



**Bishop's House  
Ballina  
Co. Mayo  
Ireland**

**To the People of the Diocese of Killala**

16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I write to you in my new role as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Killala. As such, I wish, firstly, to pay tribute to Bishop John Fleming who has retired after twenty-two years of generous and exemplary service. I know his dedicated, innovative and caring pastoral leadership is much appreciated by the people of this diocese. Bishop John brings a great energy and clarity to everything he undertakes. During those years you have witnessed his wise, good humoured and sensitive leadership. The collaborative work he carried out over that time makes it possible for this period of transition to begin from a very strong foundation. I wish Bishop John good health and many years of happy and active retirement.

Having now assumed my new responsibilities in Killala, I look forward to meeting with each of the parish communities and the various committees that are so much part of the life of your diocese. My first step will be to get to know the people and places, beginning with the priests.

Over the past while I engaged in a consultation process carried out by the Apostolic Nuncio with a variety of representative groups from the Western Province, particularly in the dioceses of Achonry, Elphin, Killala and Tuam. During these meetings it became clear to me that our dioceses of Killala and Tuam have more in common than we might have realised, and what really shone through for me was the understanding that the proposed union between Tuam and Killala would allow each diocese to be mutually enriched by the heritage and culture and the variety of practices of the other.

The Diocese of Killala has been planning for the future, as is clear from '*The Synodal Pathway in Killala Diocese, Placing Hope in Faith*'. This is an excellent document which is, quite clearly, the fruit of listening and dialogue done under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. I am excited about the future, and I am encouraged by the pastoral energy already so evident to me in this diocese. I look forward, therefore, to working with you in preparing the dioceses of Killala and Tuam for formal union by the Holy See in the not-too-distant future.

Together, then, let us pray for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit as we move forward together in hope.

Yours sincerely,

**+ Francis Duffy  
Apostolic Administrator of Killala  
Archbishop of Tuam**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER –Day of Prayer for Vocations—21 APRIL, 2024**

**MASS TIMES — Church of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, Enniscrone**

Sat.	April 20th	8pm:	<b>Patrick &amp; Margaret Flynn &amp; their daughter Maura; Padraic &amp; Mary Clarke, Carrowhubbock North</b>
Sun.	April 21st	10am:	<b>Kay Brennan (2nd Anniv.)</b>
Mon.	April 22nd	9.30am:	<b>Peter Regan; Maureen Hallinan nee Forde (4th Anniv.)</b>
Tues.	April 23rd	9.30am:	<b>Aiden Tuffy</b>
Wed.	April 24th	9.30am:	<b>Personal Intention</b>
Thurs.	April 25th	9.30am:	<b>Mary &amp; Joseph Quinn; Dec’d Walsh, Quinn, Langan &amp; Padden family</b>
Fri.	April 26th	9.30am:	<b>P. J. Moran</b>
Sat.	April 27th	11am:	<b>First Holy Communion (Scoil Christ Ri)</b>
		8 pm:	<b>Mai &amp; Pakie Tighe &amp; dec’d family</b>
Sun.	April 28th	10am:	<b>Seamus &amp; Dolores Ryan</b>

**MASS TIMES — Church of the Holy Family, Kilglass**

Sat.	April 20th	12noon:	<b>First Holy Communion (Kilglass NS)</b>
Sun.	April 21st	12noon:	<b>Margaret Riley (1st Anniv.), Nora, Thomas, Tommy &amp; Sarah Hargadon</b>
Mon.	April 22nd	7pm:	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues.	April 23rd.	7pm:	<b>Lilian &amp; Jack Gaughan &amp; John &amp; Bernie Finnerty</b>
Wed.	April 24th	7pm:	<b>Annie Kate &amp; Martin Lynott</b>
Thurs.	April 25th	7pm:	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri.	April 26th	...7pm:	<b>Thomas (Anniv.), Evelyn &amp; Sean Gaughan</b>
Sat.	April 27th	12noon:	<b>John Molloy</b>
Sun.	April 28th	12noon:	<b>Mary &amp; Patrick Murray, Culleens, daughter Maureen &amp; dec’d Murray &amp; Nealon families</b>

