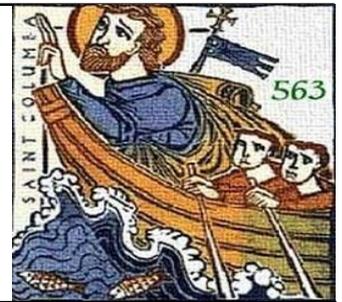


# PARISH of TOGHER



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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## A Thought from Monsignor Jim

During the past 13/14 months many of us have relied on good friends to see us through the difficult days—and we still do!

That love and friendship should not be for ourselves alone. It's a warm blessing we should send out as a prayer for those who are damaged and unloved; send out to people who are desperate, to those who are starving, to those trapped in bleak and tormented lives.

When you send out love and blessings from the gentle nest of your own love and friendship - this is the deepest power of prayer. The more love you give away, the more love you will have.

John O'Donohue, who died early 2008, puts it graciously in this "Friendship Blessing":

May you be blessed with good friends.

May you learn to be a good friend yourself.

May you be able to journey to that place in your soul where there is great love, warmth, feeling, and forgiveness.

May this change you.

May it transfigure that which is negative, distant, or cold in you.

May you be brought in to the real passion, kinship, and affinity of belonging.

May you treasure your friends.

May you be good to them and may you be there for them;

may they bring you all the blessings, challenges, truth, and light that you need for your journey.

May you never be isolated.

May you always be in the gentle nest of belonging with your good friends.

Praise God.



*Monsignor Jim Carroll PP*

## Anniversary Masses

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am** - Deceased Benefactors of our Parish

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April** - Togher @ 10am

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May @ 10am** - Vera Doyle (Month's Mind);

Owen Sheridan & Sean Conlon; Deceased in Dysart Cemetery

## Recently Deceased

We pray for Sinead Treacy, Briarhill, Grangebellew & Vera Doyle, Annagassan.

*May they Rest in the Peace of Christ.*

## Vocations

"God has created me to do him some definitive service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission." *St John Henry Newman*

"I have done what is mine to do; may Christ teach you what is yours to do" *St Francis of Assisi*  
(From *Thomas of Celano, First Life of St. Francis, 214*).

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are always near me, present most particularly in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things and desire to receive you 'under my roof'.

Come now spiritually into my welcoming heart. I embrace you already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Thank you for the gift of your presence. Accompany me on my journey.

Heal in me whatever needs healing. Fill me with your love and your peace.

Never permit me to be separated from you. 'My Lord and my God', for ever and ever. Amen.

**Sunday Gospel - John 10: 11-18 The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep**

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.*

**Dysart Blessing of the Graves**

Very disappointing that we cannot gather again this year, as planned, on Saturday next 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Monsignor Jim will visit the cemetery privately and bless the graves, please God. May our beloved dead rest in peace.

Please note: If you are visiting your family grave you can sprinkle Holy Water yourself on the grave as a sign of blessing.

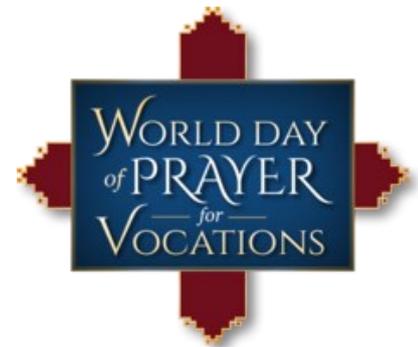
**No Fouling!**

We know that people are more aware that they need to clean up after their dogs nowadays. The issue has arisen at Clonmore Cemetery re dog fouling in that sacred place. Please can we appeal to dog owners to ensure that our cemeteries are protected from issues of this kind. No fouling!

**Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2021 World Day of Vocations**

Dear brothers & sisters, 8<sup>th</sup> December last, the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, marked the beginning of a special year devoted to him (cf. *Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary, 8 December 2020*). For my part, I wrote the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, whose aim was "to increase our love for this great saint". Saint Joseph is an extraordinary figure, yet at the same time one "so close to our own human experience". He did not do astonishing things, he has no unique charisms, nor did he appear special in the eyes of those who met him. He was not famous or even noteworthy: the Gospels do not report even a single word of his. Still, through his ordinary life, he accomplished something extraordinary in the eyes of God.

St. Joseph suggests to us three key words for each individual's vocation - dream. The second word - service. The third - fidelity. May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!



**Local Group for People with Sight Loss** Local people who are blind or vision impaired are invited to join NCBI's new Local Advocacy Network group. The group will bring people together to address issues affecting them accessing the community due to their sight loss in the Louth and Meath areas. The next monthly meeting will be held online on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. For more information please call: 01 4056949, or email [campaigns@ncbi.ie](mailto:campaigns@ncbi.ie)

***A Prayer in the face of the coronavirus.***

*Dear God, we turn to you in our need. We pray for all whose lives are being affected by COVID 19. Look upon us in your compassion and love, protect our families. Deliver us from the virus. Come Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Charity Tax Relief Scheme—helping our Parish** If you are a taxpayer and have given €250 or more to the Parish in 2020..... 'Thank You'. To help us benefit most from your donations for the last year we simply ask you to fill in a CHY 3 Cert (5 years) or a CHY 4 Cert (1 year) - both are available online @ [www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie) or from Ann (please call 087-6486809). If you filled out the CHY 3 Cert last year, thank you it is still valid for this year. ***This scheme helps our Parish a lot-thanks everyone!***

**Last Week** a total of €445 was received in envelopes & €27 in Dues while €185 was received in donations directly to bank. **Today is Vocations Sunday**, there is a blue envelope in your box of envelopes for your donation to Vocations and the Education of our Priests. **Thanks to all** who use the various different ways to donate to our Parish.

**"Stop & Drop"** continues on Sunday in the carpark of St. Colmcille's Church between 10.30am & 11.30am

**THANKING YOU ALL FOR MINDING EACH OTHER.**

*In the current emergency situation, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass.*

Sunday & Friday morning Masses will be celebrated privately from the Church of the St Colmcille, Togher @ 10am

**All Masses will be broadcast live via the internet on <https://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-st-columcille>**

**Articles for our parish newsletter** can be forwarded to the Parish office by email at [togherparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:togherparishoffice@gmail.com)

or by text to Ann on 087-6486809 before 2pm on Wednesdays. You can contact Ann in the Parish office on Wednesdays from 2.30pm-5.30pm