

Parish of Keady, Derrynoose and Madden
Sunday 18th June 2023 DAY FOR LIFE 2023

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CHURCH NOTICES

From Monday 19th June – Sunday 25th June 2023

KEADY

Monday: Novena Mass at 7pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Mass at 10am

No Mass Thursday.

Saturday Vigil: Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday Mass at 11.30am

Sunday 18th June – Blessing of Graves at 6pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 -6.15pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday & Friday 3-6pm in the main church

SICK & HOUSEBOUND – Will be visited during the month by Clergy & Lay Ministers of Holy Communion

DERRYNOOSE

Thursday 22nd June Blessing of Graves at 7pm

Sunday 25th June Mass at 10am

SICK & HOUSEBOUND – Will be visited by Canon Crawley during the month.

MADDEN

Thursday 22nd June - No Mass

Sunday 25th June – No Mass

SICK & HOUSEBOUND – Will be visited during the month by Clergy & Lay Ministers

LATELY DECEASED

Fr Owen O'Donnell PE, Joan McEntee, Anna Crozier, Michael Nugent, Shane Wright, Sr Elizabeth Mary (Fidelis) St. Clares Convent Newry, Martin McMeel, Margaret Murphy,

MONTHS MEMORY

Margaret Murphy – Monday 19th June at 7 pm, Keady

Anna Crozier – Sunday 2nd July at 11.30am, Keady

Joan McEntee – Sunday 9th July at 11.30am, Keady

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Keady, 18th June Sunday @ 6pm

Derrynoose, 22nd June Thursday @ 7pm

Blessing of the Graves in Keady

Today Sunday 18th June will be held at 6pm in the graveyard weather permitting.

If the weather changes (as forecasted) we will hold the Rosary in the Chapel.

DAY FOR LIFE 2023

Ireland, England, Wales and Scotland

Sunday 18th June 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for Life is celebrated this year on Sunday 18 June. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman in the aftermath of abortion. It tells of her journey towards healing. The hope is that this will help people to listen, to understand and to respond with compassion.

PAPAL MESSAGE FOR THE DAY FOR LIFE 2023

Pope Francis has kindly sent a message of encouragement for all who participate in the Day for Life. The message is as follows:

The Holy Father Francis was informed of the celebration of the 2023 Day for Life in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales under the theme "Listen to Her" and sends his greetings and good wishes to all the participants. In listening to Mary, our Mother, and following her example, he invites us to discover our personal call from God who is the source of our existence, reminding us that, "Each human being is called by God to enjoy the fullness of life; and, is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Every threat to human dignity and life cannot but have an effect on her heart, on her maternal 'womb'. To defend life is not an ideology for the Church. It is a reality; a human reality which involves all Christians, precisely because they are Christian and because they are human". (General Audience, 25 March 2020).

With these sentiments in mind, I assure all who participate in this year's Day for Life of Pope Francis' prayers, particularly for all expectant mothers and their families. Through the intercession of the Mother of God, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to all participants and invokes an abundance of Divine graces.

ANAM CARA ARMAGH. Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 28th June at 7:15pm in the Armagh City Hotel. 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.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH?

If you are interested, why not consider joining our Theology programme. The course takes two years with one night per week and two weekends over the academic year and is accredited by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Our Theology course will be continuing this year and starting on 12th September.

If you are interested and would like more information contact Milanda on 00353 429351316 or milanda@parishandfamily.ie (9am – 2pm). All are welcome.

BAPTISM SCHEDULE: PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES

St Mochua's Derrynoose: Saturday 15th July at 3pm.

St Joseph's Madden: Saturday 19th August at 3pm

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

BAPTISM COURSE- The next course is on Wednesday 5th July at 7.30pm in the Upper Room above the sacristy at St. Patrick's Church Keady. Parents of children who are due to be baptised are asked to attend. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

SHSCT – OLDER PEOPLE DROP IN AT KEADY DAY CENTRE

Last Tuesday of every month from 10am – 12 noon. Keady Day Care Centre are here to help, chat and signpost you to the relevant organisation. Just pick up the phone or send an email to : Gail or Oonagh 02837561395 / 02837531224 Email Annvale.daycentre@southerntrust.hscni.net

HOSPITAL VISITS - Parish clergy can once again visit patients in Craigavon and Daisy Hill Hospital at the patient's or their family's request. Please contact Fr McKeever or Fr McCann if you require a sacramental visit to either of these hospitals. The one exception is Covid patients in a red zone ward. As before, parish clergy cannot visit patients in red zones under any circumstances – ask the ward to contact the hospital chaplain. If a priest is needed urgently for the Last Rites, again please ask the ward staff to contact the priest chaplain of the hospital immediately as parish clergy may not be able to make it to the hospital in time.

ANNUAL NOVENA ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Date : - 14th August 2023. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer from Northern Ireland, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Avail of Novena Ceremonies. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Stand)

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me,
O God, my Saviour!

PENITENTIAL ACT (3)

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

Priest: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: *Lord, have mercy.*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You came to call sinners: *Christ, have mercy.*

People: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: *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 Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus:

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, 'You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.'"

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 99

[R] We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
[1] Cry out with Joy to the Lord all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **[R]**

[2] Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **[R]**

[3] Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man—though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die—but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL Matthew 9:36;10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest."

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

"Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY (Sit)

THE CREED (Stand)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

◀ SIT ▶

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. ...