**We welcome into God’s family recently baptised:**

**Arlo Jan Gamon-Duffy, Enniscrone**

**We pray for recently deceased:**

**Jim Multany, Clonaslee, Co. Laois**

**Kathleen Egan nee Leonard, Ballina/Easkey**

**Rosary recited—9am to 9.20am- before the daily 9.30am mass in Enniscrone Monday to Friday**

**Readings for next Weekend —Fifth Sunday of Easter — April 28th, 2024**

**First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31**

**Psalm 21: 26-28,30-32**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24**

**Gospel : John 15: 1-8**

**RHS Home Care** look after older people in the community. .RHS Home Care is a Non Commercial Home Care Provider bringing professional home care services to those who need assistance to remain living in their own homes. We are now recruiting new Healthcare Assistants in your area and would love to hear from you. Potential applicants must have the required QQI level 5 (two modules completed care skills and care of the older person). Please email your CV to [jobs@rhshomecare.ie](mailto:jobs@rhshomecare.ie) or call Aoife on 090 66 25988

**Holy Communion for Coeliacs:** The priest at Mass has low gluten hosts for people who are coeliac or have gluten intolerances. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion in **Enniscrone or Kilglass**, please indicate to the priest that you are a coeliac

**Notices for Church Bulletin:** Any notices that you would like to have included in our weekly Parish Bulletin can be emailed to [kilglass-enniscrone@killaladiocese.org](mailto:kilglass-enniscrone@killaladiocese.org) or send a message to Kilglass Enniscrone Parish Facebook Page. Notices can also be dropped into the Parish House. Please have notices in by 12 noon on Wednesdays.

**Please keep in touch with the Parish online** by following our Facebook Page "Kilglass Enniscrone Parish

**Indoor food and Craft Market every Saturday** in The Old Church, Enniscrone from 11am to 3pm. It features a wide range of handmade gifts, paintings, home baking, vegetables, bric a brac and local crafts. All welcome . Please support

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**Archbishop Francis Duffy's letter of Parishioners** as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Killala is available to read on [www.churchtv.ie/enniscrone](http://www.churchtv.ie/enniscrone) by clicking on the newsletter link.

**Official Opening of Kilglass Digital Hub:** Minister Heather Humphreys T.D. officially opened the Kilglass Digital Hub tomorrow, earlier this Saturday, the 20th of April at 2 pm. In February 2022, Minister Humphrey's Department awarded €500,000 under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme to develop a new Digital Hub & Business Centre. Congratulations to all involved with the Digital Hub & Business Centre which is up and running.

Join team Arthritis Ireland for the Vhi Women's Mini Marathon this June and show your support for everyone living with arthritis in Ireland. The numbers are startling. Arthritis affects 1 million people in Ireland, 1,200 of them being children, and accounts for 1 in 3 GP visits. Every step you take will support vital services like our National Helpline. An accredited member of the Helplines Partnership, our helpline provides clear, accurate, unbiased, and free information to people living with arthritis, their friends, family and healthcare professionals.

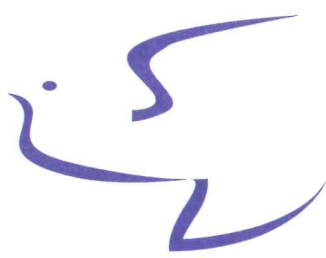
Run it, jog it or walk it, the important thing is to put those kilometres towards a great cause. There are no fundraising targets, raise what you can.

Sign up here today: <https://www.arthritisireland.ie/vhi-womens-mini-marathon-2024>

Contact the fundraising team on [fundraising@arthritisireland.ie](mailto:fundraising@arthritisireland.ie) or 016618188 if you have any questions.

