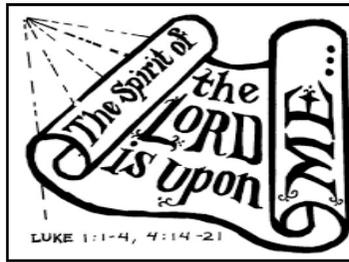


Sea Fever  
BY JOHN MASEFIELD

I must go down to the seas again,  
to the lonely sea and the sky,  
And all I ask is a tall ship and a  
star to steer her by,  
And the wheel's kick and the  
wind's song and the white sail's  
shaking,  
And a gray mist on the sea's face,  
and a gray dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again,  
for the call of the running tide  
Is a wild call and a clear call that  
may not be denied;  
And all I ask is a windy day with  
the white clouds flying,  
And the flung spray and the  
blown spume, and the sea-gulls  
crying.

I must go down to the seas again,  
to the vagrant gypsy life,  
To the gull's way and the whale's  
way, where the wind's like a  
whetted knife;



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### Weekday Masses

Monday, 7.30 pm;  
Tuesday, 10 am;  
Wednesday, 9 am;  
Thursday, 7.30 pm;

**Friday, 7.30 pm, First  
Friday of the Month [ St  
Bridgid's Crosses  
Blessed];**

**Saturday, 11 am  
[Candles Blessed]**

### Confessions

Friday, 7 pm—7.15 pm;  
Saturday 7 .15 pm—7.45  
pm.

Responsorial Psalm

Your words are spirit,  
Lord, and they are life.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me,  
to proclaim good news to the **POOR**...  
to set at **LIBERTY** those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the **YEAR** of the  
**LORD'S FAVOR**”  
Luke 4:18-19

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appreciated.

#### First Reading

*Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10*

Ezra reads from the book of  
the Law and interprets it for all  
to understand.

#### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (or  
shorter form, 1 Corinthians  
12:12-14,27)*

Paul explains that all were  
baptized into the one body of  
Christ.

#### Gospel Reading

*Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

In the synagogue at Nazareth,  
Jesus reads aloud from the  
scroll of the prophet Isaiah and  
announces that this Scripture is  
now fulfilled.

#### Counters for the Month of February:

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

Serenity House is organising a trip to  
Clonmel, Co Tipperary on 2nd June for 6  
days. Staying in the 4 star Hotel  
Minella. Day trips each day to include:  
Mount Melleray Abbey, Dungarvan, Cobh,  
Rock of Cashel, and Kilkenny City. Small  
deposit secures your place. Book early on  
9382945 to avoid disappointment.

#### Whist

1<sup>st</sup> Mary Ellen Ruddy, Ballybawn  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sheila Doherty, Carn  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Quigley, Glentogher

**Tickets** Michelle McLaughlin, Sheila Doherty,  
Sheila McCallion, Mary Quigley, Eileen Gormley  
**Other Winners**

Sheila Doherty, Mickey McLaughlin, Fr  
McGonagle, Joanne McLaughlin, Rose  
Thompson, Therese McLaughlin, Vera Deeny,  
Sheila McCallion, Patrick McLaughlin.

**Whist next Friday at 8 pm in Bocan Hall.**  
**Snowball next week: €70 on 189 or better**

#### DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, 4

– **9 July.** We welcome all pilgrims,  
especially pilgrims in need of care. We  
welcome doctors, nurses and youth (aged  
17years+) to assist with those in need.  
Application Forms now available. Tel 028  
7126 0293, Tuesdays, Thursdays and  
Saturdays, 11am-1pm or  
email [derrypilgrim@outlook.com](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com) at any  
time. The cost of the Pilgrimage is £679.

The annual *Lourdes Hospitalité* collection  
will take place on the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup>/  
3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019. Prayer Cards will be  
distributed. Your past generosity to the  
pilgrimage has made it possible for persons  
in need to benefit from the experience of  
Lourdes. Thank you once again in advance.

#### New Mission Team in Derry Diocese

If you are interested in being part of a new  
Mission Team in the diocese to promote and  
foster mission awareness at home and  
overseas, please come along and join us for  
our next meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at  
7.00pm Ardstraw House, 21A Buncrana Rd,  
Derry, next to St Columb's College. All are  
welcome. For further information please  
contact Fr David O'Kane on 028 71337727.

**St Patricks Day 2019** is fast approaching. It  
falls on a Sunday this year so Monday is a  
holiday. The St Patricks Day committee are now  
inviting all community groups, clubs, businesses  
and other organisations to consider putting a  
float in the parade. It is a great occasion for  
publicity for your group. The number of floats  
has declined in recent years and the parade  
suffers when the fun and creative element is  
missing. There will be more awards this year for  
fun, colourful and topical floats where  
imagination is displayed. A float can be on a car  
trailer, flat bed, small lorry or big lorry or tractor  
trailer. Walking floats are also most welcome  
from clubs, teams, schools classes etc. Dress up  
in your uniform or strip and show pride in your  
group on the big day. Local pubs in particular  
could make some effort to ensure a presence and  
show support on the day. Beidh failte mór  
romhaibh go leir agus ta sé saor in aisce a bheith  
pairteach sa paraid. Entry to parade is totally  
free. Just turn up on the day. Ní neart go cur le  
chéile. Working together we are stronger.  
Further details to follow.

#### The Legend

There is a legend associated  
with the origin of St. Brigid's  
crosses. Brigid was called to  
the bedside of a dying pagan  
chieftain. She sat by him to  
keep watch over him in his  
final hours.



While sitting by the dying man,  
Brigid picked up some rushes  
from the floor and began to  
weave them into a cross. The sick man  
asked her what she was making and  
Brigid began to explain the story of Jesus  
to him. Before he died, the chieftain had  
become a Christian.

THE DEEP END: 'So that you may  
know the truth'

There is something about the opening  
sentences of Luke's Gospel that grabs  
one's attention. He is the only Gospel  
writer to give us information about his  
purpose and sources. He writes for  
Theophilus, whose name in Greek  
suggests 'lover of God'. Theophilus  
may have been a patron of Luke's, but  
we can also take this name to mean that  
Luke writes for all lovers of God, i.e.  
all of us.

Jesus, 'as was his custom,' attends  
the service at his local synagogue. It is  
clear that Jesus was a faithful Jew even  
though he is about to have some serious  
run-ins with the Jewish religious  
leaders. This moment is one of the  
most powerful passages in the New  
Testament, as Jesus sets out his  
manifesto for ministry. Reading from  
Isaiah, Jesus tells the crowd that this  
passage is being fulfilled as they hear  
it, his ministry would be one focused  
on freeing people from various types of  
oppression. This passage is as relevant  
in our world today as it was for Jesus'  
time: people still await liberation, the  
oppressed are not free. This is not a  
passage read in the past: it is very much  
alive, a vision for all to have as  
Christians and to work out of. Just as  
the scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus, they  
are also fulfilled in each of our lives.

'Although they heard you, Lord, they  
failed to listen. They heard only what  
they wanted to hear. The truth hurt  
them, you made them feel  
uncomfortable, and they rejected you  
... Show us how we may seek your  
Kingdom and help to bring peace to a  
troubled world.'

Tony Singleton