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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

The heart of Jesus' proclamation is given in today's gospel. As is often noted, the word "repent" is not the best translation of the original Greek and it would be better to use some other expression such as "convert." It really means a new way at looking at everything, a new mind or outlook. It may of course include being sorry about the past, but the real energy is towards the future: "convert and put your trust in the Good News" We could put it like this: from what are we called to conversion is important; more important is towards what are we being called.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 25th January 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Gerald and Shane Gallagher, Tobradan - Francie and Susan McHugh, Tobradan - Joseph Leonard, Belleek - Joe and Una Leonard, Leighan - Charlie McGowan, Faugher

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 25th January 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Jack Wadsworth, Fairview Park
Anniversary: Kevin McGovern, Doagh

Tuesday 27th January Eucharistic Adoration 10am - 7pm

Tuesday 27th January 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 28th January **St Thomas Aquinas** 10am Mass

Thursday 29th January 10am Mass

Sunday 1st February 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Molly and Paddy McConnell, Knockmore Road

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 1st February 10am Mass People of the Parish

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend our sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of Kathy Magee, Melbourne. May she rest in peace.

Short prayer for Guidance

**"Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and a hope of finally embracing you.
Amen."**

St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas was born in Italy in 1224. He died in 1274. Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest Theologians, he is patron of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

Popes Intentions for February - For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Feast of St. Brigid will be celebrated next Sunday 1st February. If anyone would like to have their St Brigid's crosses blessed please take them to mass.

Altar Society February: Derrygonnelly – Angela Gallagher and Breege McConnell. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 8th February in St Patrick's. **Monea** Collector – Peter Cassidy **Boho** - Elizabeth Corrigan and Sinead Leonard Collector – Darran McManus.

Envelope Collection: week ending **18th January** Weekly Offerings £1685.00 and €20. Thank you for your generous support.

Poor Clares Galway: - **Half-Day Retreat for women 18-35** with Beth Davis of *Blessed is She Ministries* on **Sunday 1st February 2pm to 6pm**. Visit <https://cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie> for more information and to register.

Church Music Workshop: on **Saturday 31st January** in Mount Lourdes, Enniskillen. Registration 10.30am and concludes with mass at 4.15pm. The workshop is open to choir directors, members and musicians. Booking is required, details on the poster on notice board at back of the Church. Closing date for booking is **Monday, 26th January**.

Pilgrimages to Medjugorje: Contact John Calgie 1st - 8th July 2026 via Dublin. 7 nights accommodation with breakfast and dinner £695 PPS. £50 discount if £200 deposit is paid before 30th January. Tel: 02868631177/07736336262.

Direct from Dublin 15th – 22nd July Group leader Marian Kane, €745 if deposit of €200 is paid before January 30th otherwise price increases to €795. Tel: 0872713260.

Save our Acute Services: Keep the date free! Save Our Acute Services (SOAS) Public Rally and Tractor / Truck Drive-through will take place on **Sunday 8th February at 3PM** at The Diamond, Enniskillen. Come out to show our united support for the full restoration of Emergency Surgery at SWAH.

Thought for Today

'Repent', in other words, 'Change your life'. Today Jesus speaks those same words to you: 'Take heart, I am here with you, allow me to enter and your life will change'. Jesus knocks at the door. That is why the Lord gives you his word, so that you can receive it like a love letter he has written to you, to help you realise that he is at your side. His word consoles and encourages us. At the same time it challenges us, frees us from the bondage of our selfishness and summons us to conversion. Because his word has the power to change our lives and to lead us out of darkness into the light.

Pope Francis, Sunday of the Word of God 2020

Reflections

We know that the days are now getting longer, even if it is not obvious yet. Light is starting to make a comeback. We have turned the corner. In this morning's gospel reading, Matthew compares the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus to the coming of the light. The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light. A new light is rising over people, the light of God's powerful presence. The opening words of Jesus' public ministry are, 'the kingdom of God is at hand'. The powerful presence of God is at hand, a presence that is full of light because it is full of love. God's presence in Jesus will mean healing for the broken and acceptance for the rejected; it will bring forgiveness to sinners and a place at table for the outsiders. This is a light to which people will be drawn, a divine light. The gospel reading speaks of large crowds following Jesus from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judaea and Transjordan. That same light rises over all of us today. The invitation of Jesus in the gospel reading today is to repent, in other words, to turn more fully towards the light of God present in Jesus, present now in the risen Lord. That call to turn is always with us and we never cease trying to respond to it ever more generously.

Fr Martin Hogan

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Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3700. £20 Patsy Burns, Lisdoon, Daniel Dundas, online player, Jane Keown, Garrison. Draw in Old Pals tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. Youth Presentation on **Friday 30th January** in the clubrooms. We are delighted to have Conor McManus, from Clontibret and Monaghan, to make the presentations on the night

Crochet Chatter, Knit and Knatter: will resume in Boho Hall on Monday 26th January at 7.30 pm. New faces welcome!

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