

# Parish of Botha

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## Baptisms:

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

## Parish Office Hours:

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

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*It is clear already in the Old Testament that it is not our misdeeds which accuse us before God, but our hearts, fractured and divided as they are. Consistent with Israelite teaching, Jesus insists that we go deeper than our external deeds. The important question is what is going on in our hearts, the source of inner thoughts and motivations? The teaching is presented using various examples, presented sometimes with great simplicity, other times with irony and wit.*

## Masses for the Week

### Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Liam, Edith and Edmund Corrigan, Aghamore.

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Noreen and Gerry Maguire, Tullycreevy. Veronica Hoy, Knockmore Park and Deceased of the Hoy Family, Cosbystown; Lucy Flanagan, Drumadillar.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 10am Mass.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 10am Mass.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am Mass. People of the Parish.

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Mary Conway and Deceased of the Duffy Family, Carnmore Rise, Enniskillen; Mark Gillies, Legland.

**Recently Deceased:** your prayers are requested for the soul of Eilish Creighan, Birmingham. May she rest in peace.

## Container of Divine Love

God of affection, devotion, passion, tenderness, and all forms of love, this day we thank you for the myriad ways that we have been given a touch of your goodness. We thank you for your many beneficent gestures:

.....love that draws us to friendship and fidelity,  
.....love that leads us to kindness and compassion,  
.....love that lures us towards the sacred and serene,  
.....love that sees worth in each human being,  
.....love that believes in us and whispers with hope,  
.....love that taps on the door of forgiveness,  
.....love that sings praise for the face of earth's beauty,  
.....love that urges us to take risks and have courage,  
.....love that ripens our souls for the final journey home.



**Immaculate Conception:** please come along to help with hedge cutting and general tidy up of our cemetery on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 10 am.

**Temperance Pledge:** in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the children are encouraged to take the pledge. It is a promise not to take alcohol until they are at least eighteen years of age and to stay off illicit drugs for life. The pressure on our young people to dabble and to experiment at a young age is a constant threat to their health, safety and well-being. All of us as adults – parents, teachers, clergy, family and community has a role to play in encouraging them to maintain the pledge which they take at this point in their life. The children will take the pledge at masses on next on next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February, the Sunday before Lent – Temperance Sunday. It is an opportunity for each one of us to reflect on our attitude to temperance and moderation in our own life too. Please pray for, and encourage our young people at this critical time in their life.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £3900. £20 Pat McBrien, Derrygonnelly, Ruairi and Tara Kehoe, Enniskillen, Paul McSherry, Belleek. Draw in Doogie's tonight. Thanks to all who promote and support the Lotto. The Ladies Committee AGM is at 8pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February in the Clubrooms. Anyone with an interest in promoting football for girls and ladies is welcome to attend.

**Derrygonnelly District Partnership:** is hosting the following events: **Presentation of Lough Navar Development Plan on Mon 13th Feb at 8pm in Derrygonnelly Methodist Church** Martina O'Neill who is the Countryside Management Officer for the Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark will be speaking about the future development plans for Lough Navar. This will be an interesting meeting where you can ask questions about these exciting plans.

**Consultation Meeting regarding Derrygonnelly Village Plan on Wed ay 1st March at 7.30pm in Derrygonnelly Methodist Church**

Working in collaboration with the local community and voluntary organisations, businesses and residents, we wish to develop a ten year Community Plan for the area which will identify the short, medium and long term priorities for our community. We are seeking the views of local people of all ages to develop a robust and meaningful community plan that we can take forward as a collective.

**Parish Contributions:** Over the coming weeks we will be updating the list of parish envelope holders in preparation for new boxes of envelopes being distributed in March. Contributions through the envelopes are our main source of income and we are extremely grateful to those who support the parish financially on a regular basis. If you are new to the parish or have become a wage earner in the last year you are encouraged to contribute towards the running costs of your parish by taking a box of envelopes or setting up a standing order to the parish. If you are a tax payer you might consider gift aiding your contributions. Please contact the parish office on 028 68641889 or email [office@bothaparish.com](mailto:office@bothaparish.com) for further details.

**Rally for Life:** Please join us and be a voice for the voiceless unborn child as we march for life on **Saturday 11th March 2023** gathering in **Custom House Square, Belfast, at 2pm**. Buses to the Rally leaving from various locations. contact **Precious Life** on 07592280522 / 02890278484 / email [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

**NI Blood Transfusion Service:** donation sessions will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 12.30pm – 4pm and 5pm – 7.30pm. **To book an appointment only, call 08085 534 653** Your donation could help save a life.

## Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel:

Matthew 5:17-37

1. In this section of the sermon on the Mount Jesus proposes standards that go beyond external ways of behaviour. He challenges our inner attitudes. When have you found that living out of inner conviction is more life-giving than keeping up appearances?

2. Jesus applies his teaching to feelings of anger and sexual desire. He suggests that if we do not keep an eye on our feelings and thoughts we will not be able to control our actions. Perhaps you have experienced the truth of this. What has helped you to integrate your feelings so that you were able to live in right relationship with yourself and others?

3. For Jesus, people with genuine authenticity do not need to swear an oath to be convincing. Their 'yes' or 'no' suffices. Recall people who had this kind of credibility for you. When have you found that your simple, direct and honest communication had a positive persuasive force?

4. In recent times public discourse sometimes has little respect for truth. What effect does this have on how you view politicians or other people in the public eye? What helps you distinguish the truth from fake news.

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