

**PRIEST ON DUTY: FR MARK BENNETT C.C. 071-9620118**

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 7th & SUNDAY 8th MAY**

**JAMESTOWN 7pm:** Des Cox (Anniv)

**ST.MARY'S Sat Vigil 8pm:** Joe Flynn (Anniv)

**9am:** Jimmy & Una Mulhern & Paddy Brannigan (Anniv)

**12 noon:** Leo Tansey (Anniv)

**LEITRIM 10.15am:**

**GOWEL 10.15am:**

**MASSES FROM MONDAY 9th to SATURDAY 14th MAY**

**Monday 8pm:** Tom Whelan (Anniv)

**Tuesday 10am:** Francis Shanley (Anniv)

**Wednesday 10am:**

**Thursday 10am:** Edward Stokes (Birthday Remembrance) & Mainie Stokes (Anniv)  
and deceased members of the Stokes, Reilly & McDonagh families

**Friday 8pm:** James Cummins (Anniv)

**Saturday 10am:**

**LEITRIM Tuesday 8pm:**

**GOWEL Friday 7pm:**

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 14th & SUNDAY 15th MAY**

**JAMESTOWN 7pm:**

**ST. MARY'S Vigil 8pm:** Bernadette Keaney (Months Mind)

**Sunday 9am:** Ollie Burke (30th Anniv) & his parents Eileen & Tom

**12noon:** Pat McTigue (Anniv)

**LEITRIM 10.15am:**

**GOWEL 10.15am:**

**PARISH NOTES**

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Christian Community Oisín McHugh who was baptised last weekend.

**ADORATION** in the Adoration Chapel re-opened on Wednesday 4th May.

For health and security reasons you need to be on the roster as places are limited.

If you would like to commit to a weekly hour's adoration please text Judy at 0863611201. We encourage you to wear a mask in the Adoration Chapel. Adoration in the main church will continue on Thursday following 10am mass until 12noon unless it is not possible due to a funeral/wedding/ or some other reason.

**DEATHS:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sean McKenna (Connecticut & formerly Jamestown) whose funeral took place recently. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

**CONFIRMATION:** Congratulations to all the boys and girls from Scoil Mhuire & the Gael Scoil, who were confirmed in St.Mary's Church on Saturday 7th May.

**UKRAINE NATIONAL COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Special Collection for Ukraine. Nationally, this collection has raised to date over €3.25 million. The war in Ukraine, and the terrible suffering which has resulted, has seen a tremendous outpouring of compassion and generosity from our parish communities. Your contributions will bring much-needed relief to those in the region whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated. The funds raised will be used by the international Catholic Church agency, Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas. We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts, praying for peace and an end to this appalling humanitarian crisis.

**Good Shepherd: Vocations Sunday:**

Each Year, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate what is called Good Shepherd Sunday in acclaiming Jesus the Good Shepherd, who lovingly watches over and grants protection to all of us. It is also designated as 'Vocations Sunday', when we are invited to pray that our Church may continue to be provided with priests and religious who will continue to proclaim the good news of the gospel to the ends of the earth. At present we are deeply mindful that there is a critical shortage of what we would regard as 'traditional vocations' to priesthood and religious life. But the problem is also a wider one. Perhaps for far too long we have given a much too narrow meaning to the word 'vocation' by limiting it to be a calling to either priesthood or religious life. It is important to acknowledge that every single one of us has a vocation in life. What we do as parents, teachers, nurses, doctors, secretaries, farmers, civil servants, running a business and a whole myriad of other occupations, makes a major difference in the lives of others every single day. This is therefore an opportune time to ask ourselves: Is what I am spending my energies on everyday my real vocation? What contribution am I offering to make this world a better place for people to live in and enjoy? To what extent am I a spreader of truth, of love, of justice, of tolerance, of compassion and acceptance? On this 'Vocations Sunday', God is inviting all of us to work in our own unique ways for the proclamation of the gospel, by word and deed. We all respond to God's call by using the particular talents given to each of us.