

Parish of Keady, Derrynoose & Madden  
SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022, SIXTH Sunday of Easter

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**CHURCH NOTICES FROM Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**KEADY:**

Mass (Novena) Monday at 7pm

Mass Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10am

No Mass Thursday

**Eucharistic Adoration: Monday & Friday 3 -6 pm.**

**Please note there will be no Saturday adoration until further notice.**

Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm

Sunday at 11.30 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.45-6.15pm

**Sick & Housebound:** Will be visited by priest / deacon during the month.

**DERRYNOOSE**

Mass Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm with Adoration from 6pm

Mass Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 10am

**Sick & Housebound:** Canon will visit during the month

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Adoration will be held only when Thursday Mass follows (which is every 2 weeks)

**MADDEN**

**Mass Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm MM of Alphonsus Rafferty**

No Mass next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Sick & Housebound:** will be visited by priest / deacon during the month

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Adoration will be held only when Thursday Mass follows (which is every 2 weeks)

**LATELY DECEASED**

Liam McSorley – Armagh, Mick McGeown - Ballymacnab, John Toal, Patrick Gray, Sean Hatzer, Maria McShane, Alphonsus Rafferty, John McQuaid, Elaine Sheridan, Bernadine Humphreys, Paddy Maguire, Ann Shine.

**MONTHS MEMORY**

Maria McShane – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May -Keady 7pm

Patrick Gray Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Madden 7.30pm

Patrick Maguire Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Keady 6.30pm

**BLESSING OF GRAVES**

Madden Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm

Derrynoose Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 10am

Keady – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

**BAPTISM SCHEDULE: PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES**

St Mochua's Derrynoose: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm. No Baptisms in June.

St Joseph's Madden: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. No Baptisms in May.

St Patrick's Keady: every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 12.30pm.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Keady £1474.44 Derrynoose £661.01 Standing Orders £82.00

Paypal £26.92 Total £ 2244.37

**EDUCATION OF STUDENTS TO PRIESTHOOD COLLECTION**

Keady £ 919.26 Derrynoose £340.94 Total £1260.00

Sincere thanks to all who are supporting the parish.

**PARISH DRAW FOR MAY**

Will take place Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 2pm in Parish Office.

**TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS** from Clea P.S, ST Francis of Assisi

P.S. & Darkley P.S. will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 7-8 pm in St.

Patrick's Church, Keady. Contact Deacon Martin Barlow for further

information on 07765 405902

**OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS**

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Office will be closed Monday & Wednesday next week.

Opened Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

**PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA**

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Monday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation on 31 May 2022. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

**ARMAGH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE LOURDES 2022**

Pilgrimage will take place from 26<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Fare €670 Fare includes: Flights to and from Lourdes, Transfers to and from Airport in Lourdes. Full board in 4\* Hotel. Full pilgrimage programme. All airport taxes. Comprehensive Pilgrim Travel Insurance up to 85 years of age. €20 supplement for those aged 85+ Contact Cecilia Greene 07713617236

**ARMAGH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Bus leaving our parish. To book contact Parish office 02837531242.

Cost is £30 per person. Cost covers Bus Fare, Morning Tea with scone

& Evening Tea. Fare should be paid on Tuesday or Thursday of next week.

**Bus Leaves from The Old Northern Bank Keady at 8.30am Sharp.**

**DUBLIN DIRECT TO MOSTAR – MEDJUGORJE (RETURN VIA SPLIT)**

17th August - 24th August 2022- £615 7 nights half board

Accompanied by Fr John Mc Keever. For more information on joining the group please contact: Martin or Lucia Cunningham 02827531847 or 07926132847

**AN IRISH PILGRIMAGE GUIDE TO THE HOLY LAND** is a new book by Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper which explores the places associated with the life of Christ. Michael, who has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, says he hopes the book can also act as an 'armchair retreat' for people who cannot travel to the Holy Land bringing the Gospel to life for them. It is available now from all good bookshops and [www.columbabooks.com](http://www.columbabooks.com) price €16.99/£14.99

**INVITATION TO PIONEERS WHO ARE DUE JUBILARIAN PINS**

Members of the Pioneer Council invite any member of the Pioneer Association who wish to receive a 10 Year, Silver (25 years), Gold (50 Years), Diamond (60 Years) or Platinum (70 years) to give their name to any member of the Pioneer Council- contact details on the porch-noticeboard of the three Churches. Presentations will take place at 7pm Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in St Patrick's Church Keady

**ANAM CARA ARMAGH**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 25th May at 7:15pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh, BT601E. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 028 95213120 for any queries.

