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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The greatest and first commandment: you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 25th October 10am Mass People of the parish

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 25th October 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** John Flanagan, Drumadillar

Anniversary: May Walmsley, Killyveagh – John and Margaret Walmsley, Cosbystown – Johnny Hoy, Mill Green and Deceased of the Hoy Family, Doagh

Tuesday 27th October Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Thursday 29th October 10am Mass

Sunday 1st November **All Saints** 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Molly Ward, Portnacloyduff – Patsy Duffy, Doagh **Anniversary:** Tommy and Agnes Leonard and Deceased of the Leonard Family Glenashaver – Ken Maguire, Caldrum Road

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 1st November **All Saints** 10am Mass **Anniversary:** May and Peter Jones, Kilnamadoo – Pat, Agnes and Francie McHugh, Drumgamph – Owen and Rose Jones, Drumma - Rita McLoughlin and deceased of the McLoughlin and Cassidy Families, Aghakeeran

Memories

*They say memories
Can comfort the grieving,
I say good memories
Can chafe the heart,
Wear it bloody
With remembrance.*

*Part of me wants to toss
All memories away,
Let the heart be freed
From what binds it
To the past.*

*Yet, memories do console.
How could I continue
Without the gift of a face
Held in my sorrowed mind,
Without years of love settled
Forever in my grieving bones.*

*Strength from memories.
Agony from memories.
Let the tension be.*

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. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments afterwards in the community centre to which everyone is invited.

Remembering our Dead: we traditionally remember the faithful departed during November, the month of the Holy Souls. A novena of nine masses will be offered for the repose of all our deceased – families, relatives, friends, the anonymous dead whom no one remembers in St. Patrick's. Lists are available at the back of each church, on which you can record the name of those whom you want remembered and prayed for. **You are asked to put your lists in an envelope and place them in the basket provided on the sacred space at the front of the altar in St. Patrick's during mass times.**

Memory Tree: During the month of November the memory tree will be in St Patrick's Church, where you can place the name of your loved one on a labels provided.

Mission Sunday: Thank You! Thanks for the envelopes returned as part of the World Missions Collection for Mission Sunday last weekend. There is still time to make your contribution to this much needed cause. You may do so through the parish envelopes. Thanks once again for your support. "Together we can do more"

Envelope Collection: Week ending **18th October** – Weekly offerings £1775.00 and €56.40. Thank you for your generous support.

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. Submit an Expression of Interest at www.clogherdonoige.org/wyd2027

Morning Reflection Prayer for Self-Confidence

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of a new day.

As I begin this morning, help me to remember that my worth is found in You and not in the opinions of others or in my own doubts.

Fill my heart with confidence, not pride, but the quiet assurance that I am created with purpose and loved without condition. Help me to recognise the gifts You have placed within me and give me the courage to use them wisely.

When fear or insecurity tries to take hold, remind me that I do not walk alone. Strengthen my mind, guide my words, and help me face each challenge with faith rather than worry.

Teach me to believe in the person You are shaping me to become.

May I carry myself with kindness, speak with confidence, and trust that Your plans for me are good.

Today, let me walk with peace, knowing that I am enough because I am Yours. Amen.

Our Lady of Silence Abbey



TheWay.ie: is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops Conference dedicated to sharing the “Good News” and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith, and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Use QR Code to access the site.

Radio Maria Ireland: is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station who enjoy commercial free broadcasting – Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. Visit www.radiomaria.ie for more information and how you can listen.

Enniskillen Vocations Society of St Joseph Branch: is holding a Holy Hour Devotion for Vocations on Friday 6th November at 7pm in St Michaels. You are invited to pray with us in person or via <http://www.saintmichaels-parish.com/webcam.asp>

Aisling Centre: Charity dance with Paddy Tracey and Friends in aid of Aisling Centre, 9.30pm **Thursday 29th October**, Mahons Hotel Irvinestown. Admission £10. All welcome

Give Blood: St Macartin’s Hall, Church Hall Enniskillen on **Monday 2nd November from 1pm to 8pm** and **Tuesday 3rd November from 12.30pm to 7.30pm**. The link to book an appointment is: <https://nibts.hscni.net/online-booking-for-blood-donation-appointments/>

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3200. £20 M & M Harte, Carrickmore, Matthew Dolan and Teresa Hoy, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports, promotes and supervises the Lotto. Condolence to the Keown family on the recent passing of Seamus Keown, Tullykelter.

Points to Ponder

To love the Lord with all our heart – is this even possible? A common assumption is that love must just come, that it grows organically, and that it cannot be forced. That’s infatuation, not true love. Any kind of love – for a parent, spouse, child, or friend – will reach a point during which it is no longer easy. For love to be true, it must be a free choice and commitment.

‘All your heart, soul, and mind’ sounds rather extreme, even rather dangerous. The world says that loving anyone totally is a risky proposition – what if the one we love rejects us or lets us down, leaving us with nothing? And the world is even more terrified to love God totally, who cannot even be seen.

This makes sense; after all, to love totally is to trust that we will find fulfilment precisely by not looking for it ourselves, but by looking to fulfil someone else. That old, almost clichéd phrase, ‘love grows when it is given away,’ is actually spot-on in this regard.

True love takes a leap of faith, which is what frightens nonbelievers. Many people are okay with going to church every now and then or volunteering for a charity from time to time (and posting it on Instagram, of course).

Loving like that does not require us to make any kind of leap, any kind of definitive change, any commitment. But loving God with everything means that all we do is for love of him. We trust that he will take care of us. That is heroic; that is what it means to be a saint.

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