

Parish of Botha 4th September 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	
Parish Office: closed from Wednesday 31st August. Re opening Wednesday 14th September.	

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
‘The Kingdom of God’ is term which we frequently meet in Luke’s gospel. It is a metaphor used by Jesus to refer to God’s reign in the world being accepted by humankind. The Kingdom is not identical with the Church. Wherever the values which Jesus lived and preached are operating, even though the Church may not be established in that place, the Kingdom is already there.		
Sacred Heart, Boho		
Sunday 11 September	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Rita Howe, Leitrim
Masses for the week, St Patrick’s Derrygonnelly		
Sunday 4 September	11:30am	Mass. Anniversary: Anthony McCabe , Sillees Grove.
Tuesday 6 September	7pm	Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine
Wed 7 September	10am	Mass
Thursday 8 September	10am	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 11 September	11:30am	Anniversary: Kevin Gallagher , Derryvarymore; Gerry and Margaret Dolan , Drumary
Immaculate Conception, Monea		
Sunday 4 September	10am	People of the Parish

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Madeline McGarry, Glenlevan Road and Paddy Ward, Drumcose Road. May they rest in peace.

One Day Retreats at Lough Derg: One Day Retreats have resumed on Lough Derg, and continue on selected dates until the end of September: September 7, 10, 13, 17, 18, 24 & 25. Booking is essential. Admission fee of €45pp includes all refreshments, lunch, return boat service, full retreat programme, free car & coach parking. Boats available from 9.15am on the day; retreat begins at 10.30am. For booking and further information: by phone +353 (0)71 9861518 online: www.loughderg.org email: info@loughderg.org



The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

Altar Society September: Derrygonnelly – Claire Miller and Teresa Foy.
Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 11th September in St Patrick’s, Derrygonnelly.
Boho: Kathleen and Mary McManus; **Collector:** John Jones.

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Popes intention for September: For the abolition of the death penalty

we pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

*The love of the Creator fill my heart,
The love of the Saviour fill my heart,
The love of the Sanctifier fill my heart,
The love of the Three fill my heart,
The love of the One fill my heart.
Let that love abide and never depart.
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Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel:

Luke 14:1, 7-14

1. The parable brings out two contrasting experiences, but each in its own way can be a moment of grace, a moment of truth, a moment of growth. You may be able to recall such experiences in your life. In the first (verses 8,9) we discover that we had claimed a place that is too high for us; we are not as selfless, generous or compassionate as we thought we were. In the second (v 10) when others point out a goodness in ourselves that we may not have acknowledged to ourselves. How have you grown through such experiences?

2. In verses 12-14 Jesus warns us against the danger of ulterior motives in doing good. We can do good things partly because of the benefit we will get from what do. That is natural but can lead to disappointment and resentment when our expectations are not met. When the good deed in itself is our reward, we have a greater freedom. Feedback will be a bonus but not necessary. What does your life experience tell you about this?

John Byrne OSA

Getting married in Botha parish:

Planning one's wedding is an exciting time for couples preparing for marriage. It can also be a stressful time for some, with endless tasks to do and lists to make, etc. There are a few important points in relation to weddings in our parish.

1. Please contact the parish office to request a wedding booking form. The contact number is 028 68641889 or email: office@bothaparish.com A wedding can only be confirmed upon receipt of your completed form.
2. Your contact with the office is strictly confidential, so even if you have not shared news of your wedding with families, etc. it is still necessary to book with the parish.
3. It should not be presumed that your priest is available on the date requested, so, please speak with Fr. Cathal before returning your booking form.
4. **Please check the availability of your church and priest before you confirm your hotel venue.**
5. Weddings in the parish are celebrated at **1.00pm**. As there is only one priest in the parish, this allows for a funeral to be celebrated at 11.00am. If your wedding celebrant is from outside the parish, a later time may be possible, subject to the availability of the church.
6. Weddings are not permitted in Clogher diocese on Sundays, holy days of obligation, St. Patrick's Day or during the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday to Holy Saturday inclusive).

For further assistance or clarification pertaining to your wedding, please contact the parish office.

Schools Reopening: as schools have now reopened for a new academic year, we pray God's blessing on all involved in education. We think of the children who have begun in Primary One, as well as others moving into a new year. Also, the transition from primary to second level can be daunting so we remember all our students who have moved to a new school. Likewise, we ask for guidance and inspiration on our teachers, support and ancillary staff, Boards of Governors, as well as parents of our young people. May all in education know that it is better to do something imperfectly than to do nothing flawlessly.

Synodal Pathway: The National Synthesis document of the Synodal Pathway, incorporating the fruits of the initial listening phase here in Ireland, including the consultations in our diocese, was published recently and is now available on the homepage of www.clogherdiocese.ie. Pope Francis has called a worldwide Synod of the Church to take place in Rome in October 2023. We continue to include the Synodal Pathway in our prayers as we prepare to discern in a more in-depth way the various questions and the pathway forward for the Church here in Ireland and across the world over the coming months and years.

Six weekly meditation/contemplative sessions: from Saturday 20th August in St. John's Hall, Rossnowlagh at 11am. Take some time out to create a space for spiritual growth. In these informal one-hour sessions a brief guided meditation is followed by a thirty-minute silent contemplative sit to help us still our minds and become more aware of the Divine. Tea/Coffee at end of session. Any queries contact Olive at 087 7846789.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £6400. £20 Una Duffy, Online Player, Pat Meehan, Monea, McGahey Boys, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the club Lotto.