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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus changes his mind! How is that possible? Twice in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus limits his ministry to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (MT 10:6;15-24). In today's story, however, a very feisty woman, clearly not a daughter of Abraham, with her urgency and her witty retort, brings Jesus to recognise the needs of those beyond the ethnic confines of the Jewish people. They are ordinary human beings too, just as much in need of the Good News of the Kingdom as anyone else

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 16th August 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Charlie Woods, Castletown – Kevin, Lily and Geraldine Cassidy, Killyveagh

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 16th August 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Brigid and Bennie Love, Loughan – Roseanne and John Love, Derryvary – Paddy Flanagan, and Deceased of the Flanagan Family, Main Street – Mary and Hugh Flanagan, Dresternan – Billy Jones and Deceased of the Jones Family, Doagh

Tuesday 18th August Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 18th August 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 19th August 10am Mass

Thursday 20th August **St Bernard** 10am Mass

Sunday 23rd August 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Kevin Sheerin and Deceased of the Sheerin Family, Donegall

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 23rd August 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Phil Corrigan, Aghaherrish – John Gilroy, Aghamore – Susan and Jim McAfee and Deceased of the McAfee Family, Aghahoran – Charlie McManus and Deceased of the McManus Family, Farnaconnell

Prayer to Our Lady of Knock - Feast Day 17th August

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and comforted them in sorrow.

You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find."

Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven.

Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me.

Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed.

Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass.

Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Pray for me now, and at the hour of my death. Amen



Envelope Collection: Week ending 9th August – Weekly offerings £1235.00 and €58. Thank you for your generous support.

Parish office: will be closed on Monday 17th of August.

Diocesan Appointments: Bishop Larry Duffy has made the following clergy appointments effective from 1st September: Fr. Joe Mc Guinness to be Prior of Lough Derg and Adm. Pettigo - Fr La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg to reside in Tyholland and minister in Monaghan - Fr. Tiernach Beggan, PP Belleek/Garrison, Fr. Brendan Gallagher, PP Brookeboro'/Fivemiletown and Fr. Jim Moore, PP Clones and PP Killeevan to each retire - Fr. Cathal Deery, PP Botha to also be PP Belleek/Garrison - Fr. Owen Gorman to be PP Aughnamullen East - Fr. Stephen Duffy, CC Castleblayney to be PP Bundoran - Fr. Kevin Malcolmson, CC Newtownbutler to take sabbatical leave - Fr. Jerry White SSCC, CC Rockcorry to retire from ministry - Fr. Jeremiah Munyoki, CC Bundoran to be CC Castleblayney - Fr. Stephen Sherry, newly ordained to be CC Monaghan - Fr. Peter Tambala CC Monaghan to be priest-in-residence Inniskeen - Fr. Sylvester Chasweka, CC Enniskillen to be priest-in-residence Carrickmacross - Fr. Bartholomew Uzoma (Nigeria) to be priest-in-residence Enniskillen - Fr. Vincent Fallon SSCC to be CC Rockcorry - Fr. Polycarp Okolie (Nigeria) to be priest-in-residence Newtownbutler and Lisnaskea - Fr. Vitus Adiita (Ghana) to be priest-in-residence Fivemiletown/Brookeboro'. Best wishes and God's blessing on all who take up new appointments at this time.

The Season of Creation: takes place from the **1st September to 4th of October** each year. This year's theme, "**Living Water**," is inspired by Ezekiel 47:9, 12 - a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological renewal. Set against the backdrop of exile and loss, the prophet's image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals God's healing presence, bringing new life to rivers, land, biodiversity and communities, while calling us to renewed care for the whole Earth community.

Thought for Today

The season of harvest is a time of gratitude, reflection, and abundance. For farmers, it signifies the end of a season of hard work, when crops are gathered, and the fruits of labour are celebrated.

Spiritually, it reminds us of God's faithfulness and the importance of sowing seeds of righteousness in our lives.

The Bible speaks of harvest not just as an agricultural event but as a symbol of spiritual growth, provision, and God's blessings.

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.' Galatians 6:9

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Points to Ponder

There was once a king who engaged a street artist to make a painting of the Last Supper. He wanted a picture of Jesus and his friends at their farewell meal for his banqueting room. The artist had Jesus and his friends around the supper table, but he also included all kinds of people around the table, showing people from many races. There were sick, lame and crippled; men and women; young and old; beggars and misfits and some not very nice people. When the King saw the painting he went into a rage, 'Of what is this a painting?' The artist said, 'Your Highness, this is a painting of God who delights in all people; all saints and all sorts are welcomed to the Kingdom and the earthly banquet...and that is my understanding of the Last Supper, Holy Communion and Eucharist.'

What we receive in the small piece of bread or the sip of wine at the Eucharist is the gift of life from Jesus. It is the gift of God who has become one of us. It is the gift of love with sacrifice. If we have put self out for others in big or small ways, or have cried for another's woes or laughed for another's joy, or held a hand in sympathy or just listened when there were no answers, we know the quality of this gift. In the Eucharist God is close in his creation, In Jesus we can recognise God near at hand. Pope Benedict writes - 'we have to rediscover God, not just any God, but the God that has a human face, because when we see Jesus Christ we see God' www.sacredspace.com

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4200. £20 Mark Kirkpatrick and Vincent Foy, Derrygonnelly, Noel Boyle, Kinawley. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to all Lotto supporters, promoters and supervisors. Condolence to the Gallagher Family on the passing of Mrs Mary Gallagher, Drumbeggar.

Derrygonnelly and District Community Partnership: The Derrygonnelly and district partnership in conjunction with the centre for community Archaeology are hosting an illustrated talk by Professor Eileen Murphy, a native of Derrygonnelly, on the recent dig in the church park field, Derrygonnelly. Some highly significant discoveries were made during the dig and some pieces will be displayed on the night. Taking place on **20th August** in Derrygonnelly community centre at 8pm, all welcome.

"The more I contemplate God, the more God looks on me. The more I pray to him, the more he thinks of me too."

Bernard of Clairvaux