

On His Blindness – by John Milton

When I consider how my light is spent
Ere half my days in this dark world and wide,
And that one talent which is death to hide
Lodg'd with me useless, though my soul more bent
To serve therewith my Maker, and present
My true account, lest he returning chide,
"Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?"
I fondly ask. But Patience, to prevent
That murmur, soon replies: "God doth not need
Either man's work or his own gifts: who best
Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. His state
Is kingly; thousands at his bidding speed
And post o'er land and ocean without rest:
They also serve who only stand and wait."



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The Solemn Feast of
The Baptism of The Lord

St Mary's Church Bocan

Weekday Masses

Monday, 7.30 pm; Tuesday
& Wednesday, 10 am;
Thursday, 7.30 pm; Friday,
7.30 pm [Eileen Green,
Cashel, MM]; Saturday, 11
am.

Confessions

Saturday 7.15 pm—7.45
pm.

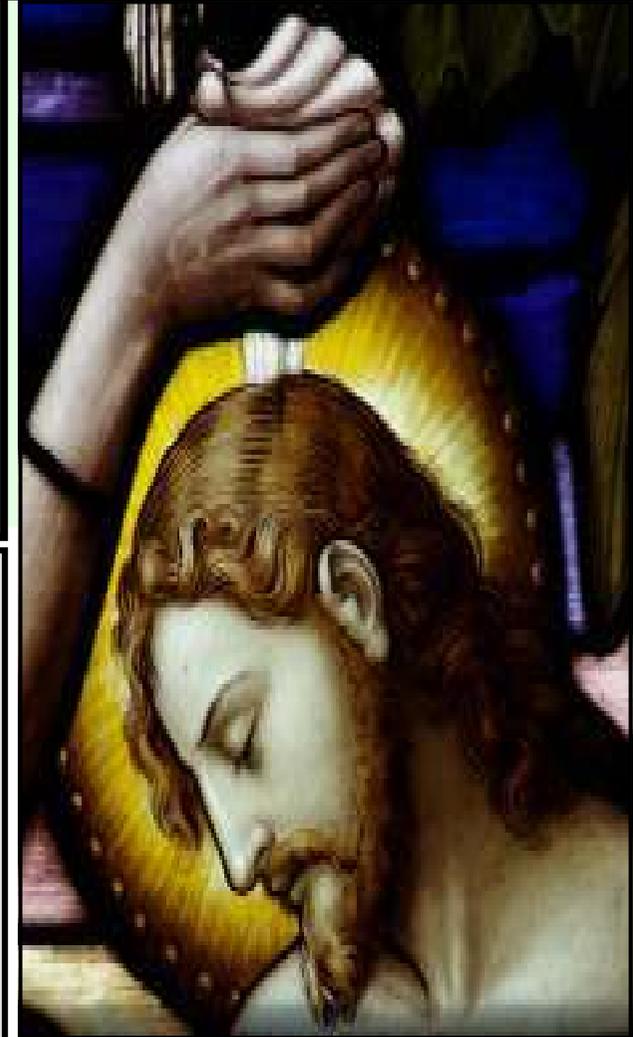
Anniversary Mass this weekend:

Sunday 11 am: Denis
Doherty, Leiter, Culdaff

Next Weekend:

Saturday Vigil 8 pm: Ellen
Cavanagh, Magherard

Sunday 11 am: Andy
Scott, Cloncha

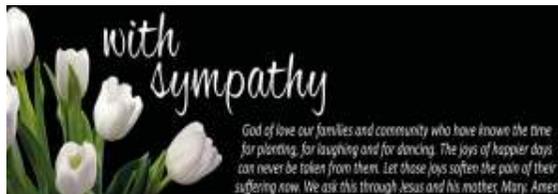


Responsorial Psalm

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are.

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appreciated.



First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
Isaiah tells the people to
prepare a way for the
Lord.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Jesus Christ saved us
and renewed us with his
Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-16,21-22
Jesus is baptised by
John.

