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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The wedding feast is a picture of God's desire to invite his people to the joy of his kingdom, on the condition that they obey his will. But the Israelites disobey God by doing evil and practising idolatry. God sends prophets to denounce the people's faithlessness and acts of injustice and then to invite them to repentance. In time with God's coming, God's invitation is opened also to those who are not God's people. The Pagans, rejoice that they are invited and they accept Jesus and his message. But it is not enough to accept the invitation. One should prove oneself worthy of the banquet by being properly attired, by putting in the goodwill and effort to live the message of Jesus.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 11th October 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Francie Gallagher, Faugher – Vonnie Greene, Scandally

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 11th October 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Liam Love, Knockmore Road – Emily Love, Fairview Park

Tuesday 13th October Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 13th October 7pm Mass

Wednesday 14th October 10am Mass

Thursday 15th October **St Teresa of Avila** 10am Mass

Sunday 18th October 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Mary McGowan, Main Street - Seamus McConnell, Rosspoint

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 18th October 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Noel Flanagan, Treel **Anniversary:** Dymrna Burns, Legnagay

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Benny Haran, Lisdead, Francie McConnell, Bermingham and Derrygonnelly, Irene McGrenra (nee Dolan), Surrey and Derrygonnelly. May they rest in peace.

Prayer of St Teresa of Avila

*Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands.
Yours are the feet.
Yours are the eyes.
You are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours. Amen.*

Annual Memorial Service:

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

Envelope Collection: Week ending **4th October** – Weekly offerings £2820.00 and €49.60. Thank you for your generous support.

Bulletin sponsored in memory of Vonnie Greene, Scandally

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED REOPENS MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER

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. If interested submit an Expression of Interest at www.clogherdonioige.org/wyd2027

Time to Volunteer: 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 by email info@svpni.co.uk or on 028 9035 1561.

St. Teresa of Avila was born in 1515 and died in 1582. She lived a deeply contemplative life while also being very active and practical in establishing Carmelite convents and reaching out to others. She is the patron of Spain. In the fast and furious world of today perhaps the need for contemplation, quiet, and reflection, is more important in our lives than ever.

Let Nothing Disturb You

*Let nothing disturb you,
let nothing frighten you,
all things will pass away.
God never changes;
patience obtains all things,
whoever has God lacks nothing.
God alone suffices. Amen.*

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Congratulations to Sean O'Rourke, Belleek, who won the Harps Lotto jackpot of £4900 on Sunday night. The re-start jackpot is £3000 We are in The Linnett Inn on Sunday night, with Gerry Gallagher, Brendy and Mary Cox in charge of the draw. Thank you very much to all Lotto supporters and promoters. Finally, it was with great sadness that our club members heard of the passing of Benny Haren at the weekend. Benny supported Harps teams at Canon Maguire Park for decades, and was a man of remarkable knowledge about teams going back many years. He definitely knew his All Ireland winning lineups! It was very nice to see so many of our adult players with committee members at Benny's removal to St Patrick's on Sunday evening, and we express our genuine sympathies to his brother Mickey, and his sisters Josie, Peggy and Bridie.

World Mission Sunday, 18th October: October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. Please call Missio Ireland on (01) 497 2035 or go to www.missio.ie for further information.

Be Alert: There continues to be fraudulent scams and alerts via telephone calls, emails etc. Please continue to be aware and cautious of any unexpected activity or communication to you and to your vulnerable family members.

Points to Ponder

The landowner had prepared for a larger crowd. When he sent his servants out to personally remind the guests to come, some of the servants were mistreated, beaten and even killed by his prospective guests! Quite naturally, the king was enraged.

What does this Sunday's Gospel say to us? I doubt that we have had the experience this story speaks of. However, we have all been disappointed and upset at various times in our lives. We may have been deeply hurt by someone or betrayed by another. Our natural human response is to be angry, hurt and disappointed - and rightly so. Hopefully, we haven't decided to kill anyone because of that! In these situations we need to take time to calm down and deal with the hurt, anger and disappointment. We need to acknowledge and feel the emotions. If we repress them, most likely the emotions will come back with a vengeance. But we can't stop there. We also need to honestly acknowledge what we are experiencing but then with time to gradually let those feelings go and forgive. Most often this is the last thing that we want to do! It will take time but it is an important step to take. If we nurse our anger and hurt, we are not hurting the individuals who disappointed us, we are hurting ourselves and those we love! If we are not able to forgive, we simply need to ask God to help us. May we have the grace to ask God to heal the anger and hurt - and free us!

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