#VhiWMM #vhiwomensminimarathon

**The Mayo.ie Western People Women's Mini Marathon (10km)** takes place in Ballina on Sunday, May 5th at noon. Runners, joggers and walkers all welcome to join the fun. Registration: [www.westofirelandwomensminimarathon.com](http://www.westofirelandwomensminimarathon.com)



# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Church : Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B, 21 Apr 2024

## WALKING WITH THE PEOPLE

*Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as "Vocations' Sunday". It is the day on which we pray for the gift of priestly and religious vocations. Most of us who are either priests or religious say that we do not feel worthy of our vocation.*

*None of us chose by ourselves to be priests or sisters, brothers or nuns; we all admit that we have been called, chosen by the Good Shepherd himself, to follow him in this way of service.*

*The grace that we pray for this Sunday is for others to hear the call of the Lord, and to have the courage to follow it. However, the word "vocation" is not all about priests and religious. The word "vocation" applies to all Christians, most of whom have a vocation to marry and start a family.*

### The Shepherd Reveals God

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd reveals to us the mystery of who Jesus is – both God and man. Throughout the Old Testament, God is often presented as a shepherd who cares for his people, who guides them along the right paths if they are true to his name, the one who protects them from their enemies ... those wolves that attack and scatter the flock. The image of God as one who cares for his sheep

#### Summary

*He is the Shepherd who became one with his flock.*

*The image of God as one who cares for his sheep tells us who God is in himself, and of his relationship with us.*



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Our God is not some angry, demanding god who despises his people and treats them as enemies. He is not a God who has to be placated and "jollied along". Rather the God we see in the Scriptures is a Good Shepherd caring for and watching over his people – those whom he loves.

### Jesus: The Good Shepherd

In the Gospels Jesus tells us that he is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock. He isn't forced into this role; the Scriptures tell us just how freely God behaves. We see in the actions and words of Jesus the words and actions of a God who, literally, lays down his life for his flock. He is the fulfilment of all that has been said of God in the Old Testament.

The Good Shepherd is one of us. He is the innocent lamb whose sacrifice takes our sins away. No longer does the shepherd lord it over his flock; instead, he leads and guides the flock.

*We are the presence of the Good Shepherd in the life of the Church.*

#### Question

*How does the image of a Good Shepherd help us to understand God?*

#### Prayer

*Lord, may I follow you and so become your caring hands.*

### One of Us

We are already the children of God and, in Jesus, we see what that word means. Jesus the Nazarene is one with us, and also one with God. In his humanity he brings the image of the Good Shepherd close to us, so we now know that God cares, and holds us in our need for love and forgiveness. God is not a distant God, he is with us and understands us from within our own stories.

### Some Have Betrayed

Those of us who have heard the call to follow the Good Shepherd follow his example and become the caring hands, the listening ears, the tired feet of a pilgrim people. We are the presence of the Good Shepherd in the life of the Church. We know only too well that some of those whom the Lord called have fallen away from the example of the Good Shepherd and, instead of listening to Jesus' flock, have betrayed him and become wolves among the little ones. However, the reality of sin must never be allowed to blemish the image of the true Good Shepherd, which is Christ Jesus the Nazarene.

### Faithful Followers

As we pray this Sunday for vocations, let us pray that those who hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow him will always be faithful representatives of Jesus the Nazarene, the one who came to serve and not to be served, the one who laid down his life for his sheep. ■

# The Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B; 21 Apr 2024

◀ STAN ▶

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens  
were made, alleluia.

## PENITENTIAL ACT (1)

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

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

*Then they continue:*  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**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.

◀ SIT ▶

## FIRST READING Acts 4:8-12

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: "Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved."

*The word of the Lord.*

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 117

**[R]** The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

**[1]** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. . . . . **[R]**

**[2]** I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. . . . . **[R]**

**[3]** Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. . . . . **[R]**

## SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-2

*A reading from the first letter of St John:*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future  
has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

*The word of the Lord.*

**People:** Thanks be to God.



## ALLELUIA (Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL John 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said:  
"I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life  
for his sheep.  
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.  
The Father loves me, because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given  
by my Father."

*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

◀ 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 (1)

**Priest:** The Mystery of Faith.  
**People:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
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

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,  
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures  
the sheep you have redeemed  
by the Precious Blood of your Son.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



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Weekday : Tue 23 Apr St George; Adalbert of Prague : Wed 24  
Apr St Fidelis of Sigmaringen : Thu 25 Apr St Mark Evangelist :  
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