

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

**Our Church from 1950  
Our Parish from 1964**



**Parish Newsletter  
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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

### **Good Shepherd Sunday**

For years, we prayed for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Nowadays, we recognise the vocation of every Christian to be the light of Christ.

Jesus announced that his mission would be the kingdom or reign of God in the world. His taskforce would be the assembly of followers, later called the Church. In a vastly changed world, the Church of tomorrow will not be the same as the Church of the past.

Jesus once described the kingdom of God as a hidden treasure. The treasure too long hidden is the grace of baptism received by every Christian. It is a vocation, a call to bring the light of Christ to others. According to the late Pope Francis, Spirit filled evangelisers are what the Church needs today. "How I long to find the words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelisation full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction".

Pope Francis and now Pope Leo have asked the Church to engage in synodality, a method going back to the days of the apostles. A synod literally means walking together. It means discussing what needs to be changed but, above all, listening to the Holy Spirit. For many people, the Church is irrelevant, so they have walked away in another direction. But there is an emptiness in the jigsaw of the heart that only God can fill.

A renewed Church will be closer to the ideals of the Gospel. People will recognise Jesus as the keystone of life. Let us trust in the Holy Spirit who transformed the confused apostles into zealous missionaries.

[capuchinfranciscans.ie; from Intercom, April 2026]

### **Ministry to the Housebound**

We had an active Ministry to the Housebound for many years before Covid, when it was suspended. We brought the Holy Eucharist each Sunday to parishioners who were unable to get to church for Mass. Currently, those who are visited by a priest around the First Friday of each month, really would appreciate being able to receive Holy Communion more often.

We want to resume this service but, in order to do so, we need additional Ministers of the Eucharist. Would you like to support this initiative? Would you be prepared to get involved? If so, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.

### **Hospitality on Wednesdays**

All are invited for tea / coffee / chat in the Parish Centre after 10:00 am Mass on Wednesday.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

The monthly collection for the local conference of SVP will be taken up after each Mass next weekend, 2 / 3 May 2026. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

### **Parish Pastoral Council Report**

The PPC met on Tuesday 21 April. Canon Des thanked all those who volunteered to distribute the Easter Dues Envelopes to all the houses in the Parish. He said that every First Friday he visits many parishioners who are housebound but unfortunately there are times he may not get to visit everyone. He would like to see a return of The Ministry of the Housebound. Additional Ministers are needed. If you would like to volunteer for this Ministry, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy. It was agreed to hold the AGM of the Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday 26 May. Sunday 10 May is the date of the last Family Mass until September. We thank all those who help with the liturgy, music and the refreshments each month.

### **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The AGM of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 26 May. Further details will follow over the next few weeks.

### **Mass Intentions**

Sat 25 Apr	Salesian Class of 1976; prayers for deceased members and for teachers living and dead
Sat 25 Apr	12:00 Memorial Mass for the late Miriam Mehlin, née McCarthy (R.I.P.)
	18:00 Anne O'Connor (A)
Sun 26 Apr	10:00 <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>
	11:30 Mary Hogan (A); Tony Considine (A); Mary Martin (A); Paddy & Helen Keane (A); John & Gertie McCormack (A)
Mon 27 Apr	10:00 <i>Pro Popolo</i>
Tues 28 Apr	10:00 Michael Brennan (A); Austin Reid (Rec Dec)
Wed 29 Apr	10:00 Bridie & Joseph McNelis (A)
Thur 30 Apr	10:00 <i>Pope St. Pius V</i>
Fri 01 May	10:00 <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>
Sat 02 May	18:00 <i>Vigil Mass</i>
Sun 03 May	10:00 <i>Sunday Mass</i>
	11:30 <i>Sunday Mass</i>