

4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter or Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day for everyone in our parish and our Diocese. We celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We pray in thanksgiving today for our Bishop, Priests, Religious and Deacons and for an increase in vocations in the Church. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

Special mass on RTE TV at 11am today.

The collection for the support of students for the priesthood for our diocese takes place today and replaces the SHARE collection.

Lots of prayers, messages and information on www.vocations.ie

Copies of Vocations newsletter from the Diocese available at the entrance to the Church.



*Please pray for those who died recently
Ann Nolan*

The 7.30am Mass will resume this
Thursday 21st April.



**The First Holy Communion will
take place next Sunday 24th April
at 12.00 mass.**

**We look forward to celebrating with
the children as they receive the
"Bread of Life" for the first time.**

Parish Lotto

Has now reached **€1600**
Results of the draw held on
Monday 11th April 2016
The numbers were
13 ♦ 16 ♦ 18 ♦ 24
No Jackpot winner



Baptisms

Sunday May 1st 1.15pm
Saturday May 14th 12:15
Saturday June 11th 12.15
www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie
NB. Please bring booking form &
birth cert when booking baptism.

Pope Francis has launched a special appeal for humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

"I think in Europe of the tragedy of those who are suffering the consequences of violence in Ukraine: of those who remain in lands shocked by the hostilities which have already caused thousands of deaths, and of those - over a million - forced to flee from the grave situation which is ongoing. For this purpose, a special collection will be taken up in all Catholic Churches in Europe on Sunday, 24 April.

I invite the faithful to join in this initiative with a generous contribution. This act of charity, in addition to alleviating material suffering, seeks to express my personal closeness and solidarity and that of the entire Church. '

Shout for Joy: A joyful celebration of the Easter Season in song, word and prayer will take place in the Monastery of Saint Alphonsus, Drumcondra, on **Monday 18 April at 8.00pm**. The liturgy will be prepared by the full time Chaplaincy students of Mater Dei Institute of Education/DCU and the music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

Holyland Trip

We all returned safely after a most engaging and uplifting pilgrimage to the Holyland. We regularly prayed for you at mass in the different places such as The Way of the Cross, Church of the Visitation, Bethlehem, Jericho, Mt Tabor and Nazareth. We brought back some olive wood carvings from Bethlehem which will be available in our parish shop soon.

We also donated €1500 from our parish poor box to the very poor and oppressed people in the Palestine area of Bethlehem. The priest there with Caritas, a sister organisation of Trocaire, in thanking us for the money urged people to continue to visit the Holy land and to continue to pray for peace in the Holyland.

Fr. Dermot will show slides at a later date.

Parish Finance Meeting
Tuesday 19th April at 5:30pm