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Church of the Assumption Moyvane - Saturday 24th April to Sunday 2nd May- Radio

Sat 24 th	7.30pm	Con Carmody, The Village (1 st Anni)
Sun 25 th	11.00am	Nell Flavin, Trien (Months Mind) & her twin grandnephews Ben & Daniel on their 21 st Birthday Remembrance and Anniversary.
Mon 26 th	7.30pm	Special Intention - Emigrant family
Tues 27 th	7.30pm	James Fitzgerald, Lower Aughtrim (Anni)
Thurs 29 th	7.30pm	Sr. Crisalda, Malta (1 st Anni) - prayers & blessings to her loving sister Josephine in Malta and her special friend Maura in Dublin.
Fri 30 th	7.30pm	Mai Carr, Birthday Celebration Blessings
Sat 1 st	7.30pm	John O'Connor, Moyvane South (Anni)
Sun 2 nd	11.00am	Tom O'Flaherty, The Village (Anni) & his nephew Michael Andrew Beazley, Ballybunion.

Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure - Sunday 25th April to Sunday 2nd May - Tannoy

Sun 25 th	9.30am	Helen & John Joe O'Sullivan, Ardagh & their daughter-in-law Mary O'Sullivan, Athea (Anni)
Sun 2 nd	9.30am	Pádraig McMahon, Lisaniskea (Anni)

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Fr. Brendan Walsh ☎ 087/7913271. Emergencies only.

OFFERTORY, SHRINES & DUES: Offertory €1,408.01; Shrines €246; Dues €160; Very many thanks.

IT'S GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



This Sunday is always special to me, but in recent years it marks my Dad's Anniversary. Good Shepherd Sunday my Dad, Tom, was brought to pastures new to be united with the love of his life Mum (Mary) who died in 1981. May they rest in peace.

Picturing Jesus as the Good Shepherd brings one word to the fore in my mind and heart - compassion. The sheep that is lost receives the compassion of the Good Shepherd. Compassion holds both beauty and challenge. It is based on the belief that we are united with all beings. Their joy and sorrow is our joy and sorrow because of this deep and intimate connection. To be truly compassionate means to approach another with non-judgement and the unconditional love that Jesus had when He met those who were suffering or lost. The Good Shepherd is so approachable so loving and loyal too. Confession is where we experience the Good Shepherd best. I will be in the car park this Sunday from 2pm to 5pm. You are most welcome.

Finally a little girl was learning to recite Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd). She was learning it off by heart for the School Play. The night of the Play she didn't recite the Psalm as most of us know it, but what she said is so, so true: 'The Lord is my Shepherd: That's all I want.'

LISTEN - PLEASE!

Have you a moment to spare to take in a Ten Second Sermon written by John Keble, the 19th Century cleric and poet: "**Jesus give us grace to listen**" I wonder how many misunderstandings have been cleared up and problems solved by a little careful listening? Perhaps we should listen well not only to what is said, but also to what is not said. Maybe then we will learn something important.

BRIEF AND TO THE POINT!

What's the shortest speech you've ever heard? When tea first reached Braemar, a shopkeeper invited customers to come and taste it. They crowded into his premises where he stood behind the counter arrayed with cups and saucers. He boiled a big kettle, poured the water over the tea leaves and then after a decent interval, raised the result above his head. "Ladies and gentlemen", he announced. "TEAPOT!" Ah, if only my sermons were as brief and to the point!

"CO-OPERATE WITH THE INEVITABLE"

When I worked in Kenmare Parish many years ago I was blessed to have a really unique and special Parishioner who was very active and positive in the practice of her faith. She was always, always smiling. I asked her once what made her so cheerful. After all, her life was so hard and difficult, in fact, she had experienced much hardship. She just smiled wider than ever and remarked, "Fr. Kevin, that's simple. I co-operate with the inevitable". These Easter days, with all their challenges, that is a good lesson to keep in mind! Stay safe, be sensible and keep your co-operation at a high level.

NOT BAD ADVICE TO THE PROVOKED!

A man once saw anglers along a river bank, fishing for salmon. They were trying all they knew to hook the fish, but the salmon just kept leaping and rolling in the air, shining like silver in the sunshine. The man could not help thinking what a carefree life those salmon had. All they had to do to stay happy and carefree was: 'Keep their mouth shut!' Not bad advice to the provoked, is it? When we are angry or terribly mis-understood that's the time like the salmon - 'Keep your mouth shut!'

WHICH ONE - MUD OR SUN?

I have been reading Chinese proverbs and teachings. They are usually so very old and profound - well worth thinking about seriously and applying in our own lives. I came across this one recently that left a deep impression and indeed a challenge too:

"If there is sufficient mud thrown around - some sticks. If there is sufficient sunshine around - some penetrates". Now I ask myself which do I throw more of - mud or sun? I must honestly reflect. Can you kind reader do the same - mud or sun?

GIVE THE PAPERS A CHANCE

"There's only bad news in the papers", moaned a Priest friend of mine recently. I have started to cut out the good news from the papers I engage with. A few weeks into this practice now and the pile is growing steadily. Cuttings include a short item about the bravery of a pet dog; the gallantry of a man who tried to deter car thieves and succeeded. Then there was the news of the couple that got C19, recovered apart and are now together and moving details of a brave child recovering from a heart operation. No good news? There is plenty if you look for it. Incidentally, do any of you cut out pieces that this Newsletter brings you every week.

FORGET THE UNKIND THINGS

Actress Ingrid Bergman once said: "I stay so happy because I have a terrible memory". Many things deserve to be remembered and ought to be remembered. But life certainly is so much happier for us all, if we learn to forget the unkind things others have said or done to us. So many from all around the country were in touch with me last week via email and phone. Some gave me a blessing, others were aggressive and told me to get a life etc. Thankfully, I have prayed for all and ask you to do the same. Those who are hurting and are so critical of the Church have very valid reasons. I would love to listen and talk to them with a view to starting a healing moment. The unkind experiences keep us locked in hatred. We need to talk about them and then let them go.

NOTICES

NIARON LTD: ESB Jointing works has commenced just outside Moyvane village on the way to Knockanure and have commenced just outside Moyvane village in the direction of Tarbert. We would like to thank the local community for their patience during these works and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

THE PARENTS COUNCIL MURHUR NS: have arranged a Clothing Collection for April 29th. In light of current conditions, bags of unwanted clothes can be dropped into the Marion Hall, Glin Rd at the following dates & times: Saturday 24th April 10:30-12:00pm; Tuesday 27th April 7-8pm. Please do NOT drop bags at times other than those designated above. Bags of unwanted, dry, clean Clothing (all types), Bed Linen (pillow cases, sheets, covers), handbags, shoes can be given - all bagged. Also, the Parents Council have arranged the date of Friday 30th April for the next Split the Bucket Draw! Tickets can still be purchased in Hollys, Noel Stack Butchers & Mike Kennelly's Hardware! We would like thank all those who have supported to date.

BLESSING OF HOLY WATER: At the weekend Masses, I will bless water making it Easter Water. Fill your own bottles at home and I will bless them. Those at home can have bottles at the ready as well.

VOCATION SUNDAY: In former years this Sunday was dedicated to praying for Vocations. We need to continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Vocations Director in the Diocese is Fr. Joe Begley. Email glengarriff@dioceseofkerry.ie