

From **'Under Milk Wood'** by Dylan Thomas

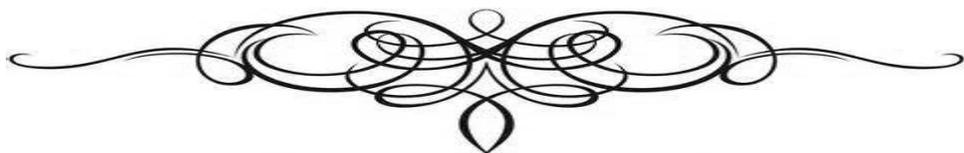
Every morning when I wake,
Dear Lord, a little prayer I make,
O please do keep Thy lovely eye
On all poor creatures born to die

And every evening at sun-down
I ask a blessing on the town,
For whether we last the night or no
I'm sure is always touch-and-go.

We are not wholly bad or good
Who live our lives under Milk Wood,
And Thou, I know, wilt be the first
To see our best side, not our worst.

O let us see another day!
Bless us all this night, I pray,
And to the sun we all will bow
And say, good-bye – but just for now!

*This little poem demonstrates
a simple Faith that, with God,
all will be well if we just believe
and pray.*



Weekday Masses

Monday 7.30 pm;
Tuesday, 10 am; No
Mass Wednesday;
Thursday, 7.30 pm
[Mick McConalogue,
Cashel]; Friday, 7.30
pm [Tommy Lafferty,
Moneydarragh MM];
Saturday, 11 am.

Confessions

Saturday, 7.30-7.45
pm.

Anniversary Masses this weekend

Saturday Vigil 8 pm
Pat Canny, Effishmore
[MM]

Sunday 10 am
Margaret Shiels
Culdaff

Next Weekend

Saturday Vigil 8 pm
Gerard Kearney,
Aberfoyle &
Monedarragh.

St Mary's Church Bocan

8th March 2020 No. 15

**2nd-
Sunday
in Lent
Year A**

HE WAS STILL SPEAKING WHEN,
BEHOLD, A BRIGHT CLOUD OVERSHADOWED THEM,
AND A VOICE FROM THE CLOUD SAID,

**THIS IS MY BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED;
LISTEN TO HIM.**

LUKE 9:35

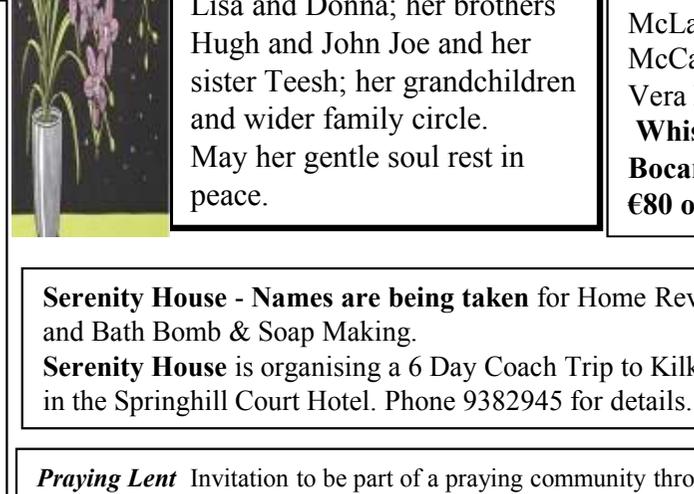
Devotions after 7.30 pm
Mass on Monday; Taize Pray-
er on Thursday night.

Responsorial Psalm

**May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we
place all our hope in you.**

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First Reading
Genesis 12:1-4a
God promises Abram a
great blessing.
Second Reading
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Through God's grace we
are called to holiness.
Gospel Reading
Matthew 17:1-9
Jesus is transfigured on the
mountain in the presence of
Peter, James, and John.

Counters for the Month of Barbara
O'Connor, Bernadette Scott, Maria
Finnegan

**A big thank to everyone who helped make
last Sunday's Confirmation special. We
especially thank all the parents and
teachers; Mary, in the Sacristy; all the
ladies who helped with the refreshments
and the boys and girls who received the
Sacrament.**

Bocan SVP wish to express their sincere
thanks to the community for their very
generous donations, totalling 2,390 euro
towards SVP annual Christmas appeal
2019.



