

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING
 - will be on Tuesday, 11th June at 8pm, for Baptism on Sunday, 16th June.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Catherine Lynch (Month's Mind) John McKenna (Anniv.) Susie McCarthy (B'day Rem.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Bridget McCann (Rec.Dec.) Barney Curran (Anniv.) Pat Tobin (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Harry Leahy (Rec.Dec.) The McSweeney and Hulbert Families (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Jack O'Neill (3 rd Anniv.) Marie Shalloo (Anniv.)
Mon	10.00am	Parishioners Intentions
Tues.	10.00am	Mairead Kerins (Rec.Dec.)
Wed	10.00am	The deceased members of the Crosbie Family. Gemma Robinson (B'day Rem.)
Thur	10.00am	Teresa Healy (Rec.Dec.)
Fri.	10.00am	Health Intentions

The Deep End • I know them
 John's Gospel is sometimes referred to as the 'spiritual Gospel,' as it has beautiful, reflective passages. During the Easter season, we read and hear mostly from John. It is a lovely opportunity to meditate more deeply on the Word. Today, we are given the image of Jesus as the Shepherd and of his people as the flock. We hear the words 'I know them.' Jesus knows each person intimately. He knows our deepest desires, our worries and fears, our insecurities and pain. Jesus is as close to us as our own breathing. Nobody can interfere with this intimate friendship, even though at times we may feel differently. We may experience discrimination because of our faith, or be attacked in some way. When things are not going so well, we may feel as if Jesus has abandoned us; sometimes we simply want to give up on the whole thing. We become distant. Let this passage be a reminder to us that Jesus is always very close to us and knows our struggles. We simply need to share those struggles and fears with Him, for 'no one will snatch them [you] out of my hand.' We may forget this from time to time. This week, can you spend five minutes each day meditating on this passage? Focus on the breath. A phrase to repeat might be: 'Jesus, I know that you are as close to me as my own breathing.'
 (Jane Mellett, Email: mellettj@gmail.com)

Next SAT. / SUN., 18/19 May, we will hold a new collection, called the *Ministry Sunday Collection*, an annual collection, replacing the Share Collection, to be devoted to the building up of new forms of lay ministry in parishes. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in our changing religious culture will require more lay men and women working in various ways alongside our priests at the heart of parish communities.
Ministry Sunday Collection is about ensuring that we will have the people we need - men and women - to help make our parishes vibrant faith communities into the future.
 While many of those involved will be volunteers, we will have to equip and train leaders and provide facilities for formation. We want to work towards a situation where all parishes in this Archdiocese benefit from their gifts and expertise. The new collection is one-step in that process.

Diocesan Priesthood: Is God calling you to be a Diocesan Priest? The National Vocations Office is running an overnight "Come and See" discernment retreat for men (18 years+) who would like to explore the life of a diocesan priest. It will be held in the National Seminary in Maynooth, on Sat. / Sun., 18th / 19th May. Advance booking is essential. For further information, contact Deacon Eric Cooney, e-mail: eric.cooney@vocations.ie

St Francis of Assisi Church, Priorswood is holding a SOLEMN NOVENA to OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP from Sat. 18th May to Sun. 26th May at the following times: Sat 18th & Sat 25th 6.00pm
 Sun 19th & Sun 26th - 9.30am & 11.30am
 Mon 20th - Friday 24th at 10.00am & 7.30pm.

Ayrfield Parish - Month of May - Pray The Rosary: St. Paul's Parish, Ayrfield invites you to come on Tuesday evenings at 8:30pm to St. Paul's Church to pray the Rosary. St. Paul's Community Choir will be leading the evenings with hymns to Our Lady.

READINGS Next Sunday (5th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 14:21-27
 Ps 1441-5
 1 Apoc 21:
 Jn 13:31-35

READERS at MASS: The Parish needs more readers for Sunday Masses. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. Training will be provided.