

Come and See: The theme of vocation stands out in the biblical Readings of this Sunday-the Second in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel, there is the call to the first disciples by Jesus; in the First Reading is the call of the Prophet Samuel. In the forefront of both these accounts, is the importance of the figure who plays the role of mediator, helping people to recognize God's voice and to follow it. May we help others to see their call and in particular, help young men to be priests for Christ in our Diocese. Vocations Director: Fr Tony Gonoude 044-9373923

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place 18th - 25th Jan 2024

The theme for this year is 'Go and do likewise' which is based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. This parable is one of the best known passages of Scripture which never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. In choosing this passage of Scripture for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, all of us as 'the Church' are being challenged to stop and tend to the wounded and, in so doing, to recognise our own wounds as churches and as communities. [Ref: Dr Nicola Brady, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland]. For more information and resources: www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

Sunday 21st January 2024 - Word of God Sunday

Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (next Sunday) is to be the Sunday of the Word of God in his Apostolic Letter 'Aperuit illis' of 30 September 2019. Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis impresses on us that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians. The Scriptures are the written tradition of God's revelation to his people.

Bibles will be blessed during Mass next Saturday/Sunday, 20th/21st January to remind us about the importance of the Word of God in our lives. Please bring your Bibles for the blessing on Word of God Sunday.

The children of our parish who are preparing for First Confessions, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be invited through the schools to do some small project work and present it for Word of God Sunday. This makes a great start for Catholic Schools week which takes place from 21st - 27th January.

Diocesan Director of Faith Development

The Diocese is seeking to recruit for the role of Director of Faith Development in the Diocese of Meath. It is an exciting and challenging opportunity in the life and mission of the Diocese. The post holder will be required to lead and work under their own initiative as well as work as part of a team to develop and implement new approaches, resources and programmes to adult faith formation, sacramental preparation, and evangelisation in parishes across the diocese. The terms are based on a 5-year Fixed Term Contract, working 35 hrs per week, work pattern to be agreed. **Salary:** Will be considered within the range of €40,000-€42,500 gross per annum – commensurate upon experience & qualifications. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan Website at: www.dioceseofmeath.ie clicking on the tab **job vacancy** where terms, conditions & application form relating to the role can also be accessed. **Closing date 5pm on Fri 2nd February 2024**

Kildalkey Young@Heart Party, Castle Arch Hotel, Sun 21st Jan. Contact 087 -7708725 if you would like to attend.
Social Dancing Fri 19th Jan Ballivor Community Centre 9-11.30pm. Admission €10 includes supper.

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Ballivor & Kildalkey Parish

Sunday 14th January 2024

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Mass intentions for the week ahead...

Sat 6pm(K) 1st Anniv: Winnie Reynolds. Tommy McMahon & decs family.
Sat 7pm(B) Philip Quinn.
Sun 10am(K) Cecil Fitzgerald & Cathrine (Kitty) Kirke.
Sun 11.30am(B) Patrick & Patricia Clarke.
Mon 10am(K) Mass Card Intention
Tues 10am(B) Seán McGearty 90th birthday remembrance. Adoration until 2pm
Fri 10am (B) Mass Card Intention
Sat 6pm(K) 1st Anniv: Edward Dunne, parents James & Mary & decs family.
Sat 7pm(B) 1st Anniv: Bertie Cunningham. Ann McKeown
Sun 10am(K) Mary & Bernard Murtagh, decs family neighbours & friends.
Sun 11.30am(B) M.J. McGearty.



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of ...

Ann Bacon Earlsmeadow Ballivor, funeral in Clondalkin on Thursday
Seán Bagnall Athboy Rd. Ballivor, whose funeral took place on Thursday
Venus Yaqoob Pakistan, sister of Fr Amer who died on 2nd January
Tony Farrell Higginstown, father of Julie Conneely Kildalkey

First Confession at 7pm

Kildalkey on **Mon 26th** & Ballivor on **Tues 27th Feb**

Confirmation Fri 12th April at 3pm

in St Patrick's Church, Trim

First Holy Communion at 11am

Kildalkey on **Sat 11th May** & Ballivor on **Sat 18th May**



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

in St Columbanus' after 10am Mass on Tuesdays until 2pm. All welcome.

St Columbanus' Church

Ministers of the Word

Sat 13th:Sheena McMahon
Sun 14th:Sandra Clarke
Sat 20th:Kevin McKeon
Sun 21st:John Farrell

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 13th:Kathleen Faulkner
Sun 14th:Claire McLaughlin
Sat 20th:Diane O'Connor
Sun 21st:Marian Hoey

Music ministry in our parish:

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Teresa Carley
Sr Ciarán Egan
Ballivor
&
Ruth McMahon
Kildalkey

St Dympna's Church

Ministers of the Word

Sat 13th:Corona Corrigan
Sun 14th:Agata Kumorek
Sat 20th:Ed McMahon
Sun 21st:Marie Hayes

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 13th:Christina O'Neill
Sun 14th:Anna-May Potterton
Sat 20th:Noreen McAuley
Sun 21st:Teresa Potterton