

Parish of Botha 24th July 2022

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Parish Office Hours	
Monday	6:30pm – 9:30pm
Wednesday	1:30pm – 9:30pm
Thursday	6:30pm – 9:30pm
Baptisms: on the 1st Saturday of each month at 4pm in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly	

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
The call to the Christian priesthood is a call to service. The gift of the priesthood is not given primarily to the individual but to the whole church. Like the call to the religious life the one who is called to the priesthood is invited to affirm by his lifestyle the faith that he believes in.		
Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
Sun 24 July	11:30am	Anniversary: Eugene Cassidy , Derryvary and deceased of the McManus Family , Aghakeeran; Margaret and Edward Sheerin , and deceased of the Sheerin Family , Donegall; Oliver McKeever , London. Louie McGullion, Sandhill.
Sun 31 July	11:30am	Months Memory: Siobhan Caughey , Main Street/Portaferry. Anniversary: Michael Farrell, Main Street; John Corrigan and deceased of the Corrigan Family , Tonagh; Patrick, Kathleen and Annie McGurn , Drumanure; James and Mary McGlone , Fairview Park and daughters Marian Mohan and Susan McGlone .

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the souls of Elizabeth Haren, Drumcroohan and Lynn Ferguson, New Zealand. May they rest in peace.



Prayer for the 2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

I give thanks to you, Lord,
For the blessing of a long life
For, to those who take refuge in You, Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord,
Resignation and disillusionment, But forsake me not
When my strength declines.
Teach me to look with hope
To the future you give me,
To the mission you entrust to me And to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman
Of Your revolution,
To guard with love my grandchildren
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.
Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis
And grant Thy Church
To deliver the world from loneliness. Direct our steps in the way of peace.
Amen.

THEME: 'IN OLD AGE THEY WILL STILL BEAR FRUIT (PS 92:15)

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the second time on Sunday 24 July 2022 on the theme 'In old age they will still bear fruit (Ps 92:15)'. The World Day was established to be celebrated on the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne on 26 July.

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Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel:

Luke 11:1-13

1. In the prayer Jesus gives us as a model, the focus is not on getting God to do what we want, but on trying to be open to what God wants: 'your kingdom come'. That openness implies a trust that what God wants for us is our good. When have you found that it was good for you to take life as it comes, trusting that the Spirit was with you no matter what happened?

2. It can be helpful at times to pray the Lord's Prayer with one eye on what you see lies ahead of you in the day. Spend a moment thinking of what you have to do and then take each phrase of the Lord's Prayer and see how that speaks to your agenda.

3. One of the points of the parable of the friend knocking at the door, is that in case of true friendship it will not be necessary to browbeat the friend into giving what you seek. Recall times when you had a friend who gave willingly and readily. What was it like to have such a generous and willing response? Perhaps you can also recall when you have been that kind of friend to others.

4. In the culture of the Middle East hospitality is a priority. It would be unimaginable not to help a friend. Just so, it is unimaginable that God will ignore our prayer. When you think of their reliability of God what are the images that you find helpful and that encourage you to persist in prayer?

John Byrne OSA

Diocesan Day on Lough Derg: Saturday 20 August 2022 Parishioners and their friends from across the diocese are invited to take part in this one-day pilgrimage.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: led by Bishop Larry Duffy, on **Wednesday 24 August 2022**. Given that there will be no pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, this is a wonderful opportunity for people from across the diocese and their friends to make a pilgrimage to the national shrine of Mary here in Ireland.

Youth 2000: Join over 1000 young people between the ages of 16 and 35 this August at the **Youth 2000 Summer Festival**. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from **Thursday 11th August to Sunday 14th August 2022**. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

Reek Sunday 2022: The annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage takes place on **Sunday 31st July** at Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the summit 7:30am – 2pm. Mass hourly from 8 am - 2pm.



Mary's Meals Walk to Knock: Mary's Meals is currently feeding over 2.2million children a daily school meal across 20 countries. Our Annual Walk to Knock to support this life-changing work has participants from all over Ireland and all routes meet in Knock on 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption. The local Mary's Meals Fermanagh group are walking from Enniskillen to Knock starting from Maguires Castle on the Sat 6th Aug at 10am and would love for people to join them even for a mile or two. Register online at www.tinyurl.com/mmstepbystep or on the day. Contact Ann Curry on **07885 438 529** to find out more. Please keep our walkers in your prayers. Thank you for your support of our Mary's Meals mission.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £5800. £20 Johnny & Lorraine Irwin, Boho, Agnes Coyle, Belleek, Eadaoin Ni Chaoilte, Enniskillen. Draw in the Linnett Inn tonight. Thanks to everyone for your support and promotion of the Lotto.

Botha to Kenya: anyone who would like to donate to this cause can do so in person to Pauline McGullion or visit her [gofundme](https://www.facebook.com/gofundme) Facebook page. Thank you in advance.

18-22? LOOKING FOR A GAP YEAR? Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic youth retreat centre located in Keswick in the English Lake District. Our work is mostly done by a team of young Catholics who live together as part of a community. We are still looking for people to start the coming year in mid-August, so if you're at a loose end and want an amazing, fruitful year, maybe this is for you? It's a voluntary year but food, accommodation and pocket money are provided. To find out more, contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk or google Castlerigg Manor.