

# 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

**Parish office will be CLOSED on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus is our Way, our Truth and our Life. As the Gospel says, to have eternal life is to believe in him whom God has sent (Jn 5:24; 17:3). This is a reality for us now and it guides our life, in matters great and small. At the core of this reality is trust, that is, the capacity to entrust all that we have and are to the living God and to his Son, raised from the dead. It is not an accident that the phrase "I believe" occurs no fewer than ninety eight times in the Fourth Gospel.

## Masses for the Week

**Sacred Heart Boho:**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10am Mass. **Months Memory:** Patricia Creamer, Enniskillen. **Anniversary:** Nuala Maguire, Drumgarnham; McGurn and Flanagan Families, The Barrs.

**St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Gavin and Phil Meehan and deceased of the Meehan Family, Main Street; Aidan O'Dare, Sandhill and deceased of the O'Dare and Greene Families, Braade; Annie and Patrick Dolan, Sandhill; Joe, Agnes and Oliver McKeever, Knockmore Park; Robbie and Nan Brogan, Tonagh.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 10am Mass.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** John and Catherine McGullion, Sandhill.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Ann Walmsley, Enniskillen.

**Immaculate Conception Monea:**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am Mass. People of the Parish.

**Rosary at the Grotto:** May is the month dedicated to Our Lady, Jesus' blessed mother. The Rosary will be prayed Monday – Saturday at 10.30am at the grotto at St Patrick's Church. Please come and join in this traditional prayer to Our Blessed Lady.

*Although the repeated **Hail Mary prayer** is addressed directly to Mary, it is to Jesus that the act of love is ultimately directed, with her and through her.*

*St. John Paul II*

## Prayer To Our Lady of the Rosary

*O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.*



**This week's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Aidan O'Dare, Sandhill**

**The Sacrament of Matrimony:** of the seven sacraments in the Catholic faith, the sacrament of Marriage is the one celebrated by two people as equals, committing themselves to each other. While a priest is present as celebrant, it is not he who marries the couple. Therefore, the question, “*who married them?*” or the statement, “they were married by Fr. X” is not accurate. While the other sacraments are conferred on us by a priest or a bishop, marriage is conferred on the two parties by themselves. They give themselves to each other by the taking of vows, whereby they promise to commit themselves to the other for better and for worse, for richer and for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of their lives. The exchange of their wedding rings is a visible sign of the commitment which they have made. The celebration of a wedding doesn’t just happen; much preparation goes into the day. In the catholic tradition this involves the couple meeting with their local priest in order to reflect on the meaning of marriage in the Christian context, as well as attending to the practicalities of the celebration. There are a number of considerations for those wishing to get married in our parish:

- Please contact the parish before confirming a venue for your reception. This avoids any disappointment if either the priest or your church is unavailable.
- Your wedding is only confirmed on receipt of a completed booking form. This form contains all the relevant information and answers many of the questions which you might have.
- Weddings take place at 1.00pm Monday to Saturday. This allows for a funeral to be celebrated at its usual time of 11.00am, and is particularly relevant when there is just one priest in the parish.
- Weddings are not permitted in the Diocese of Clogher on Sundays or on Holydays of Obligation (including St. Patrick’s Day, the Easter Triduum, Easter Sunday or Christmas Day).

As a parish, we rejoice with you on your decision to get married in the Church and we endeavour to support you as you look ahead to your day.

**Marian Movement (MMP) Retreat:** in Rosstown Friary on Saturday 13th May from 11am – 5pm including Mass, Rosary, talks and Confession. Tea making facilities available. All welcome.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> July 2023:** led by Bishop Larry Duffy. To book contact **Mr. John Heuston**, Gave, Macknagh, Crom Road, Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh. **Email:** [john.cdp@btconnect.com](mailto:john.cdp@btconnect.com) **Tel: 028 67724329.** . If you wish to travel in the Assisted Pilgrim section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage, special application forms are available from the Pilgrimage Secretary. Cost €899 pps, full board, including meals and flights. All assisted pilgrims forms need to be returned with full payment by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. For further information visit [www.lourdes2clogher.com](http://www.lourdes2clogher.com)

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

**John 14:1-12**

1. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.' Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.

2. Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know the exact destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?

3. Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways - either by his teaching or by his example - has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?

4. Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father'. Jesus put a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. We are Jesus people in the world today, called to follow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those who meet us. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?

*John Byrne OSA*

**Popes intentions for May: For church movements and groups** - We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

