



Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

THE DONKEY
G.K. Chesterton

**When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born;**

**With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.**

**The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.**

**Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.**



Weekday Masses

Monday, 7.30 pm
[Kathleen Ruddy,
Larahirl, MM]; Tuesday,
10 am; Wednesday 10 am
[Philip Doherty,
Gleneely].

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, 8 pm;

Good Friday, 3 pm;

Holy Saturday 9 pm;

**Easter Sunday, 8.30 am
& 11 am.**

Confessions

After All daily Masses
this week

**Anniversary Mass this
Weekend**

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

Next Weekend

Saturday Vigil 9pm:
Edmund McCallion, Carn
Rd

Sunday 8.30 am: Anne
Donaghy, Effishmore

Sunday 11 am Lily Noone
Carn Rd

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Collections Weekly Offering : €1,040
Development Collection €360

Your generosity to our collection is much appreciated.

Holy Places collection will be taken up on Good Friday after Communion.

Trocaire Boxes should be returned at Holy Week Masses.

Gospel at the Procession with Palms

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus sends his disciples for a colt and then rides into Jerusalem.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading

Luke 22:14—23:56

From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

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

Blessing of Graves in Bocan Cemetery on Sunday, 8th July at 6 pm.

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

A Social, in aid of the Patients' Comfort Fund, Ard Aoibhinn – Alzheimer's Unit, Carndoagh, will be held in the Hillhead Church Hall, Carndonagh, on Friday 26th April. Music by A & J Country, with dancing from 9.30pm to 1.00am. Admission including supper is E6.00. All welcome.

Culdaff FC annual night at the races will take place on Friday 24th May this year.

The Cairn Theatre Group presents Mary Poppins in The Cairn, Greencastle Monday 22nd until Friday 26th April at 8pm Also Matinee on Sunday 28th at 3 pm. Enquiries Tel: 9381104

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

date: Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd May
time: 2.30pm - 5pm and 7pm - 9.30pm
venue: Carndonagh Community School. *Help save a life - please give blood.*

Lough Derg One Day Retreats begin on Saturday 4th May and continue on 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 25th, 26th and 27th.

Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg personally or as a parish group this May?

A NEW event for those who serve in lay parish ministry, is our Parish Ministry Day Saturday 18th May.

Booking essential. Tel: 0(0353) 71 9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org

Web: www.loughderg.org

Bocan Defibrillator Group are having a meeting on 24th April at 8 pm in Bocan Hall. Please come along and support our group as we urgently need more volunteers to continue the very important work. We hope to see a big crowd on the night.

“Bluestack Challenge Fundraising Walk, Saturday 8th of June 2019. Supporting People with Additional Needs, Register on bluestackfoundation.com OR Phone 074 9740828 for more details. Are YOU up for The Challenge?”

There will be a Coffee Morning in Gleneely Clubhouse on Saturday, 27th April in aid of the Donegal Hospice. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.

READING ROOMS DONEGAL: Do you enjoy reading? Would you like to join a team that shares this passion to help others in the community? Have you an hour or more to spare every week? Reading Rooms is a Verbal programme that uses a shared reading model to help participants to share ideas, thoughts or memories and start conversations. The Reading Rooms programme is delivered to children throughout Donegal in community locations. Full OCN Shared Reading training will be given. If interested please contact Caitlin on 028 71 266946 or email readingrooms.donegal@theverbal.co

Whist

1st Annie McBride, Carn
2nd Mary Quigley, Glentogher
3rd Charlie Doherty, Carn

Tickets Joanie McLaughlin, Kevin Lafferty, Carmel McLaughlin, Charlie Doherty, Wendy Farren

Other Winners Nellie Carlin, Sheila Doherty, Sarah McDermott, Eileen Gormley, Joanie McLaughlin, Evelyn ruddy, Vera Deeny, Patricia Harkin, Patsy McGrenaghanV=Betty Doherty.

Whist every Friday at 8.30 pm in Bocan Hall. Snowball next week €90 on187 or better.

Towards the cross

We know where Jesus is going to end up, and Jesus knows it too. At the beginning of today's Mass, we hear of Jesus' spectacular entry into Jerusalem. The crowds who greet him cry out and praise God – the King has come! It is similar to how victorious army generals were welcomed home. These people have set their hopes on Jesus. They are waiting for a Messiah and King, and have heard so much about this preacher – is he the one they've been waiting for?

But Jesus is not the hero they've been expecting. He has not come to raise up an army or become a great political leader. Quite the opposite: Jesus has come to Jerusalem to die. The story takes a dark and dramatic turn, and we are plunged into a tale of arrest, trial, torture and death. Before long, the crowds are shouting 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' and taunting him on the cross to 'save himself if he is the Christ of God'. Jesus' triumphant entrance into the city is also his entry into his betrayal, suffering, and death.

We play our part in the unfolding drama today, as we first hold up our palm branches and later join the crowds condemning Jesus. In his Palm Sunday homily to young people last year, Pope Francis said the changing reactions of the crowds 'expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love, but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to 'wash our hands'.'

Today we place ourselves in the Passion of Jesus, and we look to the Cross as our consolation and our challenge.

CHRISM MASS: Bishop McKeown will celebrate the annual Mass of Chrism with the priests of the diocese in **St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry**, on **Holy Thursday** morning (18 April) at **10 o'clock**. During Mass the holy Oils for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Ordination are blessed. Also, the priests renew their Ordination promises. It is the only Mass celebrated in the diocese on Holy Thursday morning. Everyone is welcome.