

To The Man After The Harrow -

Poem by Patrick Kavanagh



Now leave the check-reins slack,
The seed is flying far today -
The seed like stars against the black
Eternity of April clay.

This seed is potent as the seed
Of knowledge in the Hebrew Book,
So drive your horses in the creed
Of God the Father as a stook.

Forget the men on Brady's Hill.
Forget what Brady's boy may say.
For destiny will not fulfil
Unless you let the harrow play.

Forget the worm's opinion too
Of hooves and pointed harrow-pins,
For you are driving your horses through
The mist where Genesis begins.



Weekday Masses

Monday, 7 .30 pm
[Agnes, John & Hughie
McGonigle,
Ballintroohan];
Tuesday & Wednesday,
10 am; Thursday, 7.30
pm; Friday, 10 am;
Saturday, 11 am.

Confessions

Saturday 7 .15 pm—
7.45 pm.

Anniversary Mass this Weekend

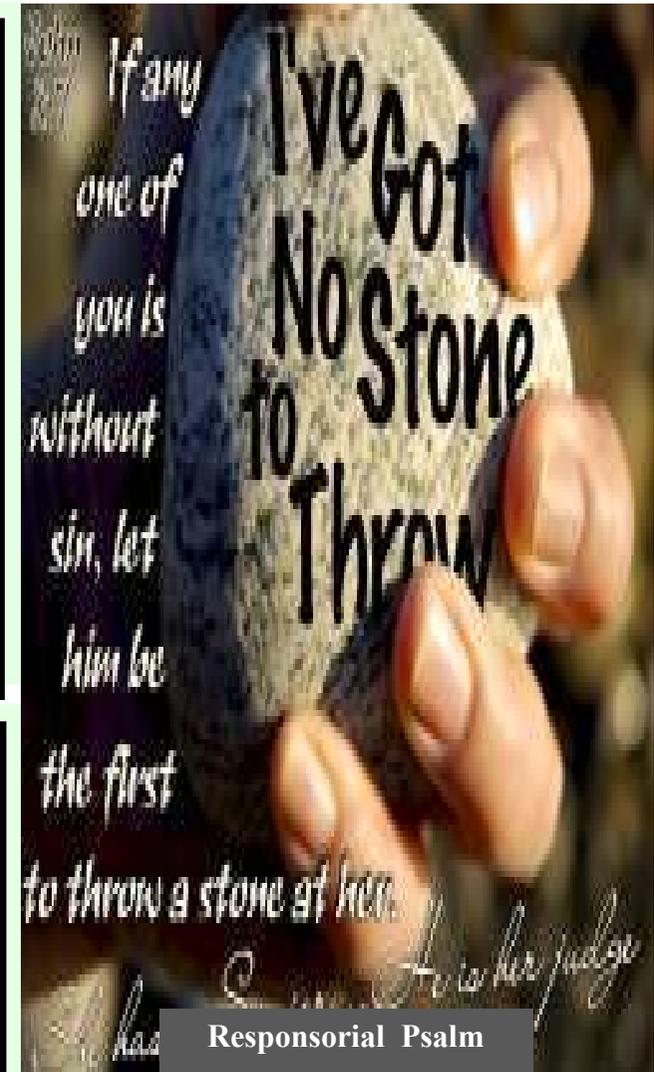
Sunday 8.30 am:
Michael McDermott,
Drumley.

Next Weekend

Saturday Vigil 8 pm:
Margaret Shiels, St
Boden's [MM]

Year C St Mary's Church Bocan

7th April 2019 - No. 19



**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

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First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

The Lord is doing something new for his people.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Paul says that he counts all things as loss and focuses on one goal, Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 8:1-11

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

Counters for the Month of April: Tommy Lafferty, Brian Lafferty, Brian Deeny, Hugh Diver, Patricia Harkin, Mary McLaughlin

Congratulations to the boys and girls who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday.. We thank Fr Brady for the Ceremony; Mrs McDermott and Mr Ward for preparing the children ; the parents; choir, sacristan and the ladies who prepared the refreshments afterwards. We keep these young people and their families in our prayers as they continue in their faith journey.

Taize Prayer recited after evening Mass on Thursday during Lent.