**FAMILY BINGO NIGHT** -Friday 27th May- St Patrick's Parochial Hall. 7pm £5 entry (£2.50 children). Over £500 cash prizes up for grabs. Raffle and Refreshments available. Organised by The Friends of Clea. All Welcome

**THE OAKS PAINTERS AND MAKERS EXHIBITION** Today Sunday 22nd May in Derrynoose Community Center from 2pm to 6pm. We will have a host of artists and crafters from all over the parish and a little further afield. Tea, coffee and tray bakes will be available. Please come and join us and support all your local artists and crafters. We have a wealth of talent all on our doorsteps. It will be a wonderful event.

**EMERGENCY CALLS** - As Fr McKeever is the only priest in active ministry in the parish, there will inevitably be times when there will be no priest in the parish available for sick calls. In case of emergency if there is no response from the parochial house or the parish office, please phone Armagh parish 37522802 or 37522813; Killcluney parish 37531641; or Middletown parish 37568406.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT (2)

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so  
prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

**Priest:** Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**People:** For we have sinned against you.

**Priest:** Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**People:** And grant us your salvation.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Christ, have mercy. **People:** Christ, have mercy.

**Priest:** Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer,  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 15:1-2; 22-29

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught  
the brothers, "Unless you have yourselves  
circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be  
saved." This led to disagreement, and after Paul and  
Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it  
was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of  
the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the  
problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose  
delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas;  
the whole church concurred with this. They chose  
Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading  
men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to  
take with them:

"The apostles and elders, your brothers, send  
greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch,  
Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members  
have disturbed you with their demands and have  
unsettled your minds. They acted without any  
authority from us, and so we have decided  
unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to  
you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect  
who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas  
and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we  
have written in this letter. It has been decided by the  
Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any  
burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain  
from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the  
meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid  
these, and you will do what is right. Farewell."

*The word of the Lord.*

**People:** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66

**[R]** Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**[1]** O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth.  
and all nations learn your saving help. .... **[R]**

**[2]** Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. .... **[R]**

**[3]** Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. .... **[R]**

SECOND READING Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23

*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse:*

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an  
enormous high mountain and showed me  
Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out  
of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and  
glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear  
diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and  
had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there  
was an angel, and over the gates were written the  
names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there  
were three gates, on the north three gates, on the  
south three gates, and on the west three gates. The  
city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each  
one of which bore the name of one of the twelve  
apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since  
the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were  
themselves the temple, and the city did not need the  
sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the  
radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted  
torch for it.

*The word of the Lord.*

**People:** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

(Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said:

"If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him." Alleluia!



GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:*

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and  
my Father will love him, and we shall come to  
him and make our home with him. Those who do  
not love me do not keep my words. And my word  
is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent  
me. I have said these things to you while still with  
you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the  
Father will send in my name, will teach you  
everything and remind you of all I have said to  
you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I  
give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is  
my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled  
or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away,  
and shall return. If you loved me you would have  
been glad to know that I am going to the Father,  
for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this  
now before it happens, so that when it does  
happen you may believe."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

(Sit)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Stand)

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*(At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow)*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

PREFACE DIALOGUE

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (2)

**Priest:** The Mystery of Faith.

**People:** When we eat this Bread  
and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb ...

**People:** Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you  
another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,  
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,  
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament  
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.



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Readings: Acts 15:1-2,22-29. Psalm 66, Revelation 21:10-14,22-  
23, John 14:23-29; Next Week: The Ascension.  
Sat 21 May Ss Christopher Magallanes & Co : Sun 22 May  
Easter 6 : Mon 23 May Weekday : Tue 24 May Weekday :  
Wed 25 May Bede the Venerable/Gregory VII/Magdalenae de  
Pazzi : Thu 26 May St Philip Neri : Fri 27 May St Augustine  
of Canterbury : Sat 28 May Weekday : Sun 29 May  
Ascension.



