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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel of St Matthew, directed to Jewish Christians, stresses that the pagans have also come to God's mercy and are to be accepted. As Christ came to call sinners, so the Church must accept them. God's thoughts of justice are beyond ours, his mercy cannot be measured. That is the point of the Gospel story today, whatever about the details. No one can be content with his own state of sanctity and despise or judge others. God's judgement may be quite different.

Masses for the Week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 20th September 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Michael Carroll, Tonagh – Oisín Flanagan, Drumgormley – Paddy, Rose and Jim Keenan, Rosnarick Close – Paddy O'Dare, Rosnarick Close – Deceased of the O'Dare Family – Denis Watters, Derrygonnelly – Paddy Duffy, Doagh

Tuesday 22nd September Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Sunday 27th September 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Frank and Josie Flood, Main Street – James and Bridie McCann and Deceased of the McCann Family, Knockmore Road – John Cameron and Deceased of the Cameron and Miller Families – Michael and Brigid McLoughlin, Glenlevin – John McLoughlin, Samsonagh – Geraldine Cameron, Mullaghmore

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 27th September 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Mary Meehan. Killyveagh – Paddy, Mary and Desmond Walmsley, Killyveagh

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Noel Flanagan, Treel and Brendan O'Brien, Birmingham. May they rest in peace.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

takes place each Tuesday in St Patrick's Church from 10am until 7pm. **Could you commit to one**



hour of Eucharistic Adoration weekly? In the quiet presence of Jesus, we have the opportunity to pray, give thanks, seek His guidance, and simply rest with Him. Your one hour can become a beautiful gift of love—not only for yourself, but for your family, our parish, and the whole world.

Please prayerfully consider giving one hour to Jesus. He is waiting for you.

Prayer for the love of Creation

Creator God,
You show us what love is
through the beauty of the earth
and the gift of your Son.

For the love of...
animal and plant
mountain and forest
sea and city
woman and man
friend and family
those who live far from us
and those yet to be born.

Move us to live more simply, to protect
the earth and to speak up for those in need.
Amen.



Sarah Hagger-Holt/CAFO

Envelope Collection: Week ending **13th September** – Weekly offerings £1575.00 and €7.50. Thank you for your generous support.

Thought for Today

God is not fair. In any case, is not fair in human terms. For us, fairness means getting paid in proportion to the work done. For God, justice is equal pay. Where does this discrepancy come from? We value man in proportion to what he gives us. God values man because of his existence. For us, the existence of another human being has value when something results from this existence. For God, the existence of each of us is in itself a priceless value. In today's Gospel, employment in a vineyard means accepting Love as your way of life. Whoever has done it has done **EVERYTHING** and 'earned' the highest wage.

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Abide Women's Conference: November 20th - 22nd in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. Speakers include: Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans and more, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork and Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend. For more details please visit Abide in His Love at [eventbrite.ie](https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.ie) Registration link: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

A Triduum in Preparation for the Feast of Padre Pio:

will take place in The Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh, from **Sun 20th – Wed 23rd September**. Mass, Homily and Blessing with his mitten at **7.30pm** each evening.

Preacher:

Fr Pius
McLaughlin
OFM.



Youth 2000 Ireland: is hosting an Ulster regional Retreat on the **25th - 27th September** on Lough Derg. This retreat is open to all 16-35 year olds ! At our retreats, you will have the opportunity to learn more about your Catholic faith and discover the great love that God has for you, a love that is tangible. As a result; find more peace, joy and purpose in your life. Please visit youth2000.ie to register or for more information.

Derrygonnelly and District Community Partnership: is holding a public meeting in Derrygonnelly Community Centre on Monday **21st September** at 8pm. Come along and have your say on the future of our community.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4700. £20 Rory McCaffrey, Mulleek, Bridie Hoy, Derrygonnelly, Margaret Lawn, Belleek. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to all Lotto supporters, supervisors and promoters. Eimear Smyth was recognised again for her inter-county season when she was named in the Irish News Ladies Ulster team of the year. Congratulations Eimear. Condolences to the McGurn Family, Drumanure on the passing Mrs Ann McGurn, Boa Island last week. May she rest in peace.

Points to Ponder

Today's Gospel reflects the situation of the early Church. The first Christians were all Jews. Before their conversion they had been trying to live according to the requirements of their Jewish faith. They belonged to a people who had thousands of years of religious history; they were God's own people. Then, Gentiles began to be admitted into the community. Some of these people probably came from totally pagan environments. They may have lived very immoral lives and yet, once accepted and baptised, they enjoyed all the privileges of the community. Somehow, it did not seem right.

But this is the justice of God which we need to learn. Without exception, he gives his love – all of his love – to all those who open their hearts to it. It does not matter whether that happens early or late. One reason for that is because God's love can never be earned, only accepted. And, as the previous story indicated, the genuine needs of all should be met. The fact that the latecomers were only employed at the last hour does not make their needs any less than those who came earlier. God's justice is measured by our needs, not by mathematical divisions.

What each of the workers received was a symbol of the love of God, who is the vineyard owner. All – early arrivals and latecomers – got exactly the same, the love of their Master and Lord. There are not various degrees of that love. It is always 100 percent. God is Love; he cannot not love and he cannot not love totally. He cannot and will not give more of that love to one than another.

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Pray, pray to the Lord with me, because the whole world needs prayer. And every day, when your heart especially feels the loneliness of life, pray. Pray to the Lord, because even God needs our prayers.

St Pio of Pietrelcina