Junior and Leaving Certificate all levels. Experienced qualified teacher used to preparing students for exams. Contact 083 427 0972

Culdaff Football Club

Silver Circle Draw – 2019

Early Bird Winners -10 x € 100.

John O Connor, Helen O'Connor, Marie Cavanagh (F), Michelle McColgan, Louise Diver, Danielle McDaid Gleneely, Gary Smyth, Jimmy McLaughlin Dunross, Bryanna Bonner & Marian Ruddy.

March Draw

€ 500 Joe Curley St Bodens

€ 200 Kathleen McDaid St Bodens

€ 100 Each

Mary Ruddy Oldtown

Glen McDaid

Louise /Aoife & Ruth

Congrats to all winners and April draw takes place on Thursday 25th April.

Quiz

A fundraising quiz in aid of Hoist Away will be held in the Culdaff Arms on Friday 19th April commencing at 10pm sharp. Support greatly appreciated and all welcome.



Host Families Wanted for 12 to 17 year old Spanish Students for the month of July. Host families must have children in this age group. Generous rates paid. For further information please call 0876008446.

Congratulations to St Boden's School on winning the SPAR's 5's Inishowen 5 a side cup. Congratulations to all the team and super coach, Mr Ward.

Thornhill Ministries, Culmore Road, Derry: "Everything Belongs" Retreat Day with Fr Paschal McDonnell (Mon 15 Apr - 9:30 am to 2:15 pm). A time for reflection as we process our life experiences and learn to accept our flawed, fragile and beautiful self. **"Queen of the May Festival"** Fri 3 May to Mon 6 May. We invite anyone who would like to set up a May Altar to please get in touch. Contact 028 7135 1233 or e-mail thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

Carndonagh Musical Society present their 2019 production Buggy Malone!!

Tickets go on sale at Doherty's Newsagents (Fintan's), The Diamond, Carndonagh from Monday 25th March. Adults €12, Children €8.

The show runs nightly from Wed 10th April - Sun 14th April in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh. Doors open at 6:45pm, and the show starts at 7:30pm sharp.

For further information, see Carndonagh Musical Society on Facebook or email carndonaghmusical@gmail.com

Coffee Morning Wesley Hall Carndonagh on Friday next 12th April 10am to 1pm All proceeds to the RNLI

Please support this great cause

Coffee Morning on Easter Sunday 21st April from 11 am -3pm in the Wee Hall, Culdaff in Memory of Philomena Doherty, Leiter.

All proceeds to the ICU Letterkenny and the ATC Carndonagh. All are welcome.

Behaviour Management John Curran, Challenging Behaviour Specialist will deliver a 2hour workshop in Spraoi agus Spórt on Monday 29th of April at 8pm. This is a workshop for parents and professionals. Interventions to manage challenging behaviours will be discussed and ways to implement these. There will be an opportunity for questions and information about 1:1 support from John if required. The workshop will be A.C.E focused i.e the adult, client and environmental impact on a child or young person's behaviour will be discussed. Advice available for both mainstream and for those with disabilities. Cost is €35 or €30 if booked and paid online using the link below. <https://spraoi-agus-sport.class4kids.ie/info/1795> Contact John on 00447709118384 or via facebook for further info ****The session will go ahead subject to interest****

*'No need to recall the past,
No need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed...'
(Isaiah 43: 18-19)*

*'All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead...'
(Phil 3:13)*

These poignant words taken from today's first and second readings provide the perfect preamble to our dramatic Gospel reading. Perhaps the line that is most often quoted from the story of the woman caught in adultery is Jesus' challenge to the crowd who bring her before them: 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' It is a challenge to all of us to look inward before we 'cast stones' to judge others.

But there is another equally powerful statement here by Jesus, this time to the woman herself. It is delivered quietly, when she is left alone with Jesus after all her accusers have drifted away: 'Neither do I condemn you. Go away, and don't sin any more.' We notice that Jesus doesn't rake over the woman's past. He doesn't ask her about the claims of her accusers. He does not condemn or criticise her. Instead he accepts her, loves her, treats her with the respect and dignity that was so lacking in the mob, and gently nudges her forward into a new way of living.