



Bohernabreena Parish

St Anne's & Holy Rosary Churches

Reg. Charity No. 20016166



Parish Bulletin

Sunday 26th April 2026

I Am the Gate of the Sheepfold



I am the gate of the sheepfold Good Shepherd Sunday

On this **Good Shepherd Sunday** and the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, the Church reminds us of our call to become good shepherds of God's flock and good sheep of His parishes and invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life.

Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and of the Christ with Christians.

The **first reading** is taken from St. Peter's first sermon, given on the day of Pentecost. Peter as a Christ-appointed good shepherd of the Church, invites his Jewish listeners to enter into communion with the new Christ-founded community after repenting of their sin of crucifying Jesus, by accepting him as their Lord and Saviour, and by receiving Baptism in his name. As the gate of the new Christian fold, Peter opens the gate for all new believers in Christ.

The **Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23)**, introduces Yahweh as the Good Shepherd of Israel Who cares for us, His sheep, providing for our needs. In the **second reading**, Peter encourages the persecuted and suffering Christians to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus, the "suffering servant," realizing the truth that Jesus' suffering and death have enabled them to become more fully the children of God.

In today's **Gospel**, two brief parables or similes show us Jesus, first, as a selfless, caring "good shepherd" who provides for his sheep protection, food and life itself, and then, as our unique gateway ("sheep gate"), to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding his flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is himself the gateway to Eternal (frtonyshomilies.com)

Gathering of Parish Youth Group **this Thursday evening April 30th 7pm-8pm** in Roseanna Hall for children in 5th and 6th class. We look forward to seeing them there.



CONGRATULATIONS! to the boys and girls from **Holy Rosary Primary school** who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Thursday and the girls and boys from **Glenasmole National School** who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Friday. May the Holy Spirit always guide and protect them.



Our prayers are with the boys from **Glenasmole NS** who will receive their **First Holy Communion** on **Saturday May 2nd at 11am in St Anne's church**. Every blessing on Sean, Ronan, Matteo, Conall and their families.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



St Anne's Church

8.30am Mass Sunday

26th April John McGrane, Anniversary
Rosaleen Delappe, Months Mind and John Delappe 22nd Anniversary.
Winnie Murphy, Birthday
Remembrance

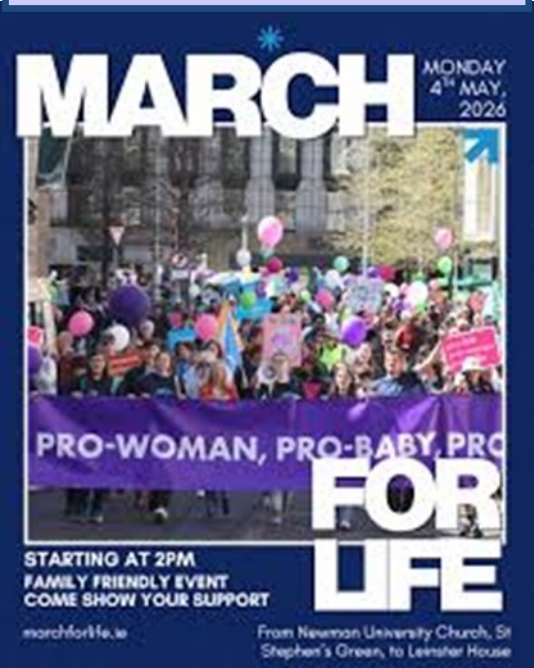
Holy Rosary Church

10.30am Mass Sunday

26th April John Meagher, 2nd Anniversary
Fr Colm Matthews, 9th Anniversary
TJ Kelly, recently deceased

MARCH FOR LIFE 2026

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 4TH MAY – 2PM
- More info marchforlife.ie



Come and See (2026)

Mass will be celebrated at **7.00pm on Monday 27th April in Holy Rosary Church**. It is a follow up to the most successful Come and See series of Lenten reflections and discussions. It is a way of saying thanks to God. It is also an opportunity to invite along family and friends. All who wish to attend will be welcome to this time of celebration. It will be led by Canon Michael Hurley.

Eucharistic Adoration takes place following 10am Mass in Holy Rosary Church each



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VOCATIONS SUNDAY:

**Good Shepherd Sunday
– Vocations Sunday, April 26**

We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year. Let us keep them in our prayers, and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life. If you know of someone who may be considering the priesthood, please encourage them to contact the vocations team: Fr Séamus at vocations@dublindioocese.ie or Fr Bill at bill.oshaughnessy@dublindioocese.ie.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, send workers into your harvest.

May the Spirit we received in baptism

Touch the hearts of many

To offer themselves in priesthood, religious life

And other forms of service.

Give the parents and families of our archdiocese

The wisdom and courage to support young people

In searching for and following the call of God in their lives.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

A full child safeguarding programme will be held in **Rosanna Hall** on **Saturday, 9th May from 9am to 1pm**. The programme is for adult leaders who work with or will work directly with children or vulnerable adults. Please contact the parish offices if you would like to attend.

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH MAINTENANCE

We are hoping to arrange to have Holy Rosary Church painted over the summer months as it has not been re-done since the Church opened in 2009. We are currently arranging to have signs put up outside of the Church where parish details and information on upcoming events will be posted, and there are a couple of other maintenance tasks which need to be undertaken.

We would greatly appreciate any financial support you can give to these projects, so donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church for those who might like to make a one-off donation. These can be dropped in to the Parish Office or Sacristy at your convenience, and as always all information will be treated in the strictest confidence.



Sean Goan

Three Saturdays in **May: 9, 16, 23** 11am—12.30pm

Tens of millions of people all over the world use it as their go-to book for help and inspiration. During these Saturdays we will explore a Catholic approach to reading Scripture as the Word of God, trying to understand how it can play a vital role in our faith lives, bringing us to a renewed awareness of the presence of God in the Church and in the world.

Cost: €40 for all three; €15 each. Booking essential.

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Donagh O'Shea

16 May 10am—3pm

Nature is God's first book of revelation. St Bernard of Clairvaux (+1153) wrote: 'Believe me, you will find more lessons in the woods than in books. Trees will teach you what you cannot learn from masters.'

The 18th-century garden in St Mary's Priory will be the venue for a day of outdoor meditation. It has an abundance of wildlife, and a great variety of trees, including the famous 'Maclruan's tree', with its spread of over 5,000 sq. metres. For many people this is a favourite place for meditation. There is an adjoining outdoor cloister, and a coffee room. The day will be structured according to the needs of the group.

€55 including lunch in the Retreat Centre, and tea/coffee breaks. Booking essential.

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PLANNED GIVING / FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS - The annual Planned Giving scheme in our parish started in March 2026. We appeal to any parishioners who may not have contributed to the planned giving in the past, but who may now be in a position to do so to consider a small regular donation to the Planned Giving. A donation of €5 per week equates to approximately €250 per year—this enables us to also avail of a tax refund on any Charitable Donations over €250 directly from Revenue, with no additional cost to the parishioners.

This weekly or monthly contribution is the ONLY income which stays in the parish to cover the cost of the day to day running of our Churches—maintenance and repairs of buildings, insurance, altar supplies, office supplies, candles, printing, salaries and the general operational costs of running the parish. The two collections taken up during mass, as well as any Dues envelopes, are paid directly to the Dublin Diocese and do not remain in the parish.

If you would like to contribute by weekly envelope, or by monthly standing order, please contact our parish offices for more information.