

A PSALM OF LIFE *by Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,  
Life is but an empty dream!  
For the soul is dead that slumbers,  
And things are not what they seem.

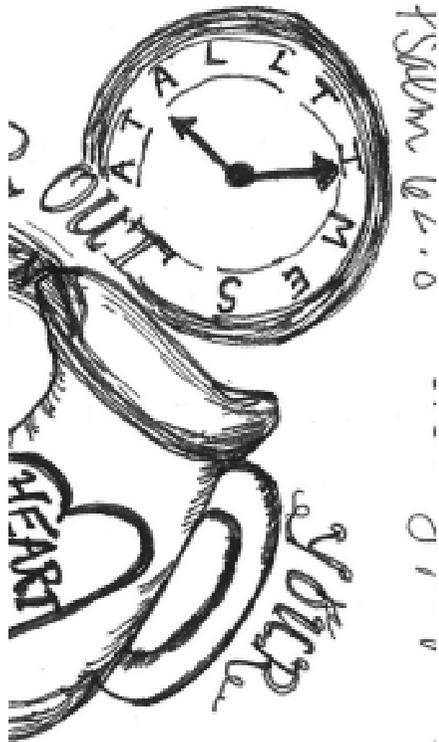
Life is real! Life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,  
Is our destined end or way;  
But to act, that each to-morrow  
Find us farther than to-day.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,  
And our hearts, though stout and brave,  
Still, like muffled drums, are beating  
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,  
In the bivouac of Life,  
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!  
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!  
Let the dead Past bury its dead!  
Act,— act in the living Present!  
Heart within, and God o'erhead!



Lives of great men all remind  
us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of  
time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,  
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,

8th September  
2019— No 40

**Weekday Masses**

**Wednesday** 10 am;  
**Thursday**, 10 am;  
**Friday**, 6 pm.

No Mass Saturday  
morning.

**Confessions**

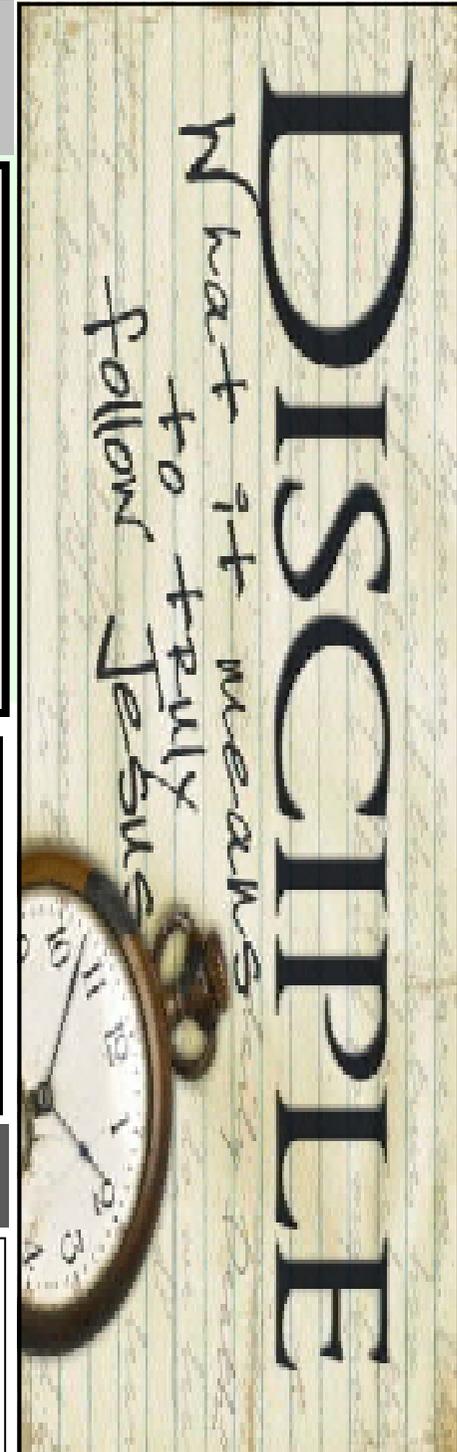
Saturday 7.30-7.45  
pm.

**Anniversary Mass  
this Weekend**

Saturday 8 pm:  
James Doherty,  
Gleneely [1st Anniversary].

**Responsorial Psalm**

**O Lord, you have  
been our refuge from  
one generation to the  
next.**



**St Mary's Church Bocan**  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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**Collections** Weekly Offering: €925  
Development Collection €400; Good as New Shop €860. Your generosity to our collections is much appreciated.

### First Reading

*Wisdom 9:13-18b*

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

### Second Reading

*Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 14:25-33*

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

Angela's Good as New is now open. Your support for the Good as New shop is much appreciated.

