

# Parish of Botha

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Listening to the word of God enables us to acquire true wisdom. By it we learn where our true good lies, that it means more than silver and gold. This wisdom helps us to make the right choices in our search for the real treasure. We ought to pray for the ability to make the positive, radical decision for the Kingdom. Jesus asks us all, 'Have you understood all this?'*

## Masses for the Week

### Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Peter Jones, Leitrim; Susan McAfee, Aghahorin; James and Brigid Carroll, Lisdoonan; John and Annie Burns, Aghakeeran; Una Buchanan, Belfast; Francie and Teresa Gallagher, Killyveagh.

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 11.30am Mass. **Months Memory:** Billy Hassard, Knockmore Road. **Anniversary:** Michael and Siobhan Farrell, Derrygonnelly.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August **St Alphonsus Liguori** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 10am Mass

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 10am Mass.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** John Corrigan and Deceased of the Corrigan Family, Tonagh.

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 10am Mass. People of the Parish.

**Wedding:** Congratulations to Claire McGrath and Cathal Brough who were married recently in the parish. May God bless them with health and happiness.

## Prayer for Priests by Saint John Vianney Feast Day 4<sup>th</sup> August

God please give your Church today many more priests after your own heart.

May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd.

May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance;

Being examples of humility and poverty;

Shining models of holiness;

Tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God;

zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments.

May their loving devotion to your Son

Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother

be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen



**Altar Society August:** **Derrygonnelly** – Caroline McLoughlin and Imelda Meehan. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly. **Boho** – Rose Corrigan and Mona Mc Grath. Collector: Brendan Maguire. **Monea:** Collector – Pat Meehan.

**This week's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Peter Jones, Leitrim**

**The official prayer for World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 was presented on Saturday, 21st of November, Memorial of the Presentation of Mary.**

Our Lady of the Visitation,  
you who left in haste towards the mountain  
to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those  
who await us to deliver them the living Gospel:  
Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!  
We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay,  
but with readiness and joy.  
We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ  
take peace, and well-doing is the best wellbeing.  
Our Lady of the Visitation,  
with your inspiration, this World Youth Day  
will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take,  
as You once did.  
Make it a time of testimony and  
sharing, fraternization,  
and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others  
who always wait.  
With you, we will continue on this path of gathering,  
so that our world will gather as well,  
in fraternity, justice and peace.  
Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation,  
to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father,  
in the love of the Spirit!

### **Mary's Meals -Step by Step to Feed the Next**

**Child:** Our Annual Walk to Knock to support this life-changing work starts on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August** in five different locations throughout Ireland and finishes in Knock on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August on the Feast of the Assumption. The local Mary's Meals Fermanagh group are walking from Enniskillen to Knock starting on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Aug, doing an average of 10 miles per day but would love for more people to join them even for a mile or two. Register online at [www.bit.ly/stepbystep](http://www.bit.ly/stepbystep) or contact Ann Curry on 07885438529 to find out more. Please keep all our walkers in your prayers.

**Date for your Diary:** The Annual Clogher Diocesan One-Day Retreat at Lough Derg, led by Bishop Larry Duffy, will take place on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> August. For further details, please visit [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org).

**Lough Derg Pilgrim Path – Camino Style: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August,** everyone is welcome to walk the Pilgrim Path around Lough Derg with the expert guidance of Fr La Flynn. There is a particular invitation to any man discerning priesthood.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Wednesday 6 September 2023:** led by Bishop Larry Duffy. Families, parish or prayer / community groups are welcome to make the journey and to gather in Knock for 10.30am. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass in the Basilica at 3pm.

### **St Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) Feast Day 31<sup>st</sup> July**

*We must speak to God as a friend speaks to a friend, now asking some favour, now acknowledging our faults and communicating to Him all that concerns us, our thoughts, our fears, our projects, our desires, and in all things seek his council.*

**Under Mary's Mantle – Young Adult Conference** takes place in All Hallows College, Dublin on **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August.** Join us for talks, workshops, mass, guided holy hours, and great socialising. Tickets on Eventbrite. Call 085 1442423.

**You are invited!** Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate Mass at Slane on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August** as part of the Light the Fire Rosary/healing service on World Youth Day. Sister Briege McKenna will lead the healing service while Eurovision's Dana will sing her new song for Saint Patrick which recalls how our patron saint lit the fire of faith on Slane in 433AD.. Everyone welcome, from 12:15pm - 4:30pm. More info: [hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com](mailto:hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com)

### **Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel.**

*Matthew 13:24-52*

1. Have you ever found yourself saying 'that was worth it' after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?
2. The 'kingdom of heaven' is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the center of your life?
3. In life we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you taken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?

*John Byrne OSA*

***Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!***

*Pope Francis, Christus Vivit*