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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The followers of Christ must have courage at all times. Christ has promised support in time of trial. Death and imprisonment for Christ are realities for many Christians. The erosion of faith and the dechristianising of values can be frightening. But Christ says to all, 'Be not afraid.'

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 21st June 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Jacqueline Kennedy, Tullycalter

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 21st June 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Jack and Mary Kate Murphy, Keadue – Peggy Jones, London – Ted and Margaret Duffy and Deceased of the Duffy Family, Doagh

Tuesday 23rd June Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 23rd June 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine **Anniversary:** Michael Dolan, Drummacoorin

Wednesday 24th June **The Nativity of St John the Baptist** 10am Mass

Thursday 25th June 10am Mass

Sunday 28th June 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Billy Hassard, Knockmore Road

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 28th June 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Vincie and Mamie Leonard, Leskey

Prayer for Life Day for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendour and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



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Day for Life 2026: Each year the Bishops' Conferences of Ireland, Scotland and England & Wales come together to celebrate 'Day for Life', which this year falls on next Sunday 21st June. The theme for this year's Day for Life is **The Wonder of the Child in the Womb** - Reflecting on the humanity of the unborn and acknowledging, with compassion, the deep grief experienced by parents who lose a child before or shortly after birth.

We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God - God and man - as soon as He was

conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie

Parish Census: The Diocese requires a census from each parish every five years. This will be carried out over the coming weeks. If you are willing to assist with the census, please get in touch with the parish office during office hours. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) formerly known as RCIA: Do you or someone you know wish to become a Catholic or complete your Faith Journey in the Catholic Church? If so, the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) program, is available in St Michael's Parish, Enniskillen. Our next program begins on the **2nd September 2026**. If you wish to find out more, please contact 02866322075 or your local Priest for more information.

St. Pio Healing Mass: in St. Tierney's Church, Roslea on **Friday 26th June** at the 7pm Mass. Exposition from 6pm to 7pm. Celebrant Fr. Bryan Shortall, ofm Capuchin. The St. Pio relic will also be there.

Envelope Collection: Week ending **14th June** – Weekly offerings £1990.00 and €20.67. Thank you for your generous support.

Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage: celebrating the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on **Sunday, 26th July** in Knock Shrine commencing at 2.30pm with the Anointing of the Sick. A day of Grace and Blessing for the whole family as we honour grandparents and the elderly. Visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org. All are welcome.

Clogher don Óige: invites young people (15-17) to join them on pilgrimage to Taizé this summer. **8th -17th August**. More details at www.clogherdonoige.org/taize2026 cost €670

Clogher don Óige: will host a Summer Camp under the patronage of Carlo Acutis at St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Monaghan, from **Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th July**, running daily from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This promises to be an engaging "Carlo Camp" filled with fun, faith, and friendship, specially designed for children aged 10 to 13 years. Booking available online at: www.clogherdonoige.org The Cost is €15 per child.

Enniskillen VSOSJ Branch: is running a bus to Knock Shrine on **Saturday 27th June**. To reserve a seat, please contact Pat 07788433683, Adrian 07817451959 or Parish Office 66322075. Bus leaving Halls Lane at 7.30am.

Points to Ponder

The second part of Jesus' instruction to the disciples as they set out for their mission is the text of the Gospel today.

The opening sentence sets the tone for the disciples' mission: Do not be afraid – a phrase which is repeated twice more in this Gospel passage.

The first reading from the Old Testament book of the prophet Jeremiah reflects Jeremiah's experience of rejection – no one wants to hear the message God has called him to give. In fact, they want to kill him. Jeremiah sounds desperate and afraid. But then the reading turns into a prayer of confidence and trust in God's companionship and spiritual protection – God and Jeremiah will win out.

Preaching in the name of God is a risky and frightening business, as Jesus knows. So he urges the disciples not to be afraid of small beginnings, of those who can kill only the body, or that God would abandon them. He reminds them that God is always mindful of them and accompanies them on their mission. He urges them to be brave and bold in proclaiming the truth about God and in confessing their belief in Jesus before others.

Matthew's audience, like Jesus, Jeremiah and the disciples, knew all about persecution and rejection. Their question is also ours: if we allow fear to silence us how will the Good News of Jesus Christ ever be heard in the world? If we don't speak, who will? If we don't act, who will?

It is not really a matter of talking at people and quoting at length from the Bible. As St Francis of Assisi said, 'Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary use words'.

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Cemetery Sunday: The annual blessing of the graves will take place after 10am Mass in the Sacred Heart, Boho on Sunday 12th July and after masses on Sunday 19th July in the Immaculate Conception and St Patrick's.