



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday Cycle B

5th September 2021

### When September Comes

Fading fast are those August days when we larked about in the summer haze.  
No more long lazy days without a care, no more picnics in the park we loved to share.  
No more jumping in streams and playing on swings, or collecting butterflies with pretty wings.  
No more running through the fields as fast as you dare, no more daisy chains laced through your hair.  
Instead we now have lots to prepare - the books, the pens and the fetching schoolwear.  
There's shoes to polish and bags to pack. It's so hard to believe we're going back.  
There'll be homework to finish and projects to do. Exams to revise for and pencils to chew.  
Detentions to sit through if we do something wrong, And learning our tables – that annoying song!  
But when I sit down and consider it more, perhaps the long summer is a bit of a bore.  
We can't see our friends – they're all miles away. And it's hard to keep busy everyday!  
And then there's the work mum finds us to do. When it comes to housework we haven't a clue!  
At least when we've schoolwork we've got an excuse. A time when our school books get put to good use!

So the prospect of returning isn't so bleak. It gives a routine to most of the week.

I'm quite looking forward to reading and sums. It's not so bad when September comes.

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<p align="center"><b>Feasts of the Week</b>  <b>Week Beginning Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>Wednesday 8</b> – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  <b>Thursday 9</b> – St Ciaran, abbot  <b>Friday 10</b> – St Peter Claver, priest</p>	<p align="center"><b>Parish Draw</b></p> <p>The draws for September and October will take place in October. Date, time and deadline for payments will be published nearer the time. We thank you all for your continuing support for our Parish Draw.</p>
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<p align="center"><b>Sacred Heart Church</b>  <b>7.30 pm Mass Intentions</b>  <b>Thursday</b> Patsy McGale – Month’s Mind  <b>Friday</b> John Fleming – Month’s Mind</p>
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<p align="center"><b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>  <b>Weekends for September 2021</b>  <b>6 pm</b>          Geraldine Gallagher and Aidan Campbell  <b>9 am</b>          Anne and Brian Byrne  <b>11 am</b>          Eugene Teague and Colette Breslin  <b>1 pm</b>          Conrad Darcy and Leah McCance</p>
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	<p align="center"><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p>We welcome into our Christian community:  <b>Ellie McCourt</b>  <b>Sophia Olivia Mongan</b>  <b>Tilly Grace McAskie</b></p>
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Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12 kilometre loop, with a shorter 8 kilometre option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 00353 71 9861518 or go to [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) and search Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289



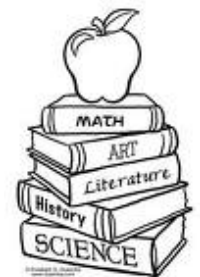
**Back to School**  
**Prayer to Begin a School Year**

God of Wisdom and might,  
 We praise you for the wonder of our being,  
 Be with our children as they begin a new school year.  
 Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
 Wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding;  
 And peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



**SEASON OF CREATION**

**A prayer for Our Earth from Laudato Si'**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

**Amen.**



**Sacred Heart Church - Sunday Mass Times**

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Vigil : Saturday 6.00 pm

Sunday : 9.00 am, 11 am & 1.00 pm

Mass in the Polish Language at 5pm.

**St Mary's Drumragh**

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Closed due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

**Confession Times - Sacred Heart Church**

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Friday : 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm

Saturday: 10.30 am to 11.30am and after the Vigil Mass.

Adoration every Wednesday from 10.30 am to 7.15 pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

All are welcome to come and pray. Please maintain social distancing.

**Covid Related Notice (Subject to Change)**

Funeral Masses will take place at 10 am Weekday Mass.

Due to the schedule funerals cannot be arranged for Sundays.



## Anam Cara

With the easing of restrictions Anam Cara hope to be returning to their face to face meetings in the coming months but first they wanted to let you know about an online Bereavement Information evening they are holding. This event is open to all bereaved parents and they invite you to join them for the Bereavement Information and Support Evening taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm. This event will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join them, please register here <https://bit.ly/3Dzyphe> or contact them on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or call 00353 85 288 8888.

### Study Theology Online

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### DROMANTINE RETREAT CENTRE

The following Retreat and Workshops will be offered by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA:

**‘Called by a New Name’** Retreat – Refocus, recharge and reconnect in a post-pandemic world. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 5pm – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am. Cost £420/€490.

**‘Broken Open’** Workshop – How difficult times can help us grow. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2pm. Cost £200 / €230.

Enquiries and reservations: Tel 028 (048 from ROI) 30821964. Email: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)



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