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Daily Mass

Monday 7.30 pm; **Tuesday & Wednesday**, 10 am
[Blessed Sacrament Exposition after 10 am Mass until 2 pm]; **Thursday**, 7.30 pm; **Friday** 10 am; **Saturday** 11am

Confessions Before Saturday nights Mass, 7.30 – 7.50

Saturday Vigil 8 pm
Sunday 10 am.

Anniversary Mass this weekend

Saturday Vigil 8 pm Yvonne Scott, Cloncha

Next Weekend

Saturday Vigil 8 pm: Patrick & Bridgid McDermott, Drumley & Carabeg
Sunday 10 am John & Evelyn Ruddy, Kindroyhead

Weekly Offering €1,000
Development Collection €325

Retired Priests Collection will be taken up this weekend.

Envelopes can be left in McGuinness' shop.

First Reading

Sirach 27:30—28:9

Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

We belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

VOCATIONS In today's gospel Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness. We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who "...is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy." (Responsorial Psalm).

Tea/Coffee after 10 am Mass today, Sunday. Everyone welcome.



SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: If you have any concerns with regards to Safeguarding Children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie O'Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 0044 7596500793, or at dlp@derrydiocese.org or Garda Síochána, Buncrana 074 9320540, Letterkenny HQ 074 9167100 or TUSLA Family & Child Agency 00353 749102233 ROI Vetting Office: 074 93 63108



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Season of Creation
1st September – 4th October

Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

"Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. [...] Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing." (Ezek 47:9,12)

This year's theme, "Living Water", explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation. The context of this text is one of political, social, theological and national catastrophe.

The Men's Shed Carn is also hosting "**DROP IN WEDNESDAYS**" for men every Wednesday from 11 am - 1 pm. Pop in for a coffee and a chat and see what we do here at the shed, a place to connect, learn and create. Bring a friend, meet new people. All ages welcome

EUCCHARISTIC

ADORATION: Derry Diocese is renewing and developing its Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting on Wed 30 Sept, 8.00pm, in The Drummond Hotel, 2 Main St., Ballykelly, BT49 9HP. Registration and light refreshments from 7.30pm.

Spraoi agus Spórt Activities for Children and Families

Boogie Bugs – Mondays, 10am–12pm, ages 0–4, from 14 September.

Parent & Toddler Sensory Play – Tuesdays, 10am–1pm.

Mammy & Baby – Wednesdays, 10am–1pm.

Parent & Toddler Messy Play – Thursdays, 10am–1pm.

Unit 6, SuperValu, Carndonagh, F93 AY6D. Book at spraoiagusport.ie.

Shopping Spraoi is Coming to Buncrana

Come along and shop for fabulous second-hand fashion at Spraoi agus Spórt's latest Shopping Spraoi event at The Plaza, Buncrana, on Friday, 9 October, 6pm–8pm.

Vote for Saothrú

Saothrú Nursery & Garden Centre, Carndonagh, has been shortlisted for the Highland Radio Customer Service Awards in the Garden Centre / Landscape Gardening category. Voting closes Wednesday, 16 September. Vote at highlandradio.com.

SET DANCING - Malin Head Community Centre. Every Thursday starting 17th September 8 to 10pm €5. Special FREE beginners introductory session from 7.30 to 8 pm.

Triduum of Masses for Bishop Michael Router: As the diocese and parishes prepare to celebrate the joyous occasion of the Installation of Bishop Michael Router as Bishop of Derry on Sunday 20 September, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated in parishes throughout the diocese. In Bocan, our Friday & Saturday Masses will be offered for Bishop Michael. All are welcome to attend as we come together as God's people to pray for Bishop Router and the people of the diocese, that we may walk together in faith and hope, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Greencastle Centre - UnScripted' after-school youth drama project starting Tuesday 22nd September 4-6pm food and transport provided.

- Inish Tennis starting back from Monday 14th September for ages 5yrs up and adults Tel: 083 205 4348 for more info.

- indoor Bowls Tuesday morning 11am – 1pm starting back Tuesday 22nd September.

- Musical Memories starting back Monday 5th October 11:30am.

"FORGIVENESS - Readiness to forgive is taught by many of the great philosophies and religions of the world. Why? Because you can't be happy, or have any sort of inner peace, far less inner joy, if you refuse to forgive. Dwelling on past hurts, nurturing resentment, indulging simmering anger: these things can blight or embitter a person's whole life. Unfortunately though, as all of us know: sometimes forgiveness can seem very difficult indeed, even impossible. Perhaps this is so nowadays more than ever, because contemporary secular culture encourages us to think of ourselves as victims, who have a right to demand compensation and redress.

What though if we find it too hard? What if my brother really hurts or upsets me, and ever continues to do so? What if I have been so deeply wounded by someone that my life is effectively ruined? In that case, let us simply admit the impossibility of our task, and turn to God for help. O God come to my aid, we cry. 'Lord, help me to let go of this. If I can't forgive, then do you forgive in my place. Bless us both, 'Lord, so that each of us is able to receive the gift of your forgiveness.'

We pray, we go to confession, and we come to Mass. Here the love and mercy of Jesus that flows from his sacrificial death are made present, and received in sacramental form. Here supremely we find the grace and strength we need, in order to let go of the debt we are owed: we, who have been redeemed from our own incomparably greater debt, through the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Whist Winners

1st Kevin Lafferty

2nd Vera Deeny

3rd John McLaughlin

Tickets

John Doherty, Gerard

Doherty, Dolores O'Donnell,

Patrick McLaughlin

HOST FOR HOSPICE: October is officially Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, you can support your local hospice by bringing your friends together and putting the kettle on - it's a piece of cake! To request your FREE host pack or for more info, please call Ailbhe McDaid, Community Fundraiser, Foyle Hospice, on 028 7135 9888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

CULDAFF TIDY TOWNS This year's annual Culdaff Craft Fair will take place on Sunday 15 November from 2-5pm in the Wee Hall Culdaff. Afternoon teas served and a draw for valuable prizes will take place. For more information and bookings contact Philomena on 0868418189.

Carrowmenagh Community Centre Tel 074 93 67061

Our all-age social club, **The Tuesday Club**, returns on Tuesday 15th September from 2–4pm. Join us for a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon with a range of activities, including cards, bingo, Scrabble and other board games, knitting and crochet, or simply a chance to enjoy a chat and make new friends. Everyone is very welcome. Cost is €5, including afternoon tea.

We have lots of great **courses** coming up for the autumn including Spanish conversation and culture, beauty therapy, plumbing and heating, phone photography, creative painting, guitar lessons, tablet and smartphone for beginners, creative crafts, digital skills for farmers and internet skills level 3. Contact the Centre for more information and to book.

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. For more info and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie



Donegal Hospice
Together we care

Donegal Hospice Coffee Morning

Monday 27th September 11am – 2pm

Rose McLaughlin's (Kearney) Home, Moneydarragh, Gleneely, F93 C5K2

Everyone welcome and all donation greatly appreciated!

Donations can also be made via Revolut

