

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Responsorial Psalm – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 22nd At the end of our earthly life we will be judged on how we have lived and acted. At the end of time the kingdom of God will be established through the saving work of Christ. Then the Shepherd-King will come to judge how we have loved. Our lives are to be characterised by a love that welcomes Christ in those most in need, and by joyful expectation of his glorious coming.

Monday 23rd St Columban (Columbanus) (543-615), a monk of the monastery of Bangor who left the monastery 'to go on pilgrimage for Christ'. Remembered as one of the greatest of Irish missionary monks. He preached the Gospel on mainland Europe, in parts of what is now France, Switzerland, Austria and Northern Italy, where he established several monasteries and centres of learning.

Mass at 10am for First Anniversary of Anthony McElhinney.

Tuesday 24th St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions. Many Christians suffered martyrdom in Vietnam in the 17-19th centuries.

Wednesday 25th St Colman, bishop. Born around 530, probably in west Cork. A bard by profession, he became a priest, working in east Cork and establishing his main foundation at Cloyne.

St Catherine of Alexandria. Martyred in 310 in Alexandria; her body is venerated at the monastery on Mount Sinai.

Friday 27th St Fergal (Virgil). An Irishman, who lived first in France and then in Bavaria, before becoming bishop of Salzburg around 745. He died in 784, leaving a reputation for learning and holiness.

Sunday 29th First Anniversary Mass for Edna Reynolds at 10am.

Moville Parish

St. Pius X, Moville

St. Mary's, Ballybrack

St. Columba's, Ballinacrae

St Joseph's Oratory, Shrove

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And
He
Shall
Reign



Christ, our King

Forever
And
Ever

ADVENT IS COMING

Next weekend sees the beginning of Advent 2020. We'll have just under four weeks to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

How can we best prepare? Fasting, Penance and Prayer, especially family prayer, would be three excellent ways to do so. Since we still don't have public Masses, why not follow Mass here in our own parish via the parish webcam. There's Mass every day, and on the Sundays of Advent there'll be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, from 2:30-5:30pm (this will be extended until 6:30pm on Sunday 13 December).

The Church will celebrate Christmas, come what may. Let's all be part of the preparations.

Sympathy ~ We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Christy McLaughlin, St Paul's Park who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Mass this week: every day (except Saturday) at 10am.

Service of Holy Communion for those who cannot yet come/return to Mass, in St. Pius X Church, Merville, on Wednesday, from 3 – 4pm.

Last week's collection amounted to €1412. **Thank you** to all those who leave their contributions at the Parochial House, and to those who have begun to contribute by direct debit or bank transfer. **Your generosity is much appreciated.**

For the next five Sundays, beginning 22 November, the diocese will be promoting prayer for Vocations. There will be a **vocation-themed time of prayer**, beginning at 6pm, streamed from the churches where they take place, and broadcast on the diocesan website. The first will take place today, 22 November, in Holy Family Church, Derry, and will be led by Fr Chris Ferguson, Diocesan Director for Vocations.

A prayer for vocations: For a deeper understanding among those discerning their vocation that the One who calls them is Jesus Christ the King. We pray to the Lord.

Messengers are available in the porch of the Parochial House. If you have not already done so, please give me the number you need for next year before the end of the week.

Chiropodist, Deirdre Britton, will be in Serenity House on Friday 27 November. To make an appointment, call 0860666538 or 0749360363.

Greencastle Community Centre: (9381054) or info@greencastlecentre.ie
North Star SLT, support for speech, language and communication skills. Contact Caitriona on 0863616878. **Corecare Counselling** – supporting individuals, call 0852458535. **Upcoming online courses** – Healing Art; Webdesign for new businesses; CBT. All other courses are postponed.

The **Christmas Tree** in the Square will be lit up virtually on Sunday 29 November at 5pm. **Please do not come to the square** for the light up but watch it on line instead. The committee will be dropping their Santa parcels to the local schools and Santa has told us he'll be coming to Merville on Christmas Eve to drop his presents off to all the boys and girls and he's looking forward to see our tree and lights. Donations may be made on line or left at the Post Office in Merville. To see the light up and make donations, visit the Merville Christmas Tree Facebook page and follow the directions.

Mini Advent Retreat on Zoom – The Hook of Faith presents a three session virtual Advent Retreat with Fr Billy Swan from Tuesday 1 to Thursday 3 December from 8 to 9pm exploring the themes of faith, hope and love. To take part, email thehookoffaith@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link. All welcome.

Children in Crossfire's 2020 Advent Appeal boxes will be available in Church porches from next week. This year's campaign focus is on building hand washing and sanitation facilities for 700 schools in Tanzania, which will help keep up to 80,000 children each year safe from disease.

The **parish webcam** suffered a technical malfunction at the start of the week just past. Apologies for any inconvenience caused by something which was beyond our control. The technician called on Wednesday and solved the problem. Please God, it's working perfectly again.