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Newsletter for the 4th Sunday of Easter, Year B

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'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.'



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Mass:
Sunday at 4 pm

Weekdays:
Mass on Wednesday at 10:30
Tea/Coffee after Mass

Confession or a chat
Sunday 3:20 – 3:50 pm
before Mass & on request

Contact the parish on Facebook, as well as the parish Website.



Please use the QR code below to make donations to the parish.



The Visitation RC Church, Tay

Visitors: A warm welcome to all our visitors to The Church of the Visitation. We are glad you worship with us, may almighty God bless you. Please, join us after Mass on Wednesdays for Tea/Coffee. Our gratitude goes to our parishioners who made this possible, God bless you!

Holy Places Special Collection: Today is the special collection. This was supposed to be done on Good Friday but was postponed to 21st of April. Thank you for your generosity.

SCIAF Wee Boxes: if you have not returned your wee boxes by now there is still time. The period to return them has now been extended to 27 April. Thank you for your generosity.

The collections for last Sunday
Standing Orders **£45.00**
Offertory **£68.00**



All welcome!

Sunday 21st April
11am-3pm

Taynuilt Village Hall

Soup, Sandwiches, home baking & produce stall

Funds for R.C Visitation Church

Entry £5

GIFT AID SCHEME

The government's Gift Aid Scheme is a valuable source of additional income for the parish.

Please ensure that if you are a UK taxpayer every donation you make to the parish, including your offertory collection, is Gift Aided. Please see Theresa Davis for an application form.

Thank you for supporting our church.

REFLECTIONS

Summary of Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations by National Catholic Register

This year the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 21.

Pope Francis addresses the faithful at his Wednesday general audience on Feb. 28, 2024. (photo: Vatican Media)

Matthew Santucci/CNA Vatican March 19, 2024

Pope Francis on Tuesday released his message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, reflecting on the Christian pilgrimage as a synodal journey that is rooted in hope and aimed toward discovering God's love.

The theme for the this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, "Called to Sow Seeds of Hope and to Build Peace," reflects the universal Christian call to "base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out will never be in vain," the Pope said.

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"This ultimate calling is one that we must anticipate daily," the Pope observed. "Even now our loving relationship with God and our brothers and sisters is beginning to bring about God's dream of unity, peace, and fraternity."

The Pope noted that this process of discernment assumes a "synodal character," as the Church has a "polyphony of diverse charisms and vocations."

"Amid the variety of our charisms, we are called to listen to one another and to journey together in order to acknowledge them and to discern where the Spirit is leading us for the benefit of all," the Pope observed.

Francis reinforced this observation by pointing to the theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope."

"We can become for our world messengers and witnesses of Jesus' dream of a single human family, united in God's love and in the bond of charity, cooperation, and fraternity," the Holy Father said.

For the Pope, the pilgrimage is a journey that has a regenerative effect as man carries "only the essentials" while "striving daily to set aside all weariness, fear, uncertainty, and hesitation" in order to "discover the love of God."

"Being a pilgrim," Francis continued, "means setting out each day, beginning ever anew, rediscovering the enthusiasm and strength needed to pursue the various stages of a journey that, however tiring and difficult, always opens before our eyes new horizons and previously unknown vistas."

But the Pope also noted that this journey is a process of self-discovery, which is "nourished by our relationships with others."

"We are pilgrims because we have been called, called to love God and to love one another," he said.

The Holy Father emphasized that this pilgrimage, or process, is "far from a pointless journey or aimless wandering" but is instead a process by which humans can work "toward a new world where people can live in peace, justice, and love."

Francis also directed this call to today's youth — especially those who feel estranged or suspicious of the Church — with the Pope encouraging them to bring Christ the "important questions."

"Let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him."