

Parish of Keady, Derrynoose and Madden – Sunday 11th May 2025

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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CHURCH NOTICES

From Monday 12th May – Sunday 18th May 2025

KEADY

Monday – 7.00pm
Tuesday & Wednesday – Mass at 10am
Thursday – No Mass
Friday – Mass at 10am
Saturday – Nuptial Mass
Saturday - Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday Mass 11.30am

Adoration Monday 3 – 6pm & Friday 3-5pm

Confessions in Keady on the first Saturday at 5.45pm

(Confessions in St Malachy's Armagh each Saturday 12noon)

DERRYNOOSE

Thursday – Mass 7pm
Adoration 6pm – 7pm
Sunday Mass at 10am

MADDEN

Tuesday – Mass 7pm
Adoration 6pm – 7pm
Sunday Mass 9am

We entrust and commit these souls unto the Lord's care:

LATELY DECEASED

Fr Peter Kerr, Kieran Deveney

MONTHS MEMORY

Tommy Hagan – Monday 12th May at 7.00pm

Baptisms dates - We ask parents to book in advance and if there is not a date suitable in your First Choice to pick an alternative date in any of the Chapels within the Parish

Keady	1 st & 4 th Sunday at 12.30pm
Derrynoose	2 nd Saturday at 4pm
Madden	3 rd Saturday at 4pm

Parish Trip to Knock – Sunday 25th May 2025

(Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage)

Bus leaving from Main Street, Keady at 8am.

Tel 02837531242 or info@keadyparish.net to book Cost is £25

Fare must be paid in advance.



Pope Leo XIV: Greetings to Rome and to the world

Peace be with you! Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people, wherever they are; and all the peoples, and all the earth: Peace be with you.

I am a son of Saint Augustine, an Augustinian. He said, "With you I am a Christian, for you a bishop." So may we all walk together towards that homeland that God has prepared for us.

Our blessed mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close to us, she always wants to help us with her intercession and her love. So let us pray together for this mission, and for all of the Church, and for peace in the world.

We ask for this special grace from Mary, our Mother. Amen



Parish Mission – June 1st to 8th

A mission based on the theme of Hope will be led by Dominican priest Fr Patrick Desmond OP.

Mass each weekday evening will be celebrated at 7pm and a theme associated with the Jubilee Year will be reflected upon.

"Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5).

In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul

addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community. Hope is the central message of the Jubilee Year."

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa will be visiting our Parish on the 17th / 18th May as part of their Mission Awareness Programme. They will speak at all Masses on 17th and 18th May. Thank you for your support."

Rosary at the Grotto on the Sunday's of May

Rosary will be led by the Legion of Mary each Sunday of May at 3pm at the Grotto beside St Patrick's Church, Keady.

Our Lady's & St Mochua's Ps Derrynoose will host a GAA Sunday Celebration on Sunday 18th May in the school hall at 11.00am. The celebration will be in recognition of their recent success at the Cumann na mBunscol National Awards where they won School of the Year 2025. There will be an opportunity to view the award submission, view the school's GAA History Successes and reminisce with children, parents and staff both past and present. Light refreshments will be served. All welcome.

Friends of Clea Primary School Save the Date -Our rescheduled Family Bingo Night. Friday 6th June @ 7pm – St. Patrick's Hall, Keady

Don't Box Me In Ltd (DBMIL) - AGM

The Young People and Trustees would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the community for the support given to us in the past year. This has enabled us to continue to provide a service to so many young people. The AGM is on Thursday May 15th in the TMAC at 12.00noon and is open to everyone so please come along.

KEADY Hearing Aid User Support Service

Keady FREE support service to help people service their NHS hearing aids, collect batteries or get advice. The session is taking place on Monday 19th May, 10.00am -12noon in the Tommy Maken Community Centre.

St. Oliver Jubilee Year Walk at Dorsey

Saturday 17th May with a short talk about St. Oliver at 4.30pm at the McAllister residence, 28 Bonds Road. The pilgrims will then walk 2 miles to the St. Oliver Plunkett Church, Dorsey where Vespers will be prayed at 5.45pm. St. Oliver 400 Committee email: saintoliverplunkett@gmail.com

Novena to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Relics of St Margaret Mary Alacoqu and St Claude la Colombiere will be present for Special Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Cloghogue 30th May at 7pm.

Lough Derg 2025 One Day Retreat May: Sun 11th, Tues 13th, Sat 17th, Sat 24th, Mon 26th. **August:** Tues 19th, Sat 23rd, Sun 24th, Mon 25th, Sat 30th. **Sept:** Wed 3rd, Sat 6th, Sun 7th, Tues 9th, Sat 13th, Sat 20th, Sun 21st. **Three Day Pilgrimage** begins Friday 30th May until Friday 15th August (Pilgrims can begin their Three Day Pilgrimage any day until Wednesday 13th August)

Residential Retreats Price: €400 or €325 per person sharing Full Board Limited spaces; for more information, email marcas@loughderg.org

Friday 16th - Monday 19th May "Called" Every life is a calling – a vocation to love and serve! This is for 18-35 year olds, with questions around their calling in life and our experience of life's challenges.

