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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The forty-two parables in the Gospels are designed to take us up short and make us think again. Today's parable is a good example. The actions of the employer and the treatment of the workers simply would not work today as a labour relations strategy and would also not have worked in the time of Jesus. And what is the point? Really that it doesn't matter when we come to the Gospel, early middle or late, by routes direct or circuitous, in full stride or falteringly: all that matters is that we come to the Gospel. Achievement counts for nothing: grace is everything, thanks be to God!

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 24th September 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Rita Howe, Leitrim; Geraldine Cameron, Mullaghmore; John McLoughlin, Samsonagh; Deceased of the McLoughlin and Cassidy Families, Aghakeeran

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 24th September 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Michael and Brigid McLoughlin, Glenlevin; Paddy Duffy and Deceased of the Duffy Family, Doagh. Breedh Smyth, Caldrum; Kathleen Kelly and Deceased of the Kelly Family, Caldrum; Cathal and Renee Maguire, Creamery Road.

Tuesday 26th September Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 26th September **Ss. Cosmas & Damian** 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine

Wednesday 27th September **St. Vincent de Paul** 10am Mass

Thursday 28th September 10am Mass

Sunday 1st October 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** John Cameron and Deceased of the Cameron and Miller Families; Damian McGovern, Caldrum Road

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 1st October 10am Mass **Anniversary;** Mary Meehan, Killyveagh

Prayer for migrants and refugees, World Day 24th September

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness,
your light may shine, and where there is discouragement,
confidence in the future may be reborn.

Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish,
and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

Pope Francis

Sacred Heart Church Refurbishment:

Work on the renovation of the Sacred Heart Church will begin in the coming days. This work marks the culmination of the three churches project begun in 2014 and its completion will be welcomed by many.

I acknowledge everyone that has been involved in allowing us to get to this point. While the parish has secured part funding from Bank of Ireland, there is still a need to raise the balance necessary to complete the work.

I encourage everyone in the parish to commit whatever you can in support of the work. The churches of our parish are places of encounter with the Lord, in the celebration of the Eucharist, as well as other liturgies. They welcome us into the Christian community at baptism and farewell us at the end of life. The Sacred Heart stands as a testament to all who have gathered in it through the generations.

I now appeal to all current generations to continue to allow it be a place of worship into the future. In order to support the renovation project please contact Nora in the parish office at 028 68641889 or by email botha@clogherparishes.ie

For the duration of the work, Sunday Mass will take place in The Immaculate Conception, Monea at 10am weekly and at 11.30am in St. Patrick's. Funerals from the Boho area will be celebrated in either Derrygonnelly or Monea with burial in Boho.

Further information will be provided in due course. Thank you for your support and your understanding.

Season of Creation:



September 1st
– October 4th
2023



Let Justice
and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

'When we fail

to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples- it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected' (117).

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

1. 'I was there first'. Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favorable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.

2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a 'Jesus person' in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favorable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.

3. This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gifts that God has given you by counting all the blessings that you have, no matter how small.

4. 'it is too late now' are words sometimes uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action, when you thought it was 'too late'?

Youth 2000 Ulster Retreat: takes place in the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of Lough Derg, from 29th of September - 1st of October. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. The retreat is donation only, however if you are staying over there is a cost £35/€40 which goes to Lough Derg. Register now on www.youth2000.ie

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £7100. The numbers drawn were 4, 11, 25 & 30. £20 each was won by Martina Jones, Boho, James Gormley, Belleek & G Sebastian, Belleek. Draw in Doogies Bar Sunday night.

Thanks to everyone who support and promotes the Harps Lotto.

