

## Another Chance by Helen Steiner Rice

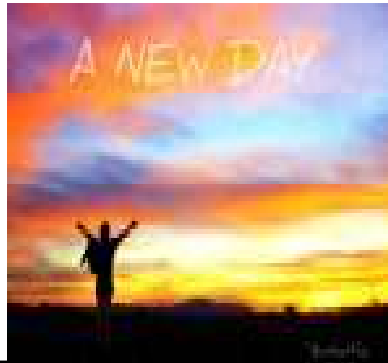
*A new beginning starts with a deep desire for change. Hope for a new day is an eternal theme in poetry. Without hope, what do we really have?*

**How often we wish for another chance  
To make a fresh beginning.  
A chance to blot out our mistakes  
And change failure into winning.**

**It does not take a new day  
To make a brand new start,  
It only takes a deep desire  
To try with all our heart.**

**To live a little better  
And to always be forgiving  
And to add a little sunshine  
To the world in which we're living.**

**So never give up in despair  
And think that you are through,  
For there's always a tomorrow  
And the hope of starting new.**



Mass will be on our Parish Website at [www.culdaffparish.com](http://www.culdaffparish.com) and [churchmedia.tv](http://churchmedia.tv)

Monday,  
Tuesday,  
Wednesday



Thursday & Friday,  
11am. No Mass on  
Saturday morning.

**Saturday Vigil 8 pm;  
Sunday 10 am.**

**Anniversary Mass this  
week**

**Sunday 10 am:** John Ruddy,  
Kindroyhead

**Next week**

**Sunday 10 am** Neil Doherty  
[Jack] Redford.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**The Lord is close to all  
who call him.**

# St Mary's Church

## Bocan

20th September 2020 No. 44



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A

The first shall be last, and the last.. first. Mt. 20:16

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### First Reading

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

### Second Reading

*Philippians 1:20c-24,27a*

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 20:1-16*

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

## SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of **Johanna Becker, Culdaff.** Johanna was born and lived in Germany for 66 years before coming to Ireland. She had lived in the Culdaff area for the past five years. We offer our deepest sympathy to her Daughter, Elke and her grandchildren Lisa and Joe Becker; her great grand-children, Jack McGuinness, Marcus Becker and Noah McDermott.



We also sympathise with the family of **Rory Duffy, Great James' St Derry.** Rory was a frequent visitor to Culdaff and his wish was to be buried here. His funeral Mass took place in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Our sympathy to his wife, Sheri Shurster, Kieran Duffy and his brothers Lawrie and Gavan Duffy.

**May they rest in peace.**

## FIRST COMMUNION

We have our First Communions arranged. St Boden's Culdaff will make their Communion on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 11 am [ First Confessions for Culdaff on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm]; Scoil Mhuire, Gleneely on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October [First Confessions for Gleneely on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm]. We will keep all the children in our prayers in the weeks ahead.

Angela's Good as New Shop is now open in aid of Parish Funds. She is in Farren's premises on Pound St Carndonagh. She would greatly appreciate donations of old clothes of Bric a Brac, and if you can help her with this then contact her on 087 9028930 she can collect it if you are unable to leave home at present.

**The World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday 27th September** The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. For 2020, Pope Francis has chosen the theme “Forced like Jesus Christ to flee”, with a focus on the need for the pastoral care of internally displaced persons. In his message the Holy Father says: “Displaced people offer us this opportunity to meet the Lord, even though our eyes find it hard to recognize him: his clothing in tatters, his feet dirty, his face disfigured, his body wounded, his tongue unable to speak our language” (Homily, 15 February 2019). We are called to respond to this pastoral challenge with the four verbs I indicated in my Message for this Day in 2018: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. To these words, I would now like to add another six pairs of verbs that deal with very practical actions and are linked together in a relationship of cause and effect:

- You have to know in order to understand.**
- It is necessary to be close in order to serve.**
- In order to be reconciled, we need to listen.**
- In order to grow, it is necessary to share.**
- We need to be involved in order to promote.**
- It is necessary to cooperate in order to build.**

THE NET The September edition of The Net is now available online, on [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org). As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. There is a 'Remembering Bishop Lagan' feature and a 'Remembering John Hume' article in the September issue. You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience

**God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow or sunshine without rain. But he did promise strength for the day and light for the way.**

## Weekly Offering €500

**Development Collection €375**

**Good as New Shop €520**

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.

**N.B.** Would any of counters who are available come along after 10 am Mass. A new rota will be drawn up when we can get a bit more normality again.

**Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September in St Mary's Church at 8 pm. All members are asked to attend.**