

An Ode To My Mother by Johnny J Hollis III

I can not count the ways you have cared for me,
I can never repay you for the love you shared with me,
I can never forget the wisdom uttered from your lips,
I can never forget the wondrous works of your fingertips.

I can never forget the sweetness of your tears,
I can not forget how you helped me fight my fears,
I can never regret any time I spent with you,
You taught me that my dreams can come true.

I shall never allow my love for you to cease,
In your voice I find comfort and peace,
I shall always remember your bedtime stories and lullabies,
I shall see love forever in my mother's eyes.



To every Mother in Our Parish and to
all those we remember and honour to-
day.



Year C St Mary's Church Bocan

31st March 2019 - No. 18

Weekday Masses

Monday, 7.30 pm;
Tuesday & Wednesday,
10am; [Sean Diviney,
Wexford & London]
Thursday, 10 am;

[Sacrament of
Confirmation at 5 pm.

Friday, 7.30 pm;
Saturday 11 am.

Confessions

Saturday 7.15 pm—7.45

Anniversary Mass this Weekend

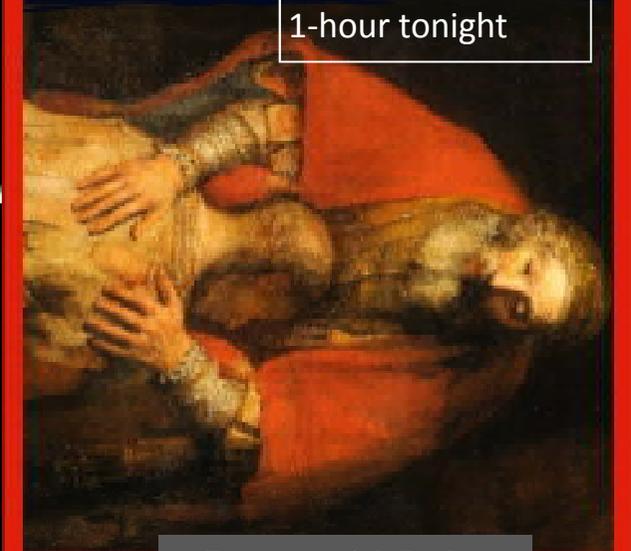
Saturday Vigil 8 pm:
Eithne Lynch
Listallaghan, Gleneely.

Next Weekend

Sunday 8.30 am:
Michael McDermott,
Drumley.

4th SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR C
**RETURN
OF THE
PRODIGAL
SON**

Clocks go forward
1-hour tonight



Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Fr. Brian Brady, P.P., V.F 9376264

Fr. Karl Haan C.C. 9379107

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First Reading

Joshua 5:9a,10-12

The Israelites celebrate the Passover in the promised land.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul preaches our reconciliation with Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Fr Brian Brady, PP, VF on Thursday evening at 5 pm

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

Fr Francis Bradley will lead a Holy Hour to pray for an increase to vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in the Diocese of Derry in St Eugene's Cathedral on Thursday 4th April at 8:00. All are welcome

Congratulations to St Boden's School on Winning the 'Digital School of Distinction' Award. Well done to everyone who helped and participated in their ICT journey from fundraising to implementing lessons. This award today places the school in the top 10% of schools in Ireland using technology in education. Well done all!

May the beautiful memories of a special loved one bring you comfort and solace during this time. Brighter days are ahead.

With deepest

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late **Kathleen Ruddy, Larahirl.** Kathleen lived a long and very active life. She spent a long part of her life working in Scotland as an auxiliary nurse and she used those skills in helping those near at hand when she returned to Ireland.

We offer our deepest condolences to her husband, Sean; her sons Daniel, Sean & Martin; her daughters, Marie & Catriona; their partners and grandchildren and to the wider family circle. May God reward her for all her kindness in this life and may she rest in peace.

Malin GAA presents a Community Health & Wellbeing launch on Thursday 4th April @ 7.30pm in the Malin GAA centre – upstairs. You are invited to an evening of informative talks in a relaxed environment to launch our Community Health & Wellbeing initiative. We will also announce future events, demos & talks – we look forward to seeing you there on Thursday 4th April. Members & non-members are all welcome. Guest speakers: Charlie Byrne - Fitness & Exercise; Kate Monagle – Chiropody & Podiatry; Maria Stevens Kinesiology. Tea/coffee/smoothies & healthy snacks available on the night. This is a free event.

Anam Cara Donegal, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Thursday 11th April 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.

Carndonagh Musical Society present their 2019 production Bugsy Malone!!

Tickets go on sale at Doherty's Newsagents (Fintan's), The Diamond, Carndonagh from Monday 25th March. Adults €12, Children €8. The show runs nightly from Wed 10th April - Sun 14th April in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh. Doors open at 6:45pm, and the show starts at 7:30pm sharp.

For further information, see Carndonagh Musical Society on Facebook or email carndonaghmusical@gmail.com

Audrey & Robert Hutchinson with their family would like to thank all who supported their fundraiser for the Irish Kidney Association on 2nd March. A final sum of € 4055 was raised and again out thanks to all.

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WHIST

1st Evelyn Ruddy, Kindroyhead

2nd Eileen Gormley, Greencastle; Gerard Doherty, Ourt

3rd Betty Doherty, Carn

TICKETS Theresa McLaughlin, Mary B McLaughlin, Fr McGonagle Patrick McLaughlin

OTHER WINNERS Vera Deeny, Dolores O'Donnell, Sarah McDermott, Therese McLaughlin, Joanie McLaughlin, Mary B McLaughlin, Patrick McLaughlin, Mary Quigley, Fr McGonagle, Charlie Doherty.

Whist next Friday in Bocan Hall at 8.30 pm. Snowball this week €70 on 189 or better.

The Elder Son - Sometimes we can be so familiar with a Gospel passage we tend to switch off after the first few sentences. That would be a shame, especially when the Gospel is one of the great blockbuster parables. The real challenge in today's Gospel is what happens after the lost son returns. The elder brother has 'worked like a slave' all those years and is understandably upset. The Father's welcome of the younger son would have been considered extremely foolish by those listening to this story. However, the Father makes it clear that his outreach to the younger brother will not change his love for the older brother. It will cost the elder brother nothing to reach out. We have nothing to lose in welcoming home the lost.

Today, we can try to place ourselves somewhere in this narrative: where do you stand? This Gospel shows us that God returns the lost to the community, regardless of the boundaries that we might put in place. Jesus teaches us a lesson in radical hospitality. No matter how far we wander from home, God is still a loving God. The elder brother has a choice: to come to the party or to sulk in the corner. Luke, excellent story-teller that he is, leaves the reader to decide the outcome.

'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power ... that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live' (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 246)

Are you in receipt of Jobseekers for at least 12 months?

Are you aged between 18 and 65? Would you like to get back in to the workplace? If so, the Tus Scheme could be for you. We currently have possible positions available in Whiteoaks Acorn Project to include gardeners, maintenance and other roles. Please contact Tina on 0860516072 if you are interested in the above position, and/or for further information

RNLI Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 12th April at 10am in the Wesley Hall Carndonagh. Come along and support this great cause