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The Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C 11 May 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Stand)

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

PENITENTIAL ACT (2)

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

A brief pause for silence follows.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
People: For we have sinned against you.
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
People: And grant us your salvation.

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.

FIRST READING Acts 13:14,43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they
reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to
synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and
devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their
talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to
remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next Sabbath almost the whole town
assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the
crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used
blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said.
Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, "We had to
proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you
have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves
worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For
this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach
the ends of the earth."

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they
thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined
for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the
Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout
women of the upper classes and the leading men of
the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and
Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they
shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went out
to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the
Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 99

[R] We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

[1] Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.**[R]**

[2] Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.**[R]**

[3] Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.**[R]**



SECOND READING Apoc 7:9,14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse:

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count,
of people from every nation, race, tribe and
language; they were standing in front of the throne
and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and
holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to
me, "These are the people who have been through the
great persecution, and because they have
washed their robes white again in the blood of the
Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and
serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One
who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.
They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun
nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because
the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd
and will lead them to springs of living water; and God
will wipe away all tears from their eyes."

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 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me
is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one."

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 (2)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.
People: When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
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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Presence Now.
Sat 10 May St Comgall : Sun 11 May Easter 4 : Mon 12 May St Nereus and
Achilleus/St Pancras : Tue 13 May Our Lady of Fatima : Wed 14 May St
Matthias Apostle : Thu 15 May St Carthage : Fri 16 May (Kerry, Clonfert: St
Brendan) : Sat 17 May Weekday : Sun 18 May Easter 5.



Good News to Israel First

*One of the greatest mistakes
the Church in Ireland has
made over the years was in
believing that Irish people
would always be Catholic.
However, I was shocked
lately to see one of our most
successful young actors being
unable to explain the
symbolism of the shamrock,
because he couldn't remember
the names of the Blessed
Trinity. To his credit he did
know that the shamrock had
some Christian symbolism.
In this Sunday's first reading,
Paul and Barnabas were
confronted with the same
experience. The Jews in
Antioch listened to the
preaching of the apostles, but
openly rejected what was
being said about Jesus as the
fulfilment of the prophecies
of the Scriptures.*

Summary

*God moulded the people of
Israel further, allowing them
the time to grow into his
calling.
It was into this atmosphere,
this culture of identity as
God's people, that Jesus
came and preached the
Gospel.*

SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Jesus: Human and Divine; Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C; 11 May 2025



God respects his creation, and
acknowledges that human beings need
time to grow in understanding and
knowledge. Over the centuries, God had
prepared the people of Israel to be his
Chosen People, to be made ready to
receive his message of salvation. I have no
doubt that the Hebrew people, listening
to Paul in Antioch, were fully aware that
they were chosen by God, and that over
the centuries he was preparing them to
receive his message.

A People With a Purpose

God formed a collection of tribes living along
the Mediterranean coast into his own Chosen
People. Throughout their history, their
experience of liberation from Egypt, together
under the leadership of Moses, turned their
40 years of journeying in the desert into a
people of promise and covenant. By keeping
the Law that God had given them on Mount
Sinai, the people accepted God as their God,
and vowed to be his people. Then,
throughout the years of nation-building and
the preaching of the prophets, they came to
understand more fully God's plan for them.
All through their history, God moulded them
further, by allowing them the time to grow
into his calling.

Question

*Would Christ have been
recognised had he been
incarnate into a different
culture?*

Prayer

*Lord, may I see my relationship
with you in the light of the Old
Testament prophecies.*

Success and Failure

These people came to see God as one who
was loving and merciful, like a shepherd
caring for his flock, leading them into
green pastures of national identity and
success. They interpreted their times of
national disasters as God's way of
converting them back to him. They saw
their land as a place where they could
freely worship the true God. Their history
was that of a special relationship with
God. Their history had this inner dynamic
of God's choice of them.

A Growing Relationship

It was into this atmosphere, this culture,
that Jesus came and preached the Gospel.
One cannot understand the story of Jesus
without seeing it within the wider story of
Israel and the relationship of a People with
their God. It was during these centuries of
nation-building that God slowly formed
new soil, out of which Jesus would come
forth. But it wasn't the history that was the
most important; it was the growing
relationship in the midst of the historical
developments that mattered.

The Jews who were listening to Paul were
more focused on the history than on the
relationship. They were so taken by the
background that they forgot the drama of
a developing relationship. Jesus came into
the history, but he was calling them to a
relationship.

Losing Our Way?

Maybe, in the Irish Church, we make the
same mistake when passing on the faith:
we are interested in the story of the
nation and not the relationship with
Jesus. And so it was that the shamrock
became the symbol of Aer Lingus, and
not the invitation into the life of the
Blessed Trinity. ■