We mourn the passing of
Sadie Campbell, St Boden's.
Sadie was very family
orientated and her children and
grandchildren were her life. In
latter years she suffered from
ill health and bore it bravely.
We offer our sympathy to her
son Gary, daughters, Cathy,
Lisa and Donna; her brothers
Hugh and John Joe and her
sister Teesh; her grandchildren
and wider family circle.
May her gentle soul rest in
peace.

Whist –
1st Charlie Doherty, Carn; 2nd Mary
B McLaughlin, Carn; 3rd Bridget
McCauley, Moville;
Tickets
Kevin Lafferty, Patrick
McLaughlin, Sheila Doherty, Fr
McGonagle.
Other Winners
Eamon Donaghey, Therese
McLaughlin, John Doherty, Sheila
McCallion, Patrick McLaughlin,
Vera Deeny.
**Whist every Friday at 8.30 pm in
Bocan Hall. Snowball next week
€80 on 188 or better.**

Serenity House - Names are being taken for Home Revamp & Furniture Upcycling
and Bath Bomb & Soap Making.

Serenity House is organising a 6 Day Coach Trip to Kilkenny on the 21st June, staying
in the Springhill Court Hotel. Phone 9382945 for details.

Praying Lent Invitation to be part of a praying community through the weeks of Lent. Led
Meditation, Exposition, Mid-Day Prayer of the Church, and the welcome Lenten soup!

Thursdays 5, 12, 19, 26 March & 2 April 10:30 am - 12:45 pm *Suggested Donation: £10.00
(guideline only)*

Let's Talk Church Music An opportunity for organists, cantors and those who lead music in their
parish to come together and explore the challenges, questions and good practice in their experience
of this ministry. **Thursday 19 March 8:00 pm - 9:15 pm** To book or for more information,
contact 028 7135 1233

or thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org. Website: www.thornhillministries.co.uk

Life in the Spirit Seminars are taking place in Scoil Eoghain, Moville, from 4-6pm each
Sunday up to and including Palm Sunday, 5 April. For Scoil Eoghain, turn left at the Cozy
Cottage restaurant just beyond The Square. The school is about 100m on the right hand
side. Please note: the Seminar on Sunday 22 March will take place in St. Pius X Church,
Moville.

As the parish community recently bade their sad farewells at the funeral of Tommy
Lafferty, RIP, many people donated very generously to Bocan SVP, in memory and
appreciation of all the good work Tommy did as a SVP member over many years. The
sum of 847.50 euro was collected and for this Bocan SVP send heartfelt thanks for this
substantial donation.

'Listen to him'

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of
the Transfiguration. It is an account of a significant
spiritual experience for the disciples. We can recall
in our own lives times when we received a new
spiritual insight, moments when we came to know
Jesus in a more profound way. These moments
change us, they are powerful and can sustain us in
difficult times.

During Lent we are invited into a new way of
seeing. As our world faces enormous environmental
challenges, faith communities have a huge role to
play in protecting God's creation for generations to
come. The roots of the environmental crisis are
deeply spiritual, for we have become disconnected
from nature and forgotten how deeply
interconnected everything is. This calls for a deep
conversion, a reconnection; to be filled again with a
childlike sense of awe and wonder where our
relationship with the natural world is concerned.
This Lent, let us spend more time in nature, being
aware of God's presence in every created thing. Let
us stand awestruck before the beauty of the world.
'The entire material universe speaks of God's love
... Soil, water, mountains: everything is a caress of
God ... From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living
form, nature is a constant source of wonder and
awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine.
Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a
divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the
fall of night'.

Moville will be holding its 30th annual St Patricks
Day parade in town on the 17th March. The parade
has been very successful over all these years and
reaching 30 is no mean achievement. We always
hoped to cater for all North and East Inis Eoghain
and the invite is there for all businesses and
organisations including community groups to take
part in the parade. It is great publicity and good
advertising. We have no registration and no entry
fee and prizes are awarded for various categories of
floats. Commercial are welcome as are walking
groups as well. The parade starts at 2.30 pm sharp
and gathers up on the Glencrow Road before setting
off on a parade which lasts about 45 minutes to one
hour.