It was with great sadness that we said our
farewell to **Carrie McLaughlin, [The
Mill], Culdaff.**

Carrie was a much respected member of
the community in Culdaff. Her love of
life and her interest in her community
kept her young at heart. Our deepest
sympathy to her sons, Tony, David,
James and Brian; and her daughters,
Fiona and Allison; her sister Marie and
brother Val; her grandchildren and the
wider family circle.

May the support of friends and
neighbours be a comfort to the family at
this difficult time.

"We make a living by what we get, but we
make a life by what we give!"
Winston Churchill

Guidance Notes on the storing of personal
information held by the parish is displayed at the
back of the church. For further information an
email address is provided: office@derrydiocese.org

Whist

1st Fr McGonagle, Shroove
2nd Gerard Doherty, Ourt
3rd Patrick McLaughlin, Malin & Nell Gallagher,
Malin Hd

Tickets Therese McLaughlin, Evelyn Ruddy,
Mary Quigley, Vera Deeny, Sheila Doherty, Carn
Other Winners
Mary Quigley, Collette Carlin, Charlie Doherty,
Carmel McLaughlin, Rose Thompson, Sarah
McDermott, Nellie Carlin

Whist next Friday at 8 pm in Bocan Hall.
Snowball next week: €140 on 181 or better

Come along and try out a Fitness Class in
2019 @ Gleneely Colts Clubhouse!

Monday

9:30am Mixed Fitness Class
4:30pm Mixed Kids Fitness Class
6:30pm Female Fitness Class
8:00pm Male Fitness Class

Wednesday

6:30am Mixed Fitness Class

Thursday

6:30pm Female Fitness Class
8:00pm Mixed Teen Fitness Class

Saturday

9:30am Mixed Fitness Class
Places can be booked in advance by calling
or texting Paul on 086 8203359,

Culdaff FC Silver Circle December Draw

€ 400 Pauline Coyle Culdaff € 300 Rachel McFeely
€ 200 Bernie Craig Merville € 100 Patrick Collins Leitir
€ 50 Dan Denis, Jimmy Doherty (B), Sharon Harkin, Danielle & Addison Callaghan , Laura
Fitzpatrick, Euan McFeely , Ronald Boggs, Paul McLaughlin (F), Harry & Michael Houten,
Adam McDaid Baskill.

Culdaff FC Silver Circle 2019

The Silver Circle for 2019 is going to be revamped. There will be ten monthly draws from
March to December with € 1000 in prizes every month. There will also be a draw of ten x €100
prizes for everyone paid in FULL before the first draw in March. Tickets are € 100 for the year
and are on sale from players and committee members and the draw is limited to 250 members.

THE DEEP END: The Baptism of
the Lord

Today's Gospel tells us that the
people were 'filled with expectation'.
It sounds like a very exciting time as
they wonder who this prophet John
could be. John must have been a very
dynamic and inspiring preacher as
the people speculated if he were the
one they had been waiting for. He
uses all of this attention for one
purpose: to point people to Jesus.
There are many people in our own
lives who have pointed us towards
Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an
event or a retreat or by sharing a
reflection with us at just the right
time. In them, we see something
special and interesting that makes us
wonder in our hearts and seek a little
further. They are the John the
Baptists in our lives, pointing us
towards the Lord like signposts along
the way.

John humbly responds to the
people by saying: 'One who is more
powerful than I is coming.' He
emphasises that it is He who will
really set their hearts on fire. While
the words concerning 'winnowing
forks' seem harsh, we might interpret
them as speaking of God's power to
transform our lives through Jesus.
When Jesus enters into the narrative,
Luke emphasises that He is at prayer,
and it is then that this powerful
experience of God occurs. A nice
meditation for today is to repeat the
last sentence of today's Gospel,
imagining God speaking these words
to you: 'You are my Daughter/Son,
the Beloved; with you I am well
pleased.' Jane Mellet

Counters for the Month of January: :
Barbara O'Connor, Roger Mooney,
Bernadette Scott, Maria Finnegan

The Readers rota in the sacristy after
Mass.

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

date: Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th
January time: 2.30pm - 5pm and 7pm -
9.30pm venue: Carndonagh Community
School.

*Please give blood - you get more than you
give*