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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

The parable of the weeds among the wheat addresses the recurring problem of believers who claim they can discern the righteous from the wicked, thereby separating themselves from the rest to form a circle of respectable people. Jesus himself ignores the social labels imposed by the so-called pious and the respectable. The task of separating the good from the bad is reserved for God, who will set things right in his own time.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 23rd July 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Marie Magee, Tullycalter; Elizabeth Haren, Drumcroohen.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 23rd July 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Joe and Kieran Smyth and Deceased of the Smyth Family, Drumary; Eugene Cassidy, Derryvarymore and Deceased of the McManus Family, Aghakeeran.

Tuesday 25th July Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 25th July **St James** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine. **Anniversary:** Louis McGullion, Sandhill; John McGullion, Rosnarick Close.

Wednesday 26th July **Ss Joachim and Anne** 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Charles and Agnes Murphy, Tonagh.

Thursday 27th July 10am Mass.

Sunday 30th July 11.30am Mass. **Months Memory:** Billy Hassard, Knockmore Road. **Anniversary:** Michael and Siobhan Farrell, Derrygonnelly.

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 30th July 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Peter Jones, Leitrim; Susan McAfee, Aghahoorin; James and Brigid Carroll, Lisdoonan; John and Annie Burns, Aghakeeran; Una Buchanan, Belfast; Francie and Teresa Gallagher, Killyveagh.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the souls of Leo McAloon, Killyveagh and James McDonnell, Dromore. May they rest in peace.

Today marks the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme for this year is "His Mercy is from Age to Age" (Lk.1:50) using the image of Mary visiting her elderly cousin Elizabeth.

God of mercy, who has given the gift of long life to Your children, grant them your blessing;

let them feel the sweetness and strength of your presence:

Turning back to the past

Let them rejoice in Your mercy

And looking to the future

let them persevere in the hope that does not die.

Praise and glory to You for ever and ever.

Bishop Denis Nulty Chair of Council for Marriage & the Family



Date for your Diary: The Annual Clogher Diocesan One-Day Retreat at Lough Derg, led by Bishop Larry Duffy, will take place on Saturday, 19th August. For further details, please visit www.loughderg.org.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel. Matthew 13:24-43

1. The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see everything is not right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the darnel) can blind us to seeing the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?

2. Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life, e.g., learning by making mistakes, or asking stupid questions, or taking foolish risks?

3. The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are reminders that seemingly insignificant things can have positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative, or a word of encouragement?

John Byrne OSA

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season: Three Day Pilgrimage – continues until Monday 15th August. Booking advised: online at www.loughderg.org email info@loughderg.org tel:00353 719861518

Lough Derg Pilgrim Path – Camino Style: Saturday 26th August, everyone is welcome to walk the Pilgrim Path around Lough Derg with the expert guidance of Fr La Flynn. There is a particular invitation to any man discerning priesthood. More information in the coming weeks.

Mary's Meals -Step by Step to Feed the Next Child: Mary's Meals is currently feeding over 2.4 million children a daily school meal across 18 countries. Our Annual Walk to Knock to support this life-changing work starts on **Saturday 5th August** in five different locations throughout Ireland and finishes in Knock on Tuesday 15th August on the Feast of the Assumption. The local Mary's Meals Fermanagh group are walking from Enniskillen to Knock starting on Saturday 5th Aug, doing an average of 10 miles per day but would love for more people to join them even for a mile or two. Register online at www.bit.ly/stepbystep or contact Ann Curry on 07885438529 to find out more. Please keep all our walkers in your prayers.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, Wednesday 6 September 2023: led by Bishop Larry Duffy. Families and parish or prayer / community groups are welcome to make the journey and to gather in Knock for 10.30am. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass in the Basilica at 3pm.

Under Mary's Mantle – Young Adult Conference takes place in All Hallows College, Dublin on **19th and 20th August**. Join us for talks, workshops, mass, guided holy hours, and great socialising. Tickets on Eventbrite. Two Day Rate €60; Saturday rate €40, Sunday rate €30. Overnight rates available. Call 085 1442423.

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You are invited! Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate Mass at Slane on 6th August as part of the Light the Fire Rosary/healing service on

World Youth Day. Sister Brieghe McKenna will lead the healing service while Eurovision's Dana will sing her new song for Saint Patrick which recalls how our patron saint lit the fire of faith on Slane in 433AD. Everyone welcome, from 12:15pm -4:30pm. (Hill of Slane, County Meath C15 DV76). More info: hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC : Jackpot €6200. £20 Neville McGrath, Enniskillen, Aine Cassidy, online player, Dominic Corrigan, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. We extend sympathy to the Smyth family on the recent passing of James McDonnell, Dromore and the McGarry and Burns families on the death of Deirdre McGarry, Enniskillen.

Synodal Pathway- The official working document for the forthcoming Synod of Bishops in Rome in October was launched on 20th June. To read the document visit <https://synod.ie/instrumentum-laboris-for-synod-2021-2024/>

"friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realise that not everything depends on them and their abilities".

Pope Francis.