◀ KNEEL ▶

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (3)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.
People: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and resurrection,
you have set us free.

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

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.



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Sat 17 Jun Weekday : Sun 18 Jun Ordinary 11 : Mon 19 Jun St Romuald / (Limerick Dedn Cathd) : Tue 20 Jun The Irish Martyrs : Wed 21 Jun St Aloysius Gonzaga : Thu 22 Jun Paulinus of Nola; John Fisher; Thomas More (Cashel:Dedn Cathd) : Fri 23 Jun Weekday : Sat 24 Jun The Birth of St John The Baptist : Sun 25 Jun Ordinary 12.



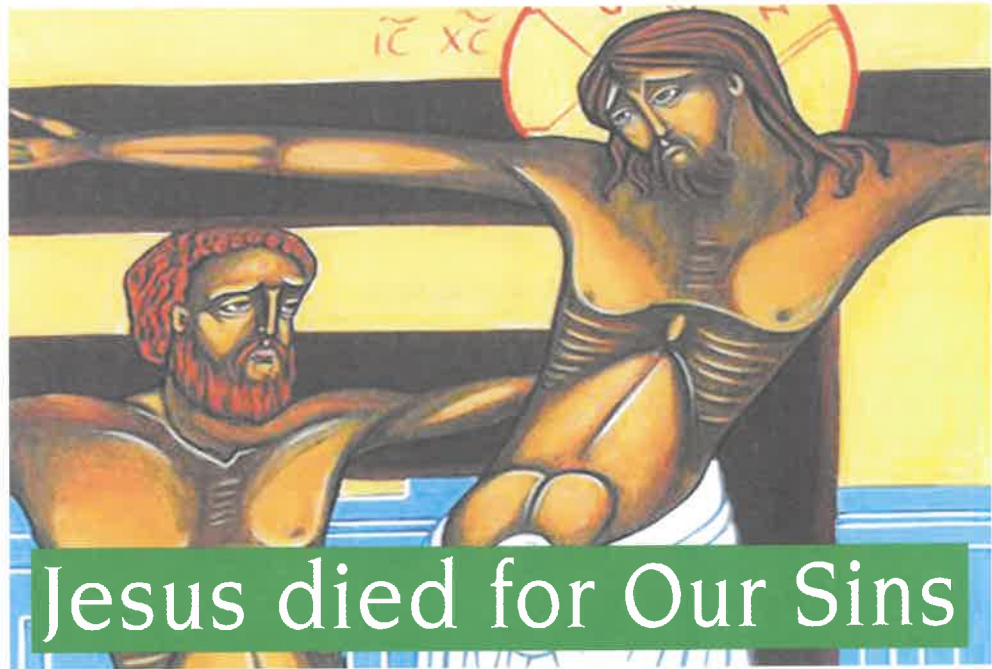
I once met a young nun from France who quickly told me something of her conversion story. She had grown up in a family which had lost some members in the concentration camps of World War II. And so, she never gave God a second thought: if there was so much evil in the world, she reasoned, there can't be a God.

But she found herself in Jerusalem, staying with an elderly Jewish couple who themselves had also been in the concentration camps, but survived, with marks on their arms to prove it. Then one morning they took her to the Wailing Wall, the Jews' holiest site in Jerusalem, the only remaining part of the Temple in Jerusalem, and there she saw them praying.

She was astounded that someone who had suffered so much could be there praying the psalms, praising God. And I asked her, "If the Jews opened your mind to God, why are you a Catholic?" And she replied that a few days later, back home in France, thinking of this, she entered a church, and there was a huge figure of Christ on the cross in front of her, and she was struck: "That's where God is in a world with so much suffering!"

SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Jesus–Human and Divine; Eleventh Sunday of Year A; 18 Jun 2023



Christ died for our sins. In a world of evil, revenge, anger and violence, he took that suffering onto himself in a spirit of love, forgiveness, patience and peace ... right up to his last breath. And so, by his goodness, he conquered human sin.

The Good Thief who died beside him saw this, he accepted that he had been a thief, but that Jesus was innocent and that, though he was surrounded by people mocking and cursing him, like a pack of wild dogs, he reacted with complete goodness, saying "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Maybe it was this that convinced the thief, there and then, that here was a man who could open heaven to him, since he was so sinless on earth, and he said,

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (Lk 23:42)

Summary
Here was a love, in complete solidarity with a suffering world, conquering the sin which causes that suffering.
God could have saved us by merely saying a word! He could have saved us by a single drop of his blood!
Here was a man who could open heaven to him

The Best Way
Christ died for our sins; he redeemed us; literally, "he bought us back." Nobody, said St Paul, can be justified before God. But God himself justified us in his own eyes by the death of his Son:

Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24)

God could have saved us by merely saying a word! He could have saved us by a single drop of his blood! But he went the whole way, in case we'd ever doubt. "We know in this way how much God loves us," wrote St Thomas Aquinas, "and thereby we are stirred to love him in return." He quotes St Paul,

The Love of God moves us; for when as yet we were sinners ... Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Suffering and Love
The young nun's reaction was perfectly right when she saw the figure of Christ on the cross. Here was a love, in complete solidarity with a suffering world, conquering the sin which causes that suffering. And so she gave her life to him. ■

Question
Why did God send his only Son?
Prayer
Jesus, remember me.