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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

God gives us the gift of repentance. In the parable of the two sons, Jesus holds up the example of the public sinners in his time being converted while the establishment figures refuse to listen to his message. Ezekiel reminds us that repentance is always possible, for the Lord remembers his mercy.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

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

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 27th September 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Frank, Josie and Francis 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

Tuesday 29th September Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 29th September **SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels** 10am Mass

Wednesday 30th September **St Jerome** 10am Mass

Thursday 1st October **St Thérèse of the Child Jesus** Beginning of School Year Mass 10am St Patrick's PS

Sunday 4th October 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Pat Cox, Doagh – Jamie Thompson, Brughas – Damian McGovern, Caldrum Road – Breedh Smyth, Caldrum – Deceased of the Kelly Family, Caldrum

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 4th October 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Rita McLoughlin, Aghakeeran **Anniversary:** Brendan McGrath, Mullylusty

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of John Flanagan, Drumadillar, Josie Howe, Enniskillen, and Molly Ward, Portnacloyduff. May they rest in peace.

Altar Society October: Derrygonnelly – Aisling Sinclair, Seamus and Maureen O'Dare. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 11th October in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly. **Boho** – Kathleen and Annemarie McLoughlin. Collector: Ross Corrigan. **Monea:** Kathleen and Claire McCauley. Collector – Linda Wods.

Envelope Collection: Week ending 20th September – Weekly offerings £1010.00 and €25.50. Thank you for your generous support.

Prayer to Guardian Angel

Feast Day 2nd October

“O holy Angel, my faithful guardian, whom God has given me as a companion from the beginning of my life, I thank you for all the benefits you have bestowed upon me. I beg you to guard me against all dangers, especially against the temptations of the enemy. Defend me, I beseech you, and obtain for me the grace to remain faithful to God until the end of my days. Amen.”

Bulletin Sponsored in Memory of John Cameron, Drumreask

Annual Memorial Service: for all our dead will take place on **Sunday 8th November** at **3pm** in St. Patrick's Church Derrygonnelly. All the dead will be remembered but in particular those who have died since November last year.

World Youth Day Seoul 2027 - Interested in joining Clogher don Óige for **World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea**, next summer? Our proposed pilgrimage dates are **24th July – 10th August 2027**, with a projected cost of approximately **€2,500 pp**. The pilgrimage is open to those born on or before 31 December 2008. Places are limited. To submit an Expression of Interest at www.clogherdonoige.org/wyd2027

World Day of Migrants and Refugees – 27th September

It is surprising that even though migration is a phenomenon as old as time, both globally and locally we remain so divided in relation to it. Perhaps the different ways to define someone that moved from home makes it easier to alienate and discriminate against migrants, but if yes then we as a society have a responsibility to remember that we are all people and we are all trying our best to live life as best we can. The way in which this is possible is different for everyone, and everyone deserves to have their human rights respected regardless of where they come from and where they end up on this planet.

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Time to Volunteer: Join St Vincent de Paul Today - St Vincent de Paul is appealing for volunteers to join the Society and become part of the local SVP family which supports people and families experiencing poverty and social exclusion. Whether meeting people for a friendly chat during the Society's core work of Home Visitation appeals to you, whether you have the flair to help in designing window displays in Vincent's or whether you have an eye for figures and an interest in IT, there are volunteering roles to suit everyone who has time to devote to SVP. To find out more about becoming a member of the Society of St Vincent de Paul or volunteering in a Vincent's shop, visit svp.ie, contact SVP on 028 9035 1561 or email info@svpni.co.uk

Enniskillen VSOSJ Branch: Monthly Holy Hour Devotion and Benediction for Vocations will be held in St Michael's Church on Friday 2nd October at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4800. £20 Janice Bracken, Boho, The Jones Grandchildren, Boston, K & B Farrell, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Old Pals tonight. Thanks to all Lotto supporters, supervisors and promoters. Thanks to everyone involved with organising our hosting of the IFC game at Canon Maguire Park last Sunday.

Energy Advice Workshops: in **Fermanagh House**. Facilitated by **National Energy Action (NEA)**, a leading fuel poverty charity. On Wednesday 7th Oct, 3.00pm–5.30pm and Thurs 8th October, 10.00am–12.30pm. Workshops are **free and open to everyone**, but places are limited. To register Contact annette@fermanaghtrust.org or book at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/iFGLQF996x>

The Pope's Intention for October - For mental health ministry Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

Points to Ponder

In today's Gospel we find the two sons, each doing the opposite to what they declare; while Jesus tells us that tax collectors and prostitutes paid attention to John the Baptist and they changed too. There is plenty of common ground between those bible figures and our own fickle behaviour.

One day we can be full of fervour and keen to profess our Christian faith, come what may. The next we can't pray. We ask where is the God of yesterday? Is all our time wasted? Those who reject belief, faith, Church, religion and moral responsibility continue life as contented, apparently, as everyone else. Many of them were our classmates with whom we received our First Holy Communion and Confirmation. They don't darken the door of the Church anymore. They changed their minds!

Of all the gifts given to us by God, the freedom of choice is perhaps the greatest. We're not pre-determined beings; our choices are sacred and are literally our making, our doing and undoing. When we respond positively to God's grace as also reflected in the best and noblest inspirations and aspirations of our environment, we're shaping ourselves more firmly in the image and likeness of God our Creator.

Part of the challenge of our day is to ignore the choices made by others and content ourselves with our own good choices which uplift, and determine a better tomorrow for ourselves and society.

Let us pray for those who have changed their minds or way of life and turned away from God. May they experience afresh the fervour of their early faith and experience anew God's gifts of peace and joy. *Fr Maurice Henry SMA*