

Be Blessed!

*"The Lord bless you.
The Lord keep you.
The Lord make His face
to shine upon you
and be gracious
unto you.
The Lord turn His face
toward you
and give you peace!"*

Num. 6:24-26

Hold on to the Lord Jesus.
Hold on to the faith you have in Him
that leads you away from
the hurts,
the doubts, and
the fears you've had.
Hold on to your faith in Jesus
that makes your heart glad
and leads you toward
hope and life.

The Lord Bless You!

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

Monday, 7.30 pm;
Tuesday & Wednesday,
10 am; Thursday, 7.30
pm; Friday, 10 am; Sat-
urday, 11.15 am.

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

**Anniversary Mass this
weekend**

**Saturday Vigil 8 pm
Grace Doherty, Ballyharry**

Next Week

**Saturday Vigil 8 pm
James Doherty, The Cot-
tage, Gleneely.**

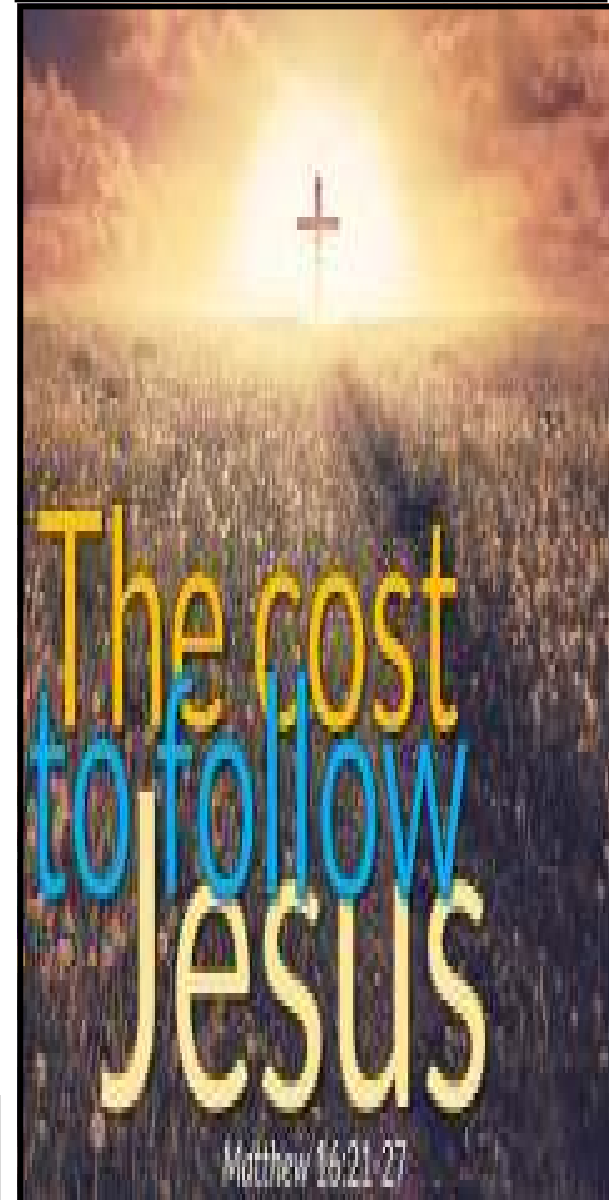
Responsorial Psalm

**For you my soul is thirsting , O
Lord, my God.**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A.**

**St Mary's Church
Bocan**

30th August 2020 No. 41



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Anam Cara Donegal, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Thursday 10th September at 7:20pm in the Raddison Blu, Letterkenny. 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. * subject to change in accordance with government guidelines*.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2020 will be broadcast live on Sunday 13 September at 3.00pm from the Basilica at Knock Shrine. Grandparents and their families are invited to join online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch

Today's Readings

First Reading:

[Jer. 20:7-9] Jeremiah, though persecuted for his prophetic work, cannot abandon it because God's love burns too strongly in him

Second Reading: [Rom. 12:1-2] Paul exhorts us to worship with our entire beings so that we can be transformed.

Gospel [Mt 16:21-27]

Jesus foretells his agony and death and shows that suffering is part of life.

THE DEEP END • An Open Book

'The Christian is a living epistle, known and read by all men, an open letter, an advertisement for Christianity.'

William Barclay

What would an advertisement for Christianity look like? If you had to design an ad to sum up your faith, what would you include? On the one hand we are called to be joyful – to sing, shout, clap our hands and rejoice! But faith is not always so straightforward. There are many obstacles and temptations, and sometimes we are afraid to stand up for what we believe in. And then there's today's Gospel, which speaks of suffering, and tells us that following Jesus involves taking up our cross. How do we make sense of all this in the context of our faith journey?

The good news is we are not alone in our struggles. In today's First Reading, Jeremiah struggles with his faith in one of his many 'laments'. His faith has caused him to be a laughing stock. He feels conflicted; although his faith is inviting insult and derision, it is also a fire burning in his heart. In spite of people's hostile reactions, he has been 'seduced' by God, and he cannot but speak out.

Is this how we feel about our faith? Is it like a fire burning within us, in our very bones, or are we lukewarm in our commitment? Following Jesus is a radical choice, now more than ever perhaps. Today's readings teach us to be less concerned with what people think, and more concerned with living according to Jesus' teachings – however others may react.

Triona Doherty.



A message from Bishop Donal to the all parishioners in the diocese:

FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCHES

At this time, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland, the governments have not made mandatory the wearing of face coverings at services of worship.

However, following recent consultations with public health authorities, the leaders of the four main churches in Ireland decided to recommend and encourage the use of face coverings at Masses and other liturgical celebrations, from Sunday 30th August 2020. I am writing to make you aware of this call. While many individuals may decide to wear face coverings in church, it is important to remember that some people are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, even in situations which would otherwise be mandatory, as outlined in the two jurisdictions: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-coverings> and <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/aac74c-guidance-on-safe-use-of-face-coverings>.

+ Donal



HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP - BALLYMAGROARTY

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will be held on TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2020 directly after mass at 7.15pm. There will be a first-class relic available at the prayer group for blessing. Everyone welcome

Weekly Offering €640; Development Collection €380 Good as New Shop €580

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.

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.