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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Those whom Christ sends are to be received in his name. This is more than hospitality. It means openness to the other and to the message. Each member of the Church has received a mission so we must accept each other in a spirit of faith and love. Those whom Christ sends in an apostolic or prophetic ministry are to be listened to, whatever our natural feelings about them may be.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

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

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

Tuesday 30th June Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 30th June 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 1st July **St Oliver Plunkett** 10am Mass

Thursday 2nd July 10am Mass

Sunday 5th July 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Eugene and Teresa Foy and Deceased of the Foy Family, Blaney – Willie and Aggie Jones and Deceased of the Jones Family, Fairview Park – James and Margaret Dundas and Deceased of the Dundas Family, Derrygonnelly Gerard Cox, Tonagh – Cathal Carroll, and deceased of the Carroll Family, Lisdoonan – Bridie Carr, Sillees Grove

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 5th July 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Denis and Molly Meehan, Killyveagh – Hugh and John McSherry, Drumscollop

Reflection for End of School Year

Our Lives are marked forever by those we meet;
the friendships we make and the love we experience,
the reconciliations and the quarrels,
the work we have tried to do together,
for each other and for those less fortunate.
All this has given us something that will last.
Long after we've forgotten the marks of our exams,
we'll remember the friendships, the times of growth,
the fun, the laughter, the jokes.
We'll remember how we helped each other
grow as people, in faith, in hope, in love.
May what we have done in our school
be given to many others in our lives.

School holidays: as we have basked in days of glorious sunshine, perhaps it's fitting that the school year 2025-'26 has drawn to a close. As our children and young people look forward to summer holidays, we give thanks for all that has been. We recognise the efforts of our school principals and teaching staff, along with all other members of staff - teaching assistants, administration, maintenance and kitchen staffs. Thank you to the members of the Boards of Governors who give of their time to manage and support the work of our schools. Thank you also to the parents of our school children who entrust them to the care of others. May you all have an enjoyable break and many days of sunshine and fun.

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.

Points to Ponder

Jesus spoke often about rewards. In today's Gospel passage, he mentions the word three times. Is he appealing to our selfishness? After all, if we do what is right just to get a reward, isn't that being kind of self-centered? Sometimes we can think so. But Jesus doesn't seem to think so. If he did, he wouldn't have talked about rewards so often. The truth is that we were created to experience the fulfillment and joy that come from living in communion with God. We are built with a strong desire for happiness, for true, lasting happiness. This desire is actually an essential part of the engine of our lives. It keeps us going. It motivates us and gives us energy. Whenever Jesus speaks about rewards, he is appealing to a natural, healthy desire for fulfillment that he built into our human nature. It is not selfish to want to experience fulfillment. It is not selfish to do what is right because we know that it will lead us further along the path of a meaningful and fruitful life, and moving forward on that path will feel good. That is not selfishness; rather, it is hope. We are called by God to hope for all good things in him. Hope for fulfillment and joy in Christ is part of our Christian DNA – just as much a part of it as the cross. Jesus wants us to cultivate it and nourish it. He delights when we enjoy the good gifts of God and make choices that create more space for us and others to continue enjoying those gifts. Let us hope in Christ.

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THANK YOU from Bishop Larry: Sunday 14th June was a



truly memorable day for me as our diocesan community came together to mark the 50th anniversary of my priestly ordination. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all who participated and planned the wonderful liturgy in our renewed Cathedral; all my brother priests and deacons, musicians and choirs, my family and, most especially, all those who travelled to be there. I am also grateful to Bishop Ian Ellis, Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher for his presence—a sign of unity in Christ. Thanks too for all the kind messages and good wishes that I have received.

This celebration reminds us that priesthood is not only a gift from God, but a sacred calling that is central to the life and ministry of the Church. As people who are baptised and sent, let us pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life and various forms of lay ministry, so that our Christian faith may be preserved and shared in its beauty and lived out with joy and hope. Thank you all!

+ Larry

Altar Society July: Derrygonnelly – Mary Dundas, Mary E Dundas, Mary Cassidy and Deirdre Greene. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 12th July in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly. **Boho** – Claire McGrath and Catriona Duffy. Collector: Pat Gallagher. **Monea:** Monica Cassidy and Ann Maguire. Collector – Gavin Duffy

For sale: there are a number of church pews, from each of the three churches in the parish, of different sizes and styles, and they are available for sale. Please contact Fr. Cathal on 68641207 or the parish office on 68641889. Price negotiable.

Envelope Collection: Week ending **21st June** – Weekly offerings £1140.00 and €32. Thank you for your generous support.

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**. If you wish to find out more, please contact 02866322075 or your local Priest for more information.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3500. £20 Mel Rasdale, Dublin, Jean Ogle, Enniskillen, Gerard Skuce, Derrygonnelly. Draw in The Linnet Inn tonight. Thanks to all Lotto supporters, promoters and supervisors.

Popes Intention for July: For respect for human life - Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.