

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 of Easter

Through Baptism and Confirmation we have been given the Holy Spirit, that same Spirit who gave Christ the victory over the world. This Advocate is our support in the difficulties of life. The Spirit of truth convinces us of the meaning and value of the Christian way.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:Sunday 14th May 10am Mass. People of the Parish.**St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:**Sunday 14th May 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Ann Walmsley, Enniskillen.Tuesday 16th May 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.Wednesday 17th May 10am Mass.Thursday 18th May 10am Mass.Sunday 21st May 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** James Gilroy, Rosnarick Close; Eamon Corrigan, Coranerk; Celia and Liam Corrigan and Deceased of the Corrigan Family, Fairview Park; Betty McLoughlin, Braade; Eamon McGowan and Deceased of the McGowan Family, Tonagh.**Sacred Heart Boho:**Sunday 21st May 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Sean Gallagher, Drumbeggar; Maggie, Charlie and Gerard Duffy, Coolarkin; Cathal Duffy, Magheranageeragh.

Baptisms: We welcome to the Christian world through the waters of Baptism Oisín Freddie Keenan, Clodagh Mary Linane and Jack Joseph Thompson. May they grow in faith.



WITH MARY TOWARDS THE SYNODAL ASSEMBLY

At the request of the Holy Father, the Secretariat responsible for the Universal Synod has invited the Church around the world to hold a moment of Marian Prayer on 31st May (the Feast of the Visitation) to place the work of the Synod under the protection of Our Lady. An open invitation is being extended to all to join us on this day in Knock, Ireland's International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine.

Conscious not everyone will be able to travel to Knock, we encourage you to pray with us at the Angelus times of 12 noon and 6pm (or at a time that's convenient for you) as we continue to strengthen our communion, deepen our participation, and enlarge our mission. Please do share this resource widely so others can pray with us and seek the interceding presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

This week's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Ann Walmsley, Enniskillen.

Sacrament of the Sick: the Church has always understood this sacrament as a continuation of the healing ministry of Jesus. However, by the twelfth century, the sacrament related to dying, perhaps because of peoples' preoccupation with "saving our souls", and the last chance for sins to be forgiven. As a result, it was referred to as "extreme" or final "unction" or anointing. This meant that a priest would be present to administer extreme unction and to pray for our soul. Today, the connection between this sacrament and dying is still strong. Many people believe that when a person is anointed with the Oil of the Sick they are nearing the end of life. However, it rather connects us with the healing ministry of Jesus, who laid his hands on the sick and prayed over them. The Laying on of Hands is central to the celebration of the sacrament and, as priests, we do this before the anointing with the oil. Throughout scripture there are references to healing – in the Letter of James, St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians and in the Gospels. While many still see this sacrament as an end of life moment, people can receive it at various times in their life – prior to surgery, for healing of the mind as well as the body, in case of death and so on.

In our parish, the annual Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated in **St. Patrick's Church** at **12 noon** on **Saturday 27th May**. This is an opportunity for those who may be elderly or housebound to come and receive the anointing and to celebrate the Eucharist. Please inform your family, friends or neighbours and indeed, perhaps you might bring somebody with you to the Mass. Refreshments will be served in the Community centre afterwards.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 7th -12th 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 **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 22nd May. For further information visit www.lourdes2clogher.com*

Rosary at the Grotto: 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.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May: Saturday 20th and 27th. €45 per person - Booking essential - at www.loughderg.org - by email info@loughderg.org – Tel: 00353 7198 61518.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £5200. The numbers drawn were 1, 19, 20 & 21. £20 Etta & Fianna Kerrigan, Belcoo, P McManus, Belleek, Michael Gilroy, Devenish. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who promotes the Lotto, and who buys envelopes or enters online via the klubfunder platform

In his 2002 apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, Pope John Paul II wrote that with the Rosary, "the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love." St. John Paul

The May Magnificat

by Gerard Manley Hopkins

May is Mary's month and I muse
at that and wonder why:
Her feasts follow reason,
dated due to season –

Candlemas, Lady Day;
but the Lady Month, May,
why fasten that upon her,
with a feasting in her honour?

Is it only it's been brighter than
the most and must delight her?
is it opportunist and flowers find
soonest?

Ask of her, the mighty mother:
her reply puts this other question:
What is Spring? – growth in
everything.

Flesh and fleece, fur and
feather, grass and green world
all together; star-eyed
strawberry-breasted throstle
above her nested.

Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin
forms and warms the life within;
and bird and blossom swell in
sod or sheath or shell.

All things rising, all things sizing
Mary sees, sympathising with the
world of good, nature's
motherhood.

Their magnifying of each its kind
with delight calls to mind, how
she did in her stored magnify the
Lord.

Well but there was more than
this: Spring's universal bliss much,
had much to say to offering
Mary May.

When drop-of-blood-and-foam-
dapple bloom lights the orchard-
apple and thicket and thorp are
merry with silver-surfed cherry.

And azuring-over greybell
makes wood banks and brakes
wash wet like lakes and magic
cuckoo call caps, clears, and
clinches all.

This ecstasy all through
mothering earth tells Mary her
mirth till Christ's birth to
remember and exultation in God
who was her salvation.