

Parish of Botha

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Thursday
6.30pm – 9.30pm
Wednesday
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Baptisms: on the 1st
Saturday of each month
at 4pm in St Patrick's,
Derrygonnelly, next
date 3rd December 2022.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Christ, King of the Universe. We celebrate Christ as a crucified King. Through his cross he has won a holy nation and a royal people. In his kingdom he had reconciled all things to himself and through himself. He is the true shepherd-king who leads his people to peace.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 20th November 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Paul Leonard, Leskey; Packie and Mary Maguire and Deceased of the Maguire Family, Drumgamph; Kathleen McLoughlin, Mill Green

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 20th November 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Packie and Bridie Flanagan and Deceased of the Flanagan Family, Knockmore.

Sunday 20th November 4pm Annual Memorial Service.

Tuesday 22nd November **St Cecilia** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 23rd November **St Columban** 10am Novena Mass for the Dead

Thursday 24th November **Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and companions Martyrs** 10am Novena Mass for the Dead.

Sunday 27th November 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Peter and Susan Burns, Tonagh; Elizabeth Foy, Ely Lodge; Patrick and Katie Treacy, Carrickreagh.

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 27th November 10am Mass People of the Parish.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the souls of Frank Curran, Knockmore Road. May he rest in peace.

Christ of the wounds
Christ of the glory
Christ of the sorrows
Christ of the joys
Christ of all mysteries,
we place ourselves,
body and soul
under your protection
this day and evermore.
O Christ of the outcast
O Christ of the poor
O Christ of the joyful
O Christ of the tearful,
Your presence be our
protection,
Your presence be our peace,
this day and evermore.

Memorial Service: All the dead will be remembered but in particular those who have died since November last year at our memorial service today at 4pm in St. Patrick's. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments afterwards in the community centre to which everyone is invited.

Advent Reflection at SMA Dromantine, Newry: Tues 13th Dec 4pm to Wed 14th Dec 5pm. An Advent reflection in preparation for Christmas given by SMA Community, Dromantine and a celebration of the Sacraments (Eucharist, Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick). Cost £120/€145 Tel: 02830821224 email: admin@dromantineconference.com

Synodal Pathway: The document for the European stage of the Synod was published recently and is available on www.clogherdiocese.ie and www.synod.ie. The next stage will be a European Synod in Prague in February 2023, leading to a 2-session Synod in Rome in October 2023 and October 2024. This will be alongside and informing our own Synodal Pathway here in Ireland.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Christmas Cards: The parish has produced a Christmas card featuring the Nativity scene from the crib in St Patrick's Church. The cards will be on sale at £1.50 after masses over the next two weekends, as well as from the parish office, the Graan, St Michaels Parish shop, and in shops in Derrygonnelly. Your support is greatly appreciated as all monies go towards the parish renovation fund.



Trócaire: This Christmas there are twenty-three Trócaire Gifts to choose from. They range from providing food baskets for starving families in Somalia, bringing warmth to Syrian families in Lebanon's refugee camps, helping mothers and new born babies in East Africa or simply providing safe clean water for families in Ethiopia. **Gifts will be on sale after Masses on Sunday 4th December.**

A Prayer of Hope

Almighty God, we rejoice in your promise of love, joy and peace. In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who died, rose again and lives for evermore. Amen.

Clogher don Óige: is bringing a group of young adults (18+) on pilgrimage to **World Youth Day in Portugal next summer.** Details are being finalised, dates July 25th - August 7th, with time spent in Porto, Lisbon and a trip to Fatima. See www.clogherdonoige.org/wyd for more info and submit an expression of interest.

Lough Derg: is recruiting a *Senior Vessels Skipper with general maintenance duties.* A key player on a team delivering the Mission, Vision, and Values of Lough Derg. Main duties will be the safe and courteous transportation of pilgrims and staff to and from the island, along with the maintenance of the Lough Derg fleet of steel-built commercial passenger Vessels. email: admin@loughderg.org - phone: 00353 7198 61518.

Granny Nancy Cup of Tea Book Tour': Irish Author, Louise Coughlan, is currently touring Ireland and will visit **Killyhommon Primary School on Saturday November 26th from 2.30 – 4.30pm.** Louise recently published the fascinating life story, "Granny Nancy – Ireland's Oldest Lady, Who lived, Loved and Laughed for 107 years." Lou will be signing copies of her book and sharing the story of Granny Nancy in person will all she meets and sharing a CUP OF TEA (and treats) with the good people of Boho! Louise's colourful book will make an ideal Christmas present. All welcome!

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £7500. Winner of an entry into the Fermanagh GAA Win a House in Fermanagh competition was Anita Kehoe, Enniskillen. Draw in the Cosy Bar tonight. The support we receive on a weekly basis for the lotto, and the contribution made by our Lotto promoters is invaluable, thanks to everyone concerned. Thanks to everyone who is supporting the various fundraising events for our senior ladies team **The club's AGM will be held on Thursday November 24th in the clubrooms.**



Mary's Meals: – **Double the Love** Mary's Meals is keeping the promise of a daily school meal to 2.2 million children in 20 countries. Our Double the Love Campaign has launched, and all donations made to Mary's Meals until 31st January 2023 will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5million. Today, we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost-of-living

crisis, which we know is affecting people here as well as in the countries where we work. To learn more or to browse our range of Christmas cards and gifts, visit www.marysmeals.org.uk or contact Caoimhe McCann on 07394564065.

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel:

Luke 2:35-43

1. Today's feast puts before us Jesus as a person who never used power for his own selfish advantage. Who have you known who used power for the benefit of others rather than for their own self-interest? When have you used power in this way?
2. The power of God is shown in an unexpected way in the Crucifixion, not in a wonderful display of spectacular dominance, but in Jesus sharing our human weaknesses. When has the honesty of another sharing his/her human vulnerability with you had a powerful effect? When has your honesty in that way had a positive effect on another?
3. Jesus is an example of someone in apparent helplessness. In human terms he was powerless. It was his trust in the love of God for him that helped him through. It was only later with the hindsight of the resurrection that the moment of helplessness could be seen as one in which the power of God was present. Have you had experiences on which you can look back now and see that the power of God was at work in your moments of helplessness?
4. We may also identify with the good thief; reaching out in support of the innocent Jesus. Who has reached out to you when you experienced unfair treatment? To whom have you reached out in that way?
5. The scene also puts before us the liberating power of forgiveness. The forgiveness of Jesus brought new life to the criminal hanging on the cross with him. When have you found that forgiveness given, or received, was a source of new life for yourself or for others?

John Byrne OSA