

Parish of Botha

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Baptisms: on the 1st Saturday of each month at 4pm in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.

Anniversary Masses: to book all anniversary intentions please Tel parish Office 028 68641889 during office hours or email office@bothaparish.com

Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Thursday
6.30pm – 9.30pm
Wednesday
1.30pm – 9.30pm

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *Sunday of the Word of God*

The heart of Jesus' proclamation is given in today's Gospel. As it is often noted, the word "repent" is not the best translation of the original Greek and it would be better to use some other expression such as "convert." It really means a new way at looking at everything., a new mind or outlook. It may of course include being sorry about the past, but the real energy is towards the future. "convert and put your trust in the Good News." We could put it like this: from what are we called to conversion is important; more important is towards what are we being called?

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 22nd January 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Joe Duffy, Tullycreevy.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 22nd January 11.30am Mass. People of the Parish.

Tuesday 24th January **St Francis de Sales** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 25th January **The Conversion of St Paul** 10am Mass.

Thursday 26th January **Ss Timothy and Titus** 10am Mass.

Sunday 29th January 11.30am Mass. **Months Memory:** Frank Flood, Main Street. **Anniversary:** Molly and Paddy McConnell, Knockmore Road.

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 29th January 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Gerald and Shane Gallagher, Tobradan; Francie and Susan McHugh, Tobradan.

Catholic Schools Week: begins Sunday 22nd January and runs until Sunday 29th January. The theme this year is connected to the process of synodality, with its three features being identified as helpful to exploring **'Walking Together in Faith & Love': Communion, Participation and Mission**. Resources can be found on <https://catholiceducation.ie/catholic-schools-week-2023-walking-together-in-faith-love-3/>

Prayer of St Francis de Sales – Feast Day 24th January

Be at Peace

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;
rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise,
God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things;
and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.
Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding
Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.
He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.*

Dromatine Retreat and Conference Centre: Nodding Off - How to sleep deeper and better for longer Saturday 18 February (9.30am - 4.30pm) 2023 £40 / €45 Workshop Facilitator: Father Hugh Lagan SMA Fr Lagan is a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist. Please contact Jacinta or Louisa on Telephone: 02830821964 or Email: admin@dromatineconference.com

Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life. Pope Francis

A Fundraising Dance: in Derrygonnelly Community Centre with **The Tumbling Paddies on Saturday, 4th February 2023.** Doors open at 8.30 pm. Tickets cost £15. Tickets are available on Eventbrite or at the door on the night.

SVP: would like to thank all those that made donations over the last year. We were overwhelmed with the generosity from parishioners, particularly in the lead up to Christmas, whether it was donated to our 'Vincent's' shop, collection at the vigil/Sunday mass or any other method of donation. We would like to say a special thank you to the schools in the parish that have helped us out immensely in the lead up to Christmas. The staff and pupils of St Joseph's College once again organised the giving tree which led to a brighter Christmas for so many families. We received a large number of vouchers for local shops from St Michaels College and these have been gratefully received by many in need in our parish. In addition we received large financial donations from Mount Lourdes, St Fanchea's, Erne Integrated College, and Holy Trinity and Enniskillen Integrated Primary Schools and these monies will be used to provide oil, electricity, food and other essentials to the needy in all parts of the district that the Enniskillen SVP conference cover. In this troubled time of austerity, it comforting to be at the core of the compassion and generosity of people in our area.

Parish Contributions: an alternative way of paying your parish contributions is to set up a Standing Order from your bank or through your internet banking app. using the following detail:

Botha Parish: Sort Code: 90 48 86

AccNo:62746334

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IBAN GB04 BOFI 9048 8662 7463 34 Please ***put your name in the reference field*** of any payments made to provide a record of your contributions.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £2600. £20 Hussey Girls, Boho, Pauline Melanophy, Belcoo, Margaret Meehan, Belleek. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to all who support and promote the Lotto. Indoor football in the Community Centre on Tuesdays 5.50pm - 7pm for P6 and P7 girls, cost £1 per family. Please wear trainers and sportswear, newcomers welcome. 2023 GAA National Draw tickets are now available. 1st prize, Dacia Duster car, 2nd £2000, and a further 8 All Ireland final packages, including accommodation in the Croke Park Hotel. Tickets cost £10. The annual Ireland **Lights Up Walking Event** and **My Life Every Step Counts - Step Challenge** run until 15th February. Register under the club name and record your steps.

Mary's Meals: Our Double The Love campaign ends on 31 January 2023. Until then, donations to Mary's Meals will be matched by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5 million. This means that any donation, no matter the size, will have twice the impact! Thank you for everything you do for Mary's Meals.

Have your say.....The first public consultation for the greenway from Sligo town to Enniskillen Greenway, known as the Sligo Leitrim, Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway project, will be held on **Thursday 26 January** from 10.30am - 8pm at Belcoo Community Centre. Please come along and have your say. Further information can be found on the project website - <https://slncr-greenway.com/>

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth: is now accepting applications for a range of degrees in theology including postgraduate opportunities in its Mission and Ministry programmes beginning in Sept 2023. **Explore a wide range of full-time, part-time and blended learning Programmes from Certificate, Diploma, Higher Diploma, and Masters to Doctorate level in Theology, Philosophy, Divinity and Liturgical Music.** There are also opportunities for diplomas in Pastoral Theology, Hospital Chaplaincies, Christian Communications, Liturgical Music, Pastoral Liturgy and much more. For further details email cmmadmissions@spcm.ie or call 00353 1 708 4778. Visit www.sppu.ie/centre-for-mission-ministries

Prayers of St Thomas Aquinas

Feast Day 28th January

**Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in
waiting for you,
and a hope of finally
embracing you. Amen.**

ALONE: Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> or contact Helena.madden@alone.ie or Hannah.Laraway@alone.ie or on 086 0145829