

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 31st January: A prophet speaks on behalf of God. It is God's word that Moses speaks, and Jesus can speak with authority because he is sent by God. The teaching Church speaks with authority because it continues the work of Christ; it has a prophetic role in the world. All the activities and charisms of the members come together to assist the teaching work of the whole Church.

Monday 1st February: St Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland, known as Mary of the Gael. She founded a monastery in Kildare and is renowned for her generosity and care of the sick. She died in 524. **Crosses** will be blessed at the 10am Mass, which will mark the **First Anniversary of Marmie Gillespie**.

Tuesday 2nd February: The Presentation of the Lord. This feast is a combined remembrance of Son and Mother. With Simeon, the Christian people acclaim Christ as a light to reveal God to the nations. And so they must learn to walk as children of the light in every aspect of their lives, so as to show the light of Christ to all. Candles will be blessed at Mass today. Today is a Day of Prayer for those in **Consecrated Life**.

Wednesday 3rd February: St Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, who was martyred about 315. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. The **Blessing of Throats** will be given at Mass today.

Friday 5th February: St Agatha, martyred in Sicily in the third century.

Saturday 6th February: First Anniversary Mass for Willie Doherty, Leitir, Culdaff, at 7pm.

The parish of Movice

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In his recent Apostolic Letter *“Patris Corde”* (With a father’s heart) Pope Francis tells us that Sts Matthew and Luke, the two evangelists who speak most of St Joseph, tell us very little, but enough to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission which God, in his love and mercy, entrusted to him. He was a carpenter who was engaged to be married to Mary. A just man, a man of faith who was ready to carry out God’s will as it was revealed to him in the Jewish Scriptures and in the ways in which God spoke to him in a number of dreams. He was present at the birth of Jesus, and was there when the Shepherds and Wise Men came to adore the new-born King as the representatives of the people of Israel and the people of the rest of the world. At the Presentation, which we celebrate on 2 February, Joseph heard Simeon’s prophecies about Jesus and Mary. Joseph took them both to safety in Egypt, and then home to Nazareth. Some years later, when they were returning from a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, having lost Jesus for a few days, he and Mary found him in the Temple, talking with the doctors of the Law. Jesus went home with them, and remained there until he began his public ministry.

Thank you for your generous financial support to the parish in the past week, which amounted to €1,460.

The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited in St. Pius X Church, Movice, at 7.30 pm every day, from Sunday – Friday, and can be followed on the webcam.

On the First Friday of the month, there will be **an hour of spiritual music** broadcast on the parish webcam, from 8 – 9pm.

A prayer for Vocations: That all those discerning or pursuing a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf. We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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Greencastle Community Centre (9381054). The offices are closed to the public, but work is still going on behind the scenes. ETB courses are up and running online. CBT for Self-Esteem on Wednesdays at 7pm. Healing Art Class on Thursdays at 7pm. info@greencastlecentre.ie / Facebook / Twitter.

The local branches of the **St Vincent de Paul Society** are very grateful to all those who supported their annual collections around the Christmas period. If in need, please contact the Society for help.

The third in the series of the **First Five Saturday Devotions**, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, will take place in St. Pius X Church, Movice, on Saturday 6 February, commencing with the Angelus at noon, the Rosary at 12.05pm, 1pm and 2pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3pm. The Devotions will be broadcast on the parish webcam.

Mass this week: every morning (except Saturday) at 10am. The Vigil Mass for Sunday will be celebrated at 7pm on Saturday. For the present, our churches are open for private prayer only. Mass may be viewed via the parish webcam.

Wednesday 3 February is our next parish day of prayer as part of the worldwide **Movement of Prayer for Marriage and Family Life**. This month, which includes St Valentine's Day, we're invited to pray for all couples, particularly those preparing for marriage in the coming months, and for married couples who may be experiencing some difficulties in their relationship.

ACCORD (Catholic Marriage Care Service) is supported by TUSLA, the Child and Family Agency, offers support and hope to individuals, couples and their families where relationships are experiencing tension, anxiety and stress. The key message of their new advertising campaign – across digital platforms, social media, local newspapers and radio – is “**If you can't talk to each other, talk to Accord.**” See www.accord.ie for more information.

The Irish Chaplaincy in London will host a ‘**Fireside Gathering**’ concert live on Facebook on Friday 5 February at 7.30pm. The hope is that this event will raise spirits at what has been a challenging time for many, and is one of the ways the Chaplaincy is reaching out to some of those most affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, particularly prisoners. For further information on the concert and about the Chaplaincy and its work among Irish immigrants living in the London area, see www.irishchaplaincy.org.uk

Scoil Eoghain, Movice / Scoil Cholmcille, Greencastle: Application for Enrolment forms will be available from 1 February 2021 for any parent/guardian who hopes to enrol a child in September 2021. Forms can be downloaded from www.scoileoghain.ie / www.scoilcholmcille.ie or posted out on request (Tel. 074 - 9382951 / 9381201) or email: scoileoghain@gmail.com / scoilcholmcille86@gmail.com Forms must be fully completed and should be returned **by post** to the relevant school office, along with a copy of the child's Birth Certificate, before 3pm on Friday 26 February 2021.

The parish office 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.

The **Parish Draw** for February will take place on Monday morning.