*The gospels tell us that, after  
his resurrection, Jesus spent  
forty days teaching his  
disciples, helping them to  
understand the world-  
shattering event that had  
happened. Having prepared  
them well, Jesus commissioned  
the apostles to ...*

*"go, make disciples of all  
nations" (Mt 28:19).*

*It soon became apparent  
however, that beyond  
Baptism, not every believer  
had the same understanding of  
what Jesus intended.*

*How would the emerging  
Church deal with questions  
that would inevitably arise  
concerning matters that Jesus  
had not personally addressed?*

*Today's reading from The Acts  
of the Apostles shows us how  
the church responded to this  
challenge ... they brought their  
questions to the Church in  
Jerusalem.*

Summary

*They brought their questions  
to the church in Jerusalem.*

*There have been twenty-one  
ecumenical councils, called to  
guide the faith of the disciples.*

Question

*Why did the Second Vatican  
Council feel the need to  
interpret the incarnation for  
the whole world?*

Prayer

*Lord, may the Church remain  
faithful to its own conciliar  
nature.*

# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Church; Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C; 22 May 2022



## Church Councils

In Jerusalem, the disciples first discussed  
the question of what was necessary to  
become a Christian. Their decision,  
guided by the Holy Spirit – whom Jesus  
had promised would lead then into all  
truth – was then communicated to the  
entire Church. At Antioch, where the  
question had first arisen, the disciples  
were "delighted with the encouragement it  
gave them" (Acts 15:31). They trusted the  
decision of the council of elders of the  
Jerusalem Church.

Setting the Precedent

This gathering in Jerusalem provided the  
paradigm for all subsequent  
development of the Church's teaching.  
Those who had authority in the Church  
gathered together in council, to consider,  
discuss, debate and decide on questions  
of doctrine, administration, discipline  
and other matters that affected the life of  
the Church. To date, there have been  
twenty-one ecumenical councils, called to  
guide the development of the faith of the  
disciples of Jesus.

Doctrinal Councils

The first eight councils of the Church took  
place in present-day Turkey between  
325AD and 870AD. The first four (Nicaea in  
325AD, Constantinople in 381AD,  
Ephesus in 431AD and Chalcedon in  
451AD) laid the foundations of the  
Church's understanding of the identity of  
Jesus and the Father. They explained the  
unique role of Jesus of Nazareth in history,  
and his relationship to God the Father.

Further Councils

Four councils were held at The Lateran  
in Rome, from 1123AD to 1215AD,  
followed by three councils in France  
between 1245AD and 1311AD. In

1414AD, a council took place in  
Constance in Northern Italy, and then the  
Fifth Lateran Council returned to Rome  
in 1512AD. This was followed in 1543AD  
by the Council of Trent, also in Northern  
Italy, which was called in response to the  
Reformation crisis. Of all the ecumenical  
councils, Trent lasted the longest  
(eighteen years) and issued the largest  
number of decrees.

Papal Infallibility

After a lapse of more than three hundred  
years without any further council, Pope  
Pius IX called the First Vatican Council.  
This met from December, 1869AD, until  
July, 1870AD. This council had 737  
delegates, mainly from Europe. It defined  
the infallibility of the pope when speaking  
as shepherd and teacher of all Christians,  
and where a doctrine is being declared  
concerning faith and morals to be held by  
the whole Church.

Pastoral Council

Jesus commissioned his followers to "go  
make disciples of all nations". The Second  
Vatican Council, convened by Pope John  
XXIII in 1962, demonstrated the success of  
that mission. It brought together 2,600  
bishops, representing the whole world.  
They came from Africa (296) Central  
America (84) Asia (374) Europe (1089)  
North America (404) South America (489)  
and Oceania (75) to continue the work of  
interpreting and explaining the meaning  
of the incarnation. This was not just for  
the people of first-century Palestine, but  
for the whole world.

Vatican II had observers from almost  
every major Christian church and, by the  
beginning of the fourth session, there  
were also 52 lay auditors – twenty nine  
men and twenty three women. ■