



Season of Creation

(The earth) cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and

masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts ... is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she “groans in travail” (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters. Over the last year we have seen how the earth has been ravaged by unprecedented fires, floods and heat waves. The world has grappled with a virulent respiratory disease that brought the world to an enforced slow down. It offered people the opportunity, amidst great hardship and grief, to pause and reflect on their own lives and their relationship with all of creation.

Fr Sean McDonagh says that Laudato Si’ is an attempt to redefine the relationship between humans and the rest of creation, so that we can soon reach a point where the basic needs of all humans will be met in a way that does not endanger the rest of creation or irreversibly damage it.

Greta Thunberg, the young climate activist from Sweden, has energised many around the globe with her message to actively care for our common home. At the recent Austrian World Summit she implored leaders to stop pretending that they were caring for the future of life on the earth. She demanded that they reduce the gap between their word and action. The time for words is over. It is time to act, and to act in a radical way akin to the call of the Gospel today. There are many prophets in our midst today who urge us to hear the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth. Pope Francis in his encyclical Laudato Si gives expression to this collective prophetic voice to ensure that every human being can live in dignity and peace,

with his or her basic needs met while, at the same time, protecting planet Earth. If we were to heed this voice, the outcome, says Fr Sean McDonagh, will be a great victory for humans, for other creatures, and for the planet itself. “If, however, the invitation to be part of this new world fails and humans continue with the exploitative behaviour that they have shown in recent years, it will be tragic for humans, for other creatures, and for the planet. The stakes are very high. In fact, they could not be higher!”

Celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Congratulations to the boys and girls from Donoughmore who received their First Holy Communion today in our Church at 11am .

Next Friday 24th **Confirmation** for Scoil Spioraid Naoimh will take place in Queen of Peace at 2pm. On Saturday 25th **First Communion** for Scoil Spioraid Naoimh (Roxboro) is 11am in Queen of Peace and Knockea at 2pm in Knockea church.

Confirmation for Knockea will be Sunday 26th at 2pm in Knockea., again because of numbers we are very restricted with attendance. Thanks to everyone for their co-operation

The following is a version of a reflection that is quite popular to help young people prepare for their Sacrament of Confirmation. It's a reflection that can have meaning for us too.

You Are Special: In the entire world there is nobody just like you. Since the beginning of time there has never been another person like you. Nobody has your smile, your hands, your eyes, your hair. No one owns your handwriting or your voice; nobody can paint your brushstrokes on the canvas of life. You are the only one in the whole universe who sees things as you do. Throughout all eternity no one will ever think or do exactly as you do. What makes you laugh or cry is unique to you. You are the only one who has your particular set of abilities. There is always someone who is better at one thing or another. This is the way life is and if we were all exactly at the same level, life could be boring! But no one else can match the combination of your talents, your feelings and your special gifts. This unique combination which you have, when used in harmony, is such a beautiful symphony. You are rare. Like all things rare your value is beyond price. Therefore, because of your great value you don't need to imitate anyone else. You are special and it is no accident that you are. You should realise that God made you special at this time in history, and in your particu-

Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat 18th	7 pm	Tom & Annie Cowman. Michael lane (3rd)
Mon 20th	10 am	Lil Halpin (6th)
Tue 21st	10 am	No Mass
Fri 24th	10 am	No Mass
Sat 25th	7 pm	Mai & John Sheahan
Knockea		
Sun 19th	11am	Michael Coffey (MM) Nancy, John, Daniel, Peggie Ryan. Betty Gleeson (13th) Michael & Sheila McQuaid & Jim Fagen
Wed 22nd	10am	Kieran Malone
Sun 26th	11am	Carmel McGill. Charles Godfrey
Roxboro		

lar circumstances, for a special purpose.

There is something to be done in God's world now that only you can do. God dreams in you. You are incredibly special and always will be. We need to believe this each day, even during the days when we struggle to believe it. You are special each day and especially special today.

Recent death Our sympathy to the Byrnes family Avon House Drombanna on the passing of Paddy funeral Mass took place today Saturday n Crecora church and the Harrington family on the death of Mary . May they rest in peace

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better facilitates contributions to the running of Churches, it can be accessed through the **parish website dkrparish.ie** and following the Donations link. It can also be accessed on our **Fb page** link to website.

Sacristan Collection your support to Terry is very much appreciated .

Coffee Morning for Milford Hospice Tuesday 23rd Sept. in Caherconlish Pharmacy

Weekly Parish Lotto: No Winner €5,400 winning numbers 8,14,23,27 no. winners lucky dips-1. Esther Hayes 2Berni Kett 3. Helen Hourigan 4.Evie Madigan 5.Marian Sheahan 6. Joan Potter Next week's jackpot €5,500 next draw Tuesday 21st at The Cat's Cradle 9.30pm. Thank you

