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If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too:
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream- -and not make dreams your master;
If you can think- -and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same:.
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word about your loss:
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on! '

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings- -nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much:
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And- -which is more- -you'll be a Man, my son!

Rudyard Kipling



Year C

St Mary's Church Bocan

28th April 2019—No. 22

Weekday Masses

Monday, 7.30 pm;
Tuesday &
Wednesday, 10 am;
Thursday, 7.30 pm;
Friday, 1st Friday of
the Month, 7.30 pm;
Saturday 11 am

Confessions

Saturday 7.30-7.45

Anniversary Mass this Weekend

Saturday Vigil 8 pm:
Mary McDaid, Ourt

Next Weekend

Saturday Vigil 8 pm:
Teresa Doherty,
Gleneely.

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good., for his love has no end



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Development Collection €635; Holy Places €500. Your generosity to our collection is much appreciated.



First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Peter and the apostles perform many signs and wonders.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19

John describes the instruction he received to write down his vision.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Counters for the Month of May: Barbara O'Connor, Roger Mooney, Bernadette Scott, Maria Finnegan

Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday 30th April at 8 pm at the Parochial House Meeting Room. We also invite people who would be willing to distribute the Parish Survey to come along to the Parochial House at 7.30 pm that night.

Blessing of Graves in Bocan Cemetery on **Sunday, 7th July** at 6 pm.

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC date: Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd May time: 2.30pm - 5pm and 7pm - 9.30pm venue: Carndonagh Community School.

A 'Queen of the May' Festival will take place in Thornhill House, Culmore Road, Derry, from Friday 3 to Monday 6 May from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm daily. The festival is in keeping with the great tradition

of hosting a May Altar in honour of Our Lady. All welcome!

CULDAFF TIDY TOWNS:

"Cooking With Leftovers" - As part of an initiative to reduce food waste Culdaff Tidy Towns present a workshop session with Sinead Holmes at the Wee Hall, Culdaff on Friday 3rd May at 3 p.m. Come along and learn some creative ways of preparing low cost tasty meals from a few ingredients while saving money. This event is free and all are welcome, and is being funded by Donegal County Council's Local Community Development Committee as part of its National Community Event weekend.

Whist

1st Dolores O'Donnell, Carn
2nd Nell Gallagher, Malin Head
3rd Fr McGonagle, Stroove

Tickets Bridgid McCauley, Dolores O'Donnell, Carmel McLaughlin, Rose Thompson

Other Winners Sheila Doherty, Carmel McLaughlin, Wendy Farren, Bridgid McCauley, Sheila Donaghy, Evelyn Ruddy, Eamon Donaghy, Pat Porter, John Doherty, Sarah McDermott, Betty Doherty, John McLaughlin, Margaret McGilloway, Rose Thompson

Whist every Friday at 8.30 pm in Bocan Hall. Snowball next week €110 on 185 or better.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Final Show: Mary Poppins at The Cairn Greencastle Sunday 28th 3pm

Host families wanted for 12 to 17yr old Spanish Students for the month of July. Host families must have children in this age group. Generous rates paid to host families. For further information please call [0876008446](tel:0876008446).

Anam Cara Donegal, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Thursday 9th May at 7:20pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Inishowen Disability Community Action (IDCA) is an organisation based in Carndonagh that provides a mini bus service for people with disabilities in Inishowen. We are seeking a volunteer driver and volunteers to join our committee to enhance our service. Email: idcabus@mail.com or Tel: 083 809 1435.

Volunteer Car Scheme

Do you find it difficult to access affordable transport to attend medical appointments? Do you find it difficult to travel on or access public transport? Are you over 65 years of age? If you would like to avail of the scheme or would like to learn more about the scheme please contact Noreen Murphy on 074 93 22291 or Cormac Skinnader on 087 9861606 at Inishowen Development Partnership, St Mary's Road, Buncrana.

Culdaff FC annual night at the races will take place on Friday 24th May this year.

28 April 2019 • Divine Mercy Sunday

A Saint for dark times

It's perfectly understandable: Thomas is having trouble believing that Jesus has returned to be with his friends again. The disciples, who witnessed Jesus' arrest, torture, death and burial, are now talking about having seen Jesus in the flesh again. It sounds impossible. Thomas was not there when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, so of course he is doubtful.

Thomas' moment of doubt earned him the nickname 'Doubting Thomas', and I sometimes think this is a little unfair. Or rather, I feel that Thomas' wobble of faith does not necessarily cast him in a negative light – it makes him easier to relate to. He is grieving after the death of his master and friend. He is not ready to hear the words of comfort and consolation offered by the others, when they tell him 'We have seen the Lord.' His pain is too deep. He can't believe it, or won't believe it, until he experiences it for himself. And when he does finally encounter Jesus, an agonising eight days later, his declaration of faith is swift: 'My Lord and my God!' We can almost hear the relief and joy in this exclamation.

We all know that life can be painful and messy at times. It can be hard to hang onto our faith when we are in pain, or grieving, or anxious. It might be difficult to accept the assurances of others that God is with us and will help us through it. We might also struggle to pray. In dark times, sometimes we just can't see the light. Thomas is a saint for those times of darkness and doubt. In our darkest days, may we, like Thomas, encounter the healing presence of the Risen Christ.