

SILVER *BY Walter de la Mare*



**Slowly, silently, now the moon
Walks the night in her silver shoon;
This way, and that, she peers, and sees
Silver fruit upon silver trees;
One by one the casements catch
Her beams beneath the silvery thatch;
Couched in his kennel, like a log,
With paws of silver sleeps the dog;
From their shadowy cote the white breasts peep
Of doves in silver feathered sleep
A harvest mouse goes scampering by,
With silver claws, and silver eye;
And moveless fish in the water gleam,
By silver reeds in a silver stream.**

Weekday Masses

Monday, 7.30 pm;

Tuesday 10 am;

Wednesday 10 am;

Thursday, 7.30 pm;

Friday 10 am;

Saturday 11 am.

Confessions

Saturday 7.30-7.45

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All the sick of the parish will be attended on Tuesday this week.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, come to my aid!

Luke 12:49-53

The Fire Jesus Started

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

St Mary's Church Bocan

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Development Collection €400; Good as
New Shop €755. Your generosity to our
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First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

Second Reading

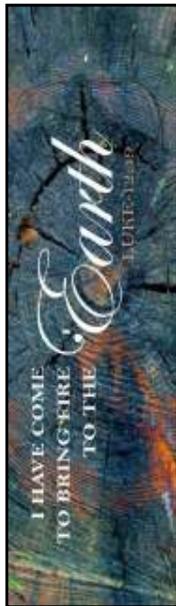
Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.



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

Counters for the Month of August

Tommy Lafferty, Brian Lafferty, Brian Deeny, Hugh Diver, Patricia Harkin, Mary McLaughlin

The Cairn Theatre Group commence their weekly Summer Show on Tuesday evenings at 8pm in The Cairn, Greencastle - Enquiries Tel: 0749381104

Whist

Congratulations to Gerard Doherty on winning the Snowball.
2nd John Doherty, Carrowmore
3rd Dolores O'Donnell, Carn

Tickets Gerard Doherty, Charlie Doherty, Vincent Lynn, Annie McBride, Betty Doherty.

Other Winners Joanie McLaughlin, Cormac McGonagle, Teresa McLaughlin, Bridget McCauley, Sheila McCallion

Whist every Friday in Bocan Hall at 8.30 pm – Snowball €60 for 190 or better.

Sr Perpetua McNulty hopes to establish a Sacred Music schola, that could be a resource available in an ad hoc way for parishes anywhere in the diocese who may be having special devotions, events or liturgies and would like a small choir. Anyone interested in participating can contact Sr Perpetua at 028 71351233 or thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org for further information. Rehearsal every third Sunday afternoon beginning 25th August.

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, Tel: 028 7126 2894

Beginners Yoga classes will take place in THE WEE HALL, Culdaff every Monday evening @ 6.30 p.m. and Tuesdays mornings @ 11.00 p.m. starting on Monday 19th Aug and Tues 20th Aug. Please wear loose clothing and bring a mat if you have one. One can be provided if you haven't. Tel Joan on 0872807787 for further info. All welcome.

Diocesan Religious Education Conference - 'The Path I Walk Christ Walks It':

The Diocese of Derry is hosting its inaugural Education Conference for Schools in Saint Columb's College, Derry on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th August. As part of this event, there will be two public sessions, beginning each evening at 7pm. On 28th August, Fr Adrian Porter, SJ, Director of the Jesuit Institute of Education, London, will speak about, 'Trusting God-Promoting Positive Mental Health in a Catholic School' and, on 29th August, Professor Francis Campbell, Vice Chancellor of Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, will address the topic, 'Why Choose a Catholic School?' Everyone is welcome to attend.

Caretaker required

Carrowmenagh Community Centre

– general caretaking duties, maintenance of Centre, full details can be obtained from the Centre (93 67521 or email carrowmenaghschool@yahoo.co.uk). Pobal Conditions Apply

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

"Come away...all by yourselves and rest for a while" Mk 6:31

SILENT RETREAT

Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..."

Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne (Foyer of Charity) October 14th to 20th

Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry, Co. Down

Cost including full board £410stg

Enquiries, information & booking form please contact: Helen 00353 86 1678027 / hellywilliams@gmail.com
www.foyerofcharity.ie

Three against two and two against three
Sadly, many people are no strangers to family feuds. In past generations, things like land and inheritance were major causes of family disagreements, causing parents to fall out with sons or daughters, or siblings to stop speaking for years. We may have heard other stories from our own families – secrets that were not talked about, relatives who were shunned for 'shaming' the family. These attitudes are dying away, and that is good. We are less concerned with keeping up appearances, and more focused on ensuring children feel loved and supported.

Yet, there will always be conflicts in family life. Differences of opinion can arise over beliefs or choices, sometimes causing immense hurt on both sides. Often these disagreements are between generations. Parents who have raised their children in the faith can feel hurt when a son or daughter drifts away, or decides not to pass on the faith to their own children. Grandparents often carry this burden too.

Some conflict is unavoidable as we navigate these situations, but we have a choice – do we allow anger and hurt to shape our interactions with loved ones, or do we listen with respect and try to understand and find common ground? Perhaps these inevitable conflicts are what Jesus refers to in today's Gospel – father divided against son, mother against daughter. It's a surprising statement given his usual focus on peace. But then, following Jesus is not a smooth path. Peace can be hard-won, particularly in families where there are so many different personalities and opinions. Let us pray for wisdom and patience to navigate the tougher times.