### Counters for the Month of September

Barbara O'Connor, Roger Mooney, Bernadette Scott, Maria Finnegan

Anybody who feels they need help with back to school / college expenses, can contact Bocan St. Vincent de Paul on the confidential helpline, 0862441661, or speak to any SVP member in confidence

### Whist

1<sup>st</sup> Vera Deeny, Terrawee

2<sup>nd</sup> Betty Doherty, Carn

3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah McDermott, Foden

**Tickets** Vincent Lynn, Charlie Doherty, John McLaughlin, Mary B McLaughlin, Sarah McDermott.

**Other Winners** Dolores O'Donnell, Rose Thompson, Mary Quigley, Carmel McLaughlin, Mickey O'Donnell, Mickey McLaughlin, Margaret McGilloway, Mary B McLaughlin.

**Whist every Friday in Bocan Hall at 8.30 pm**  
– Snowball €90 for 187 or better.

### Culdaff FC Silver Circle August Draw Result

€ 500 Mick Gillespie Culdaff

€ 200 Paddy McLaughlin Den Culdaff

€ 100 Martin McGrenaghan, Mary Ellen Ruddy & Terence McLaughlin.

Congrats to all winners and next draw will take place at the end of September.

Culdaff FC good as new shop opens this week in Farrens Carndonagh.

Anyone able to help in any way are asked to contact any committee member and old clothes, bric-a-brac etc are most welcome.

**Inishowen Methodist Churches** will be opening a Good as New Shop in Unit 5, upstairs in G&S, Carndonagh Shopping Centre on Monday 9th September until Saturday 5th October 2019. Opening hours are from 10am - 5pm, Monday - Saturday. Any donation of good quality clothes/bric a brac will be welcome

Irish Classes; register on Tuesday 10th Sept at 8pm at Main St, MOVILLE. If you want to start as a beginner then come along as well and bring a friend or two as a class needs a minimum of 6 to be sustainable for 10/12.

### Season of Creation 2019

**WEEK 2 / LAUDATO SI' - SEASON OF CREATION** – “It is not enough to think of different species merely as potential ‘resources’ to be exploited”. During the month of September, we are celebrating the Season of Creation. We know that our world is currently suffering from a catastrophic loss of our natural environment largely caused by a consumerist culture. God’s creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a fast rate. Insects, mammals, trees, plants and creatures are becoming extinct and may never be seen again. We pray that this ends. Today’s Gospel invites us to let go. Let go of the attachments in our lives which contribute to this destruction. Let us try to live more simply, more sustainably and encourage others to do the same. We are called to examine our relationship with material things and walk more gently on the Earth.

**Suggestion for Week 2** – Can you remove single-use plastics from your life? Say ‘no’ to plastic straws and food wrapping.

### THORNHILL MINISTRIES, Thornhill House 121 Culmore Road, Derry BT48 8JF

**Spiritual Reading Book Club** For anyone interested in spiritual-religious writings, our Book Club will review books and help us stay in touch with current issues and theology. . September - *'The Beatitudes of Pope Francis'* by Aidan Donaldson & October - *'Heart Speaks to Heart'* by Dermot Mansfield (The story of John Henry Newman). Copies of books available for purchase. Please let us know if you would like to join our club! Dates this term: Tuesdays 24 September, 22 October & 19 November. Time: 10:30 am - 11:45 am. Suggested Offering £5.00. All welcome.

**Coffee & Clobber Morning** On Tuesday 10 September, Thornhill Ministries will hold a fundraising activity as part of our on-going efforts to help clothe children and adults in the developing world. Bring us your used clothes between 10:30 am and 12:00 noon and we will provide you with a cuppa and tray bake as a thank you for your generosity. Material, bedding and towelling also welcome. **Please note:** We collect clobber throughout the year. Donations always welcome!

For more information, please phone 028 7135 1233, email [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org) or visit [www.thornhillministries.co.uk](http://www.thornhillministries.co.uk)

**Childcare Training Opportunity** through the childcare Community Employment scheme, placement based in Bocan Community Creche, Bocan, Culdaff, Co. Donegal.

Description: This is a development opportunity; no experience is necessary. Childcare QQI Level 5/6 Major award training will be provided to support your career.

Salary:€CE rates Hours per week 19.5.Contact: Pauline Coyle, CE Supervisor/JI Team Leader, IDP Buncrana 0861739920 or 0749320729

**DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: Saturday 28 September**, led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Stations of the Cross 2pm, Mass 3pm, with Sacrament of the Sick. Buses will travel, with a variety of pick-up points. Contact: Fr Patrick Lagan for further detail, email: [steugenes@btconnect.com](mailto:steugenes@btconnect.com), Tel: 028 7126 2894

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE will take place on Friday, 27 September, for young people aged 16 and 18. Over 1,100 young people from across the country attended this youth pilgrimage last year. The theme is *'Life To The Full'* - Positive Friendships - Your Parish Needs You Now! Guest speaker will be Elma Walsh #LiveLife. Music by Elation Ministries. The pilgrimage will start at 11:00am and will conclude after 3:00pm. Mass will be celebrated by Award patron, Bishop Donal McKeown. Transport will be provided. For more information contact The Catechetical Centre [ddcc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:ddcc@derrydiocese.org) 0044 2871264087 Closing date for bookings is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.