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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's liturgy invites us to focus on forgiveness. The gospel passage follows immediately on Jesus' urging his apostles to exercise unlimited forgiveness. He answers their objection by focusing on faith. Real faith will empower them to forgive to this degree.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 5th October 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Phil Corrigan, Aughaherrish **Anniversary:** Brendan McGrath, Mullylusty – Deceased of the McLoughlin and Cassidy Families, Aughakeeran

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 5th October 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Jamie Thompson, Brughas - Damian McGovern, Caldrum Road – Eddie and Lucy Kelly, Oxfordshire

Tuesday 7th October Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 7th October **Our Lady of the Rosary** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 8th October 10am Mass

Thursday 9th October 10am Mass

Sunday 12th October 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Liam Love, Knockmore Road – Emily Love, Fairview Park - Donald and Helen Keown, formerly Derrygonnelly

Immaculate Conception:

Sunday 12th October 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Vonnice Greene, Scandally

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Sr Kathleen Gallagher, Dublin / Falcarragh. May she rest in peace.

Joyful Praise to Our Lady of the Rosary

Lord Jesus, we come before You
with hearts full of gratitude
for the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary.
May her joyful spirit inspire us to seek
Your light in every moment.
Help us to embrace the power of prayer,
reflecting on her love and guidance.
Let our praises rise like incense,
bringing glory to Your name. Amen.



Prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary is a heartfelt devotion that honours the Virgin Mary through the recitation of the rosary. This prayer invites believers to seek her intercession and guidance, fostering a deeper connection to faith. It serves as a reminder of the power of prayer in reflecting on the life of Christ and the virtues of Mary. Through this sacred practice, individuals find peace, hope, and strength in their spiritual journey.

Eucharistic Healing Conference:

will take place in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran on Friday 10th October (10 am - 9 pm), Saturday 11th October (9 am - 9 pm), Sunday 12th October (9 am - 3 pm). Registration Fee €45 per person. No Under 18's. Daily Mass, Confessions, Adoration & Healing. Speakers include Fr. John Keane, Fr. Joseph Ucheruwee, Deacons Don Devenney & Thady O Connor, Healers Eddie Stones & Adrian Byrne. Hotel 0719841204 - 0861546099 / 0877847304.

Envelope Collection: week ending **28th September** - Weekly Offerings £1425.00 and €25. Development Fund £1780.00 and €22 Thank you for your generous support.

This week's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Damian McGovern, Caldrum Road.

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland : All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18th October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory document, entitled *Baptised and Sent* - the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring - will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the document is a renewed focus on baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future. You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/ Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope.

Praying for our priests: during this Jubilee Year of Prayer in the Universal Church, you are invited to keep in your prayers the clergy of our diocese.

Please pray this week for: Father Frank McManus and Father Sean Nolan

Father Frank previously served in St Joseph's the Rock, Ballyshannon and is now PP in Ederney.

Father Sean was Administrator of the Cathedral parish, Monaghan and the PP of Errigal Truagh and is now retired.

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group: will hold a Day of Prayer, Praise and Healing in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh, on **Sunday 19th October.** Registration 9.30am. Mass in the afternoon. Speaker will be Fr John Keane. Cost £30 includes morning coffee and lunch. Booking essential by Sunday 5th October. Contact 07876411435 or 07596609041.

Thought for Today

Faith is not measured by its size but by its surrender. When the disciples pleaded, 'Increase our faith!' Jesus replied that even faith as small as a mustard seed could uproot mountains (v. 6). Yet true faith is not about spectacular displays - it's about humble obedience. 'When you have done all you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants'' (v. 10). God doesn't demand grand achievements but faithful steps. Today, trust Him with what little faith you have, and let obedience - not applause - be your motive. The smallest seed of faith, planted in surrender, moves heaven's hand.

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Through the Lens of the Gospel [Luke 17. 5-10]

1. Faith can move mountains... well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, skepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God was strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?

2. Faith is like a mustard seed, small, and sometimes we may be tempted to wait till our faith grows. Part of the message in the gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back up this?

3. It is nice when what we do is recognised and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. Have you experienced this?

4. This is particularly true when it comes to love. Love is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love given and received?

FREE Step Challenge Walking Programme: Starts Thurs 9th October to 18th December, 9.30am to 10.30am at Derrygonnelly GAA pitch. Open for all ages and abilities for a walk and a talk.

Easy on Kneasy: continues Wednesday 8th Oct from 11am to 11.45 am in Derrygonnelly Harps Clubrooms with Jackie Cassidy. Suitable for all abilities. £3 per class. Contact 07779647905 or just show up on the day. New faces welcome, refreshments after each class.