

The Trance of Time *by John Henry Newman*

IN childhood, when with eager eyes
The season-measured year I view'd,
All garb'd in fairy guise,
Pledged constancy of good.

Spring sang of heaven; the summer flowers
Bade me gaze on, and did not fade;
Even suns o'er autumn's bowers
Heard my strong wish, and stay'd.

They came and went, the short-lived four;
Yet, as their varying dance they wove,
To my young heart each bore
Its own sure claim of love.

Far different now;—the whirling year
Vainly my dizzy eyes pursue;
And its fair tints appear
All blent in one dusk hue.

Why dwell on rich autumnal lights,
Spring-time, or winter's social ring?
Long days are fire-side nights,
Brown autumn is fresh spring.

Then what this world to thee, my heart?
Its gifts nor feed thee nor can bless.
Thou hast no owner's part
In all its fleetingness.

The flame, the storm, the quaking ground,
Earth's joy, earth's terror, nought is thine,
Thou must but hear the sound
Of the still voice divine.

O priceless art! O princely state!
E'en while by sense of change opprest,
Within to antedate
Heaven's Age of fearless rest.



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Christ the King

St Mary's Church Bocan

Weekday Masses

Monday 7.30 pm; Tuesday
& Wednesday, 10 am; No
Mass Thursday; Friday,
7.30 pm; Saturday 11 am.

Confessions

Saturday 7.30 pm—7.45
pm.

Anniversary Masses this weekend:

Saturday Vigil 8 pm: Mary
Elizabeth Doherty, Bootagh

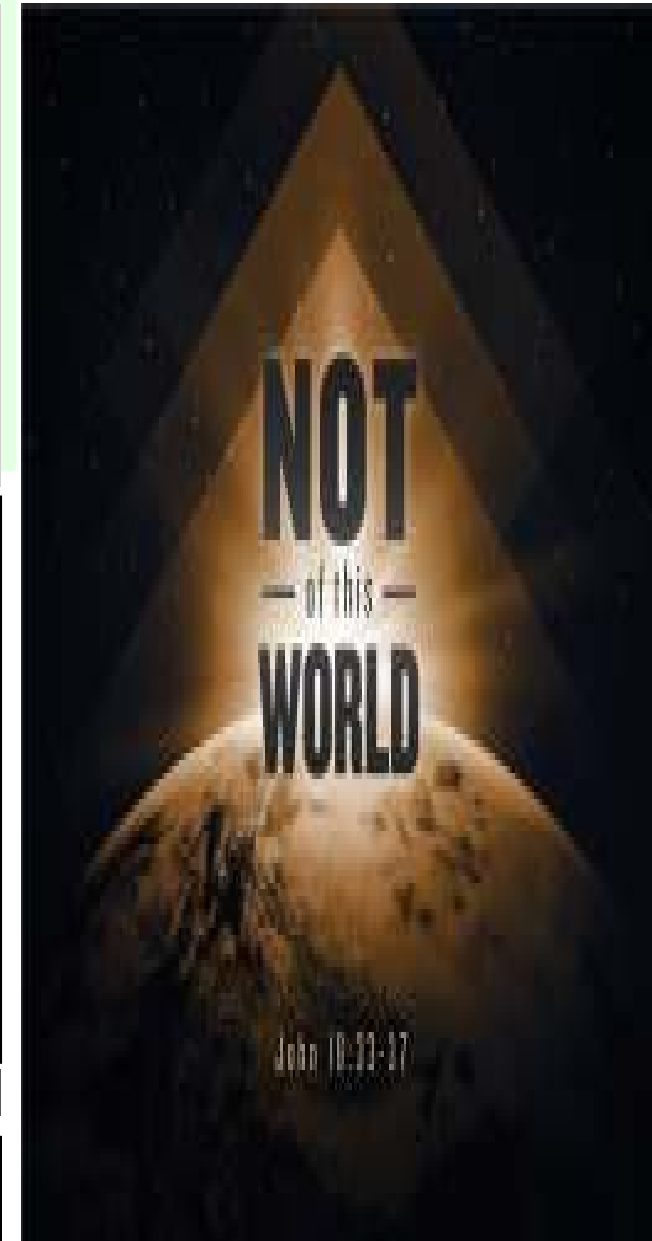
Sunday 11 am: Joseph Rud-
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Next weekend

Sunday 11 am: Caroline
McDermott, Terrahork

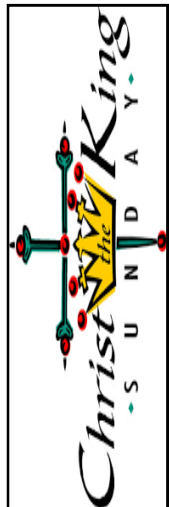
Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king, with majesty
enrobed.



