head but you sang from both head and heart". To truly know and love Jesus means that we reflect his presence in our words and actions like the old man. How this may come about is described by the poet Longfellow in the following lines:

*The heights which great men reach were not attained by sudden flight;
but they, while their neighbours slept, were toiling upward in the night*

Brokenness

Our brokenness is the wound through which the full power of God can penetrate our being and transfigure us in God. Loneliness is not something from which we must flee but the place from where we can cry out to God, where God, our Shepherd, will find us and we will find God. Yes, through our wounds the power of God can penetrate us and become like rivers of living water to irrigate the arid earth within us. Thus, we may irrigate the earth of others, so that hope and love are reborn.

Collection to support the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place after Holy Communion at all Masses next weekend, Saturday 27th April in Coronea and Sunday 28th April in Arva and Killeshandra. Please support.

Holy Family School Annual Church Gate Collection takes place on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April in all Church areas.

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Sunday 21st April 11am. **4th Anniv.** Teresa McDermott, Dernacross. **3rd Anniv.** Tommy Gormley, Drumrooske and formerly Ballyjamesduff and also the deceased members of the Mulligan family.

Monday 22nd April no Mass.

Wednesday 24th April Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 9pm.

Friday 26th April 10am – no evening Mass.

Sunday 28th April 11am. **Anniv.** Peadar McSherry, Drumambry and deceased members of the McSherry family, Lahard. **Anniv.** John Joe and Maura Braiden, Snakeel.

Offertory Collection: 14th April - €1,061. **Trocaire Collection to date:** €3,504.

Killeshandra Tidy Towns Spring Clean on Saturday, April 27th We need your help to get the town looking its best!!!

Assemble at KCC Resource Centre at 11am. Litter pickers, gloves etc provided. Thank you.

Scoil Bhríde Clothes Collection: Thanks for the generous response to our clothes collection on Tuesday last. It is very much appreciated.

Sacred Heart Church Arva

Sunday 21st April 10am. **3rd Anniv.** Hugh Hourican, Woodlands, Arva.
Anniv. Padraig O'Reilly, Lacken Lower and Castlepoles.

Friday 26th April 10am.

Sunday 28th April 10am.

Readers: Sunday 21st April: Shane Dobson. **Sunday 28th April:** Eva Brady.

Offertory Collection: 14th April – €685.90. **St Patrick's Day Collection to date - €328. Trocaire Collection to date:** €1,820.

Children's Rosary- Sacred Heart Church Arva at 6pm on Monday 22nd April. All age groups welcome.

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea

Saturday 20th April 7.30pm.

Tuesday 23rd April 10am.

Saturday 27th April 7.30pm.

Offertory Collections: 13th April - €139.50. **Trocaire Collection to date:** €605. **St Patrick's Day Collection to date - €179.50.**

Prayer for Favourable Weather: God our Father, we turn to you, the source of all goodness and grace. We come before you with humble hearts, seeking your divine intervention in the rhythm of the seasons.

Bless us with the favourable weather which we so badly need at this time, especially for our farming community and all others whose livelihoods depend on it. Grant them strength and perseverance in their work. In their labour may they find solace and fulfilment, knowing that their efforts contribute to the well-being of our communities. Bless them with resilience in the face of challenges and grant them moments of peace amidst the storms of life. Help us, as faith communities, to support and uplift them, recognising the vital role they play in sustaining life. Guide us, Lord, to be mindful stewards of the earth and compassionate neighbours to those who cultivate it. May your loving presence be a beacon of hope and strength for all. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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