

PEACE by *Patrick Kavanagh*

And sometimes I am sorry when the grass
Is growing over the stones in quiet hollows
And the cocksfoot leans across the rutted cart-pass
That I am not the voice of country fellows
Who now are standing by some headland talking
Of turnips and potatoes or young corn
Of turf banks stripped for victory.
Here Peace is still hawking
His coloured combs and scarves and beads of horn.

Upon a headland by a whinny hedge
A hare sits looking down a leaf-lapped furrow
There's an old plough upside-down on a weedy ridge
And someone is shouldering home a saddle-harrow.
Out of that childhood country what fools climb
To fight with tyrants Love and Life and Time?

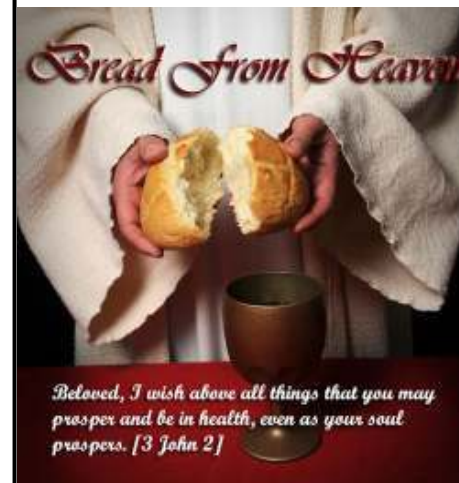


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Times of Masses which
will be streamed from St.
Mary's Church, Bocan

Monday 7.30pm
Tuesday. 7.30pm
Wednesday 10.00am
Thursday, 7.30 pm;
Friday 7.30 pm.
Saturday, 11.15 am.

Saturday Vigil 8 pm;
Sunday, 10am.



St Mary's Church Bocan

14th June 2020 No. 2

I am the living
bread that came
down from
heaven; whoever
eats this bread
will live forever.
— Jesus
(John 6:51)

**The Body and Blood of
Christ, Year A**

Responsorial Psalm

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a

Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58



Weekly Offering Donations : €765
Thank you so much for your generosity at this difficult time, and we ask for your continued support. Envelopes can be left in McGuinness' Shop.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the parishioners for their anonymous donations of €100 and €40 for our Web Cam – we hope to have it installed in the next few weeks.

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.

Graduation Mass

We are all living in an unreal time and we hope and pray that soon normality will return. At this time of year we especially remember the 6th Class pupils who are leaving the familiarity of their National School and taking the next step in their young lives. We ask all of your prayers as they set out on this journey. We pray for:

From Scoil Mhuire Gleneely, Liam Cain; Shay Ruddy; Kyle Lafferty; Shane Harkin; William Doherty; Odhran Douglas; Cian McNamee; Aaron McLaughlin; Ethan Farren; Roan Gallagher; Craig Lacey; Aaron McKinney; Megan Booker; Aileen Doherty; Caitlin Molloy; Aoibhinn Taylor; Lily McGonigle; Katie Miller.

St Boden's School Culdaff Shane Crumlish; Jack Curley; Lewis Kelly; Oisín Joseph McLaughlin; Oisín Patrick McLaughlin; Alisha Campbell; Ciara McCallion; Rebecca Raymond.

We also remember and ask your prayers for Lorraine Miller at this difficult time.

The Children's Graduation Mass will be at 7.30 pm on Monday night [15th June] and can be viewed online.

DO LOUGH DERG FROM WHEREVER YOU ARE Three Day Pilgrimage on 27 – 29 June 2020 The Prior, Fr La Flynn, will do the pilgrimage on the Island during these three days.. On Saturday 27th to Monday 29th June you go to www.loughderg.live to join the pilgrimage online. By way of support, we have prepared a Registration Pack. To register please go to <https://loughderg.live/june-3-day-pilgrimage-registration/> or contact the Lough Derg team on +353 (0)71 9861518. The pilgrimage will follow the traditional format, with a few practical adjustments. Mass will be celebrated at 6.30am on Sunday morning only. Pilgrims are required to begin their fast from midnight on Friday 26th and adhere to the regulation one Lough Derg type meal each day as if they were doing the pilgrimage on the Island. The meal consists of black tea/coffee, dry toast/wheaten bread/oatcakes. Water and prescribed medication can be taken at any time. From Tuesday 30th June, those who have undertaken the pilgrimage should please email us at info@loughderg.org or telephone +353 71 9861518 to confirm that they have completed it conscientiously and giving a full postal address, so that we can issue you with a memento of this historic occasion.

THE BREAD OF HIS BODY

Jesus wants to lead his disciples further.

He is not just the word of God, enlightening their hearts and minds, he is the Word made flesh, wanting to give himself to them as he is, in his incarnated person,

and to be present to them as a friend, a vulnerable friend through his flesh.

He has chosen them, to live with them, a communion of hearts.

This implies an important passage of faith for the disciples.

How can they become a friend of the Messiah?

Friendship implies a certain equality and mutual vulnerability.

Jesus no longer appears as the powerful one but as a powerless one offering his loving person:

"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

The person who eats this bread will live forever.

And even, the bread that I will give as my flesh for the life of the world."

And he adds:

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood, dwells in me and I dwell in that person"

These words seem incredible.

What can they mean?

All of us would have run away upon hearing these words

if we had not seen the miracles Jesus had done to show that his words were trustworthy and that they were words of life.

So we need to take time to inquire and understand what Jesus is saying through and behind these words.

For the Israelites, it is the flesh and blood of a person that signifies the person with all her or his being.

When Jesus uses the separation of flesh and blood, he is signifying his death: he has come as the Lamb of God who will be sacrificed and eaten as the Paschal Lamb.

Jesus is offering to us a personal, intimate relationship with him that will lead us into the very life of God and nourish this life.

It will bring us to dwell in Jesus and to have Jesus dwell in us.