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First Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all.

Gospel Reading

John 18:33b-37

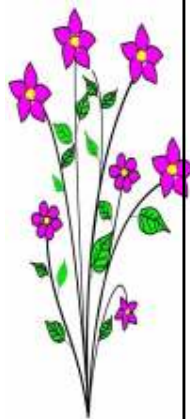
Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."

Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Saturday 8th December 2 30 pm in Mc Grory's. All Seniors welcome.

Culdaff FC Annual Bazaar will be in Bocan Hall on Sunday 9th December. Doors Open at 4.30pm and Bazaar starts at 5pm. A special appearance by the man himself Santa Claus. All players and committee are asked together prizes for the Bazaar. All welcome.

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

with
Sympathy



It was with great sadness that the community learned of the death of **James Ruddy, Oldtown.** James suffered indifferent health over the past months, but bore it with great dignity.

We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife, Mary; his daughters, Mary, Philomena, Martina, Linda & Brenda; his son, Seamus; their spouses and grandchildren; his sister Philomena and the wider family circle.

God assures us that we will all be reunited at the end of time. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Exercise Classes taking place in Gleneely Colts Football Clubhouse as follows;

Monday @ 6:30pm- 7:30pm - Female Fitness Class

Tuesday @ 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Mixed Teen Fitness

Wednesday @ 6:30am -7:30am - Male Fitness Class

Thursday @ 6:30pm – 7:30pm – Female Fitness Class

To book your place, please PM Paul Gamble on Facebook or text Paul on 086 8203359 All Classes €5 - Come along and try out a class!

There will be a Christmas craft fair held in the iCare centre on 2nd of December from 3pm till 6pm. table will cost €10. To book a table contact iCare at 0861081200

CULDAFF CRAFT FAIR
The organisers of the recent Craft Fair in the Wee Hall, Culdaff, would like to thank all those who attended. Thank you to all stallholders, musician, those who donated baking and raffle prizes and the volunteers who helped on the day. Congratulations to all the prize winners and well done to all for another successful Community event.

Colgan Hall annual bazaar will take place on Tuesday 4th December at 8pm in the Colgan Hall. Many fantastic prizes to be won on the night. Ring 074 93 29377 or 085 252 4006 for further details. ETB are holding free computer class for beginners in the Colgan Hall on Thursday mornings from 10am to 1pm with light refreshments. Call Caroline McCabe, Adult Education Officer on 086 174 0684 for further information or drop into Jeanette in the Colgan hall office for more info.

This is the last Sunday in Year B. Next weekend we enter Advent and the start of Year C. This little piece reminds us of the futility of planning ahead, when it is the moment we are living that is the most important, and only God knows what our future is:

Time is Fleeting...

God, I spend so much time reliving yesterday or anticipating tomorrow, that I lose sight of the only time which is really mine – the present.

That's all I have – all I ever will.

Give me the faith that knows that each moment contains exactly what is best for me.

Give me the hope that trusts you enough to forget past sins and future trials.

Give me the love that makes each minute of life an anticipation of eternity with you.



THE DEEP END: 'So you are a King?'

Today is the Feast of Christ the King and this Gospel certainly gives us an opportunity to lay aside a lot of cultural baggage we may have about kings, leaders and kingdoms. The Jewish leaders want Jesus executed and so they bring him to Pilate who engages in a debate with Jesus on 'kingship'. Jesus is accused of claiming to be a 'king' and this passage plays on both the political and religious meaning of that word. Pilate is concerned with whether or not Jesus poses a threat to Roman rule, while the Jewish religious leaders are worried about the type of 'Messiah king' Jesus claims to be. Through his ministry Jesus has shown them that His kingdom is unlike the one that Pilate, or many other earthly leaders know. It is a kingdom built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace. Few 'kings can measure up to this. Jesus is a servant King, a beacon light for today's world. Who do you know in our world today who is the more living example of this type of kingship? When you look at the world's political leaders, do they shine like a beacon light striving for peace, justice and care for the earth? On this Feast of Christ the King we celebrate a type of kingship that is a display of radical love. What a different world we would have if all those who hold power and authority led in such a way. Let us pray today that all leaders will be open to listening to the Spirit and strive for a more just world.

Jane Mellett