

The Pilgrim by John Bunyan

This poem is from the 17th century, its themes are still true today about the trials we have to face to keep our faith.

Who would true Valour see
Let him come hither;
One here will Constant be,
Come Wind, come Weather.
There's no *Discouragement*,
Shall make him once *Relent*,
His first avow'd *Intent*,
To be a Pilgrim.

Who so beset him round,
With dismal *Storys*,
Do but themselves Confound;
His Strength the *more is*.
No *Lyon* can him fright,
He'l with a *Gyant* Fight,
But he will have a right,
To be a Pilgrim.

Hobgoblin, nor foul *Fiend*,
Can *daunt* his Spirit:
He knows, he *at the end*,
Shall Life Inherit.
Then Fancies fly away,
He'l fear not what men say,
He'l labour Night and Day,

Mass will be streamed from our
Parish Website at
www.culdaffparish.com

Monday 7.30pm
Tuesday. 10 am
Wednesday, 10 am;
Thursday, 7.30 pm,
Friday, 10 am,
Saturday, 11.15 am.

Saturday Vigil 8 pm;
Sunday, 10am.

Anniversary Masses this Weekend

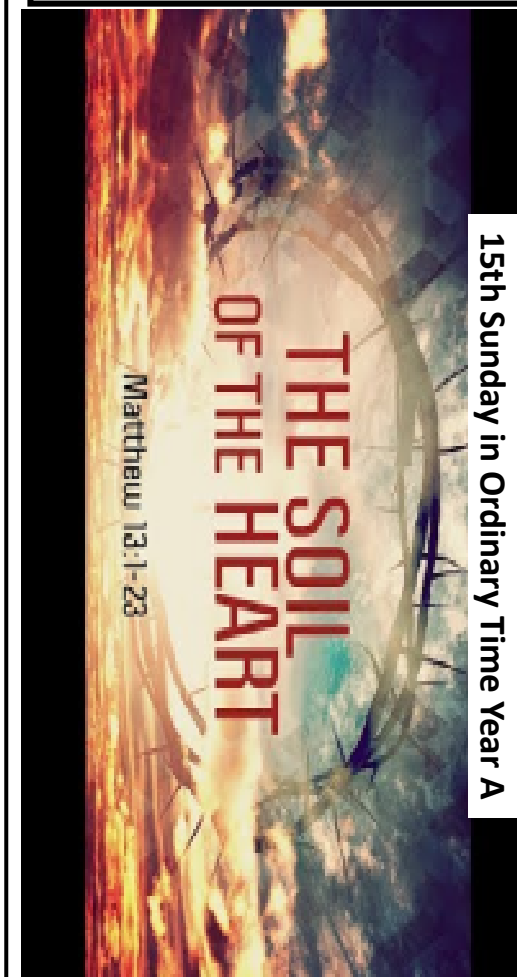
Saturday Vigil 8 pm John
Connor, Larahirl
Sunday 10 am Danny Col-
lins, Bocan

Next Weekend

Sunday 10 am Annie
McLaughlin, Falmore
[M.M.]

St Mary's Church Bocan

12th July 2020 No. 33



Responsorial Psalm

Some seed fell into rich soil
and produced its crop.

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First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-23

(shorter form: *Matthew 13:1-9*)

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

Weekly Offering €970; Development Collection €1,000.

We are deeply appreciative of the generosity of our parishioners at this difficult time. Envelopes can be left in McGuinness' Shop or brought to the Church at weekend Masses

Our Parish Website, www.culdaffparish.com now includes a Donate button for anyone who wishes to contribute to the Parish or to pay their Weekly Envelope in that manner.

It is with regret that we have to postpone our cemetery Sunday Mass. On the advice of the authorities, and on past years experience, the numbers who would be likely to attend would breach covid Guidelines. Be assured that when conditions allow we will have the Mass and blessing.

Community Employment.

Vacancies have arisen on the Culdaff Community Employment Project for the following positions. Clerical Assistant based at Carrowmena Community Centre, Maintenance person based at Carrowmena Football club and General Workers based in Culdaff, Carrowmena and Gleneely areas. Anyone interested is asked to contact 9379832 or 0868452901. Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection terms and conditions apply.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Lough Derg Lakeshore and Ancient Pilgrim Path reopens for visitors. Walk & Pray the Ancient Pilgrim Path with the Prior on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July. Guided Contemplative Walk begins at noon. Approx. 4hr, 12k moderate loop. Booking essential, full details www.loughderg.org or email info@loughderg.org

All our Masses are now being streamed through Culdaffparish.com and we would invite you to follow the link there.



THE DEEP END • The Parable Experience – Engage

Parables are not simply a 'story with a moral'; they are much more than that. Parables speak to the heart and command an alertness to all that is said and all that is unsaid. We need to pay attention to the detail, but must also be careful not to miss the hidden meaning in the parable experience. And it is an experience. The parable does not end once we are finished hearing or reading it. It stays with us; disturbs us; forces us to ponder. Parables should awaken our senses.

Today's parable highlights the various ways that we do not allow God's word to penetrate deep into our hearts and minds. Jesus tells the disciples: 'The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen".' Jesus emphasises the enormous harvest that is waiting for those who really 'open their ears'. Recently, I saw a YouTube clip of a 40 year old woman who was able to hear for the first time thanks to cochlear implants. It was an emotional clip to watch and she cried and laughed and shouted with joy. She explained how 'the switch-on was the most emotional and overwhelming experience of my life'. If we are open to the parable experience, if the soil is truly receptive, perhaps the Word can affect us in the same way. In the coming Sundays we hear the parables of Matthew 13. Perhaps we can hear them again for the first time.

Jane Mellett

