

## Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday.

“Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.” – Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026

In his message for this year’s World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that vocation is an “interior discovery” of God’s gift, planted deep within our hearts and nurtured through prayer, listening, and trust. He encourages all of us to create a spirit of faith, prayer, and support, so that God’s call may be heard and generously embraced.

Let us keep in our prayers and remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life. May they find the courage to pause, listen, and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Cost €85 inclusive of the following:

Bus leaving 8.00am. Stop for tea-break, arrive to Knock 12.30, Programme in Knock

Mass in the Basilica at 3pm, Rosary Procession 4.30pm.

Depart 5pm. Dinner on the return journey.

Please call into the parish office to book your place.

Deposit €30.00 to secure place.

## First Holy Communion in our parish.

This coming Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of May at 11 am, the children of St. Kevin’s Boys and Girls Schools will make their First Communion.

We wish them and their families every blessing during this last week of preparation.

## New Groundskeeper .

We welcome Malachy, our new groundskeeper, supporting Enda in his work. Enda has served the parish faithfully for over forty years and will continue his work on two days per week from this summer. Part of Malachy’s role will include identifying suitable trees to replace those removed from the church grounds in Kingswood last year.

If you would like to sponsor a tree, please contact the parish office.

**The Lay Ministry Appeal**, takes place on the weekend of May 2/3 and will replace the Share collection. This year’s theme is Building faith-filled communities

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good Shephard says the Lord, I know my own sheep and my own know me

Alleluia, alleluia!



## Hope Corner

Only when our surroundings area illumined by living faith, sustained by constant prayer and enriched by fraternal accompaniments can God’s call blossom and mature, becoming a path of happiness and salvation for individuals and the world

*Pope Leo Message for Vocation Sunday 2026*



Parish of St. Kevin and St. Kilian  
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### Mass Times and Services

#### Weekdays

**Tuesday 10.00 a.m.** [St. Kilian’s,  
Kingswood]

**Wednesday 10.00 a.m.** [St. Kevin’s,  
Kilnamanagh]

**Friday 10.00 a.m.** [St. Kilian’s,  
Kingswood, followed by hospitality.

#### Sundays & Holy Days

**6.00 p.m. Vigil** – St. Kilian’s,  
Kingswood.

**10.00 a.m.** – St. Kevin’s, Kilnamanagh

**12.00 Noon** – St. Kilian’s, Kingswood