

Vocations Sunday

Responsorial Psalm

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 25th This is **Good Shepherd Sunday**, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. There is an enduring command of Christ to his Church to go out and preach to all people. There is need for people of faith to respond to that command, people who are prepared to dedicate their lives to this work for the sake of the Gospel.

Tuesday 27th St Asicus was St Patrick's expert craftsman in metal work and accompanied him on his journeys. He was left in charge of the church in Elphin which Patrick is said to have founded.

Holy Communion will be distributed in St Pius X Church, Merville, from 3 – 4pm.

Wednesday 28th St Peter Chanel (1803-1841) is honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania.

St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort (1673-1716) was a priest whose calling was to preach missions and to care for the sick and the poor. He strongly promoted the praying of the rosary.

Thursday 29th St Catherine of Siena (1347-80) is remembered for her devotion to the church, as a peace-maker, a mystic and a reformer of religious life. Proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1970 and a Patron of Europe in 2000.

Friday 30th St Pius V (1504-72), who implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent. The missal that he published in 1570 continued in use for four hundred years, until the reform of the Second Vatican Council.

Mass this week: Sunday – Friday, 10am. Saturday, 7pm

The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited in St. Pius X Church, Merville, at 7.30 pm every day, from Sunday – Friday. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Monday, 2-9pm; Wednesday, 6-9pm.

Mass, The Rosary, and Adoration may be followed on the parish webcam.



The Parish of Movice

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Celebrating Mary in the Month of May.

May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are encouraged to honour Mary in different ways. To help parishes, families and schools to do this, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a number of resources including prayers, Gospel reflections, colouring and craft activities, examples of May Altars and ideas on how to pray the Rosary. These resources are available online at: catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially in our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, speak to Fr Pat or to the Diocesan Vocations Director (Fr Chris Ferguson - +447973421352) or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

If you'd like to receive a copy of the **parish newsletter** by email, please send an email to: movillebulletin@gmail.com The newsletter will be sent out securely, giving no one else access to your email address, in accordance with GDPR.

We offer our **sympathy** to the families and friends of John McDermott, Glengad, John Dockery, Gulladuff and Betty Counihan, née Dockery, Kildare who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Thank you for your generous financial support to the parish in the past week, which amounted to €1112.

Other recent collections:-Trócaire €12975 and £370; Children in Crossfire €2064 and £275 and Clerical Education €1228.

Chiropodist, Deirdre Britton, will be in Serenity House on Friday 30 April from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm, by appointment only. Call 0860666538 / 9360363.

The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the **Masters in Catholic School Leadership**. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The next intake will be Autumn 2021. An information session via ZOOM will be held on Monday 7 June at 3.30pm. If you are interested in attending this session or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

The parish office (Telephone 0899798562) is now located in what was Fr McGoldrick's house. Normal office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 10am – 2pm. During “lockdown” the times may change. If the office door is closed (or if there's no answer on the phone) please call to the parochial house.

Greencastle Community Centre (9381054); info@greencastlecentre.ie / Facebook / Twitter. The AGM will be held via Zoom on Monday 17 May at 7.30pm. The new six week courses will include: Gardening; Introduction to Zumba; Singing for Wellness.

Invitation to respond - Diocese of Derry Environmental Strategy

The Diocese of Derry has launched a consultative plan about climate change and the environment and is inviting everyone within the Diocese to read, engage and respond to it. The plan identifies actions and behaviours that support rather than destroy the environment. The suggestions cover such areas as land, buildings, energy, food, travel and waste.

A draft of the Environmental Strategy has been posted on the Derry Diocesan website, to view and/or download:

<https://www.derrydiocese.org/diocese/environmental-strategy>. Every attempt has been made to make the Strategy both comprehensive and practical so as to suit each parish's particular situation. In order to ensure that it is as helpful as possible to your various parish communities however, we would appreciate any constructive feedback on it that you may have to give. We ask if you could:

Read the draft Strategy document and give feedback on aspects that you feel could be supplemented/improved.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, 31 May 2021 Submit your comments, questions and suggestions to Patricia McCormack by:

Email: laudatosiderry@gmail.com

Telephone/text: 077 1190 0420

Facebook: Laudatosiderry

Centenary Celebrations for the Legion of Mary: As part of the centenary celebrations for the Legion of Mary, there will be a Mass, live-streamed (<http://melmountparish.com/sionwebcam.html>) from St. Theresa's Church, Sion Mills, on Wednesday 28 April, at 7pm, the Feast of Louis Marie de Montfort, who had such a major influence on Frank Duff that gave him the inspiration to set up the Legion of Mary on 9 September 1921. You are invited to participate in this Mass, the Rosary and Legion of Mary Prayers.