

THE MOMENT by Margaret Atwood

The moment when, after many years
of hard work and a long voyage
you stand in the centre of your room,
house, half-acre, square mile, island,
country,
knowing at last how you got there,
and say, I own this,

is the same moment when the trees un-
loose
their soft arms from around you,
the birds take back their language,
the cliffs fissure and collapse,
the air moves back from you like a wave
and you can't breathe.

No, they whisper. You own nothing.
You were a visitor, time after time
climbing the hill, planting the flag, pro-
claiming.
We never belonged to you.
You never found us.
It was always the other way round.

Mass will be on our Parish Web-
site at www.culdaffparish.com
and churchmedia.tv

Monday 7.30pm
Tuesday & Wednesday, 10
am; Thursday, 7.30 pm;

Friday, 7.30 pm [Mary
McConalogue, Cashel]
Saturday, 10 am [Mannix
Collins , Bishops Hill 25th
Anniversary].

Saturday Vigil 8 pm;
Sunday, 10am.

**Anniversary Masses this
weekend**

Saturday Vigil 8 pm
Bridget , John & Michael
McDermott, Drumley.

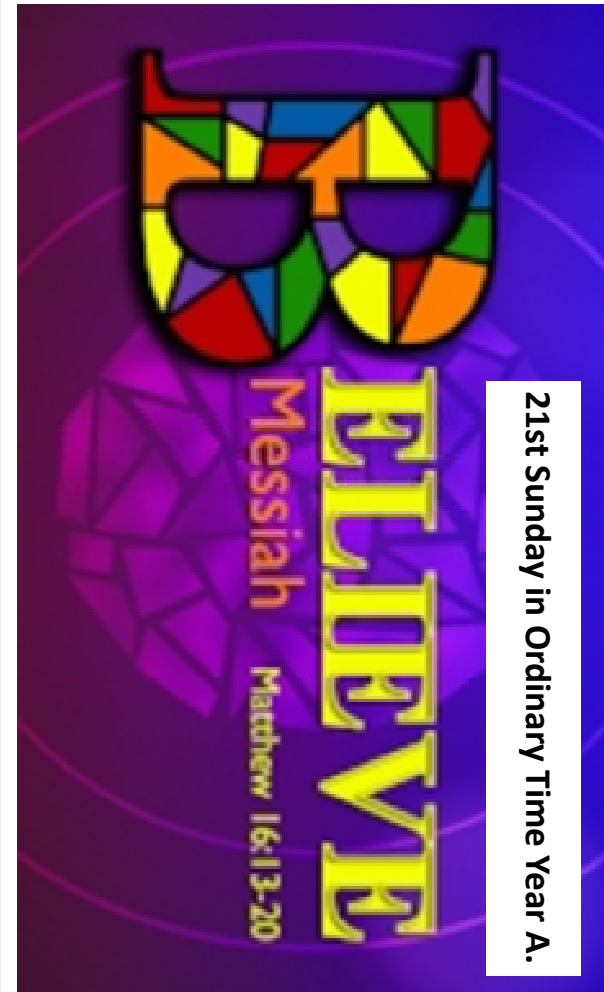
Sunday, 10 am: Marian
McCauley.

Next Week

Saturday Vigil 8 pm
Grace Doherty, Ballyharry

St Mary's Church
Bocan

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Responsorial Psalm

**Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard
not the work of your hands.**

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Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 31st August 2020. £499.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer to Knock, 3 nights' in 4 star Park Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement £90.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock is fully protected by ATOL T7613.



First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

THE DEEP END • Why are we Here?

'Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value'
Albert Einstein

How easy it is to lose our way. Business people who start out with a great idea can sometimes become overly focused on money and lose sight of their passion. Politicians who start out young and idealistic can become disillusioned or corrupt. Teachers may become overly focused on exam success and forget their enthusiasm for their subject. It is all too easy to get caught up in rules and regulations, and forget to take a step back and ask ourselves: why are we here?

The Church, too, can lose its way. Over its history, we know the Church has not always lived up to its great responsibility to communicate God's love to the world.

Today's readings are an interesting mix as we reflect on our Church and its mission. The Gospel passage is often seen as a reference to the origins of the Church and the papacy, as Jesus hands Peter 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. But look what Jesus asks him just before this: 'Who do you say I am?' Everything we do as Church should come back to this question – who do we say that Jesus is?

Lest we get too sure of ourselves, the Second Reading reminds us: 'Who could ever know the mind of the Lord?... All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him'. Everything comes from God, and everything we do should be for God.

'The Church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. Ministers of the Church must be ministers of mercy above all.'

- Pope Francis

Triona Doherty

Community Employment. Vacancies have arisen on the Culdaff Community Employment Project for the following positions. Clerical Assistant based at Carrowmena Community Centre, Maintenance person based at Carrowmena Football club and General Workers based in Culdaff, Carrowmena and Gleneely areas. Anyone interested is asked to contact 9379832 or 0868452901. Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection terms and conditions apply.

SACRED HEART MESSENGER: The digital version of the September Messenger will be the last issue to be offered free of charge to non-subscribers. From October onwards, the digital edition will only be available to subscribers. A digital subscription costs just €15 per year and we hope you will decide to subscribe if you are not currently a subscriber. The September issue can be viewed on https://issuu.com/messengerpublications/docs/messenger_september

REFLECTION

God be good to you in all your days,
God by kind to you in all your ways,
God give strength to you when crosses lean,
God send light to you, the clouds between.
God give peace to you in times of strife,
God bless everything that fills your life.
God send joy to you when grief is o'er,
God make way for you at Heaven's door.

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.

Weekly Offering €720;
Development Collection €360
Good as New Shop €640

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.

The Church was sanitised this week.