

# Parish of Botha

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## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus had the gift of saying things directly and plainly, with a power to penetrate all our defences and lead us to a new awareness. Today's message puts before us the paradox of the Gospel: we gain life by letting go of it. If I put my happiness, my being loved, at the centre of my life, then I will surely fail, even though to be loved and to be happy are really important. If on the other hand, I put the happiness of others first and love them unconditionally, then I too will know unselfish love and deep happiness. This is the very insight and wisdom that Jesus puts before us as the key not just to love but to life and within that, the key to authentic discipleship precisely as a way of life.*

## Masses for the Week

**St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 11.30am Mass. Anniversary: Paddy Ward, Fardrum; Anthony McCabe, Sillees Grove; Leo Griffin and deceased of the Griffin Family, Kilduff; Maurice and Agnes Cassidy, Drumgormley.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 11.30am Mass. Anniversary: Gerry and Margaret Dolan, Drumary.



**One Day Retreats September 2023** – Wednesday 6th, Saturday 9th, Tuesday 12th, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th, Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th. Booking essential  
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### Prayer for the Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day 8<sup>th</sup> September

Impart to your servants, we pray, O Lord, the gift of heavenly grace that the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin may bring deeper peace to those for whom the birth of her Son was the dawning of salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Altar Society August: Derrygonnelly** – Claire Miller and Teresa Foy Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 10th August in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.      **Monea:** Collector – Eamon Jones.  
**Boho** – Mary and Kathleen McManus      Collector: John Jones.

**Boho Seniors':** lunch re-commences on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 12.45pm.

**Popes Intention of September** – *For people living on the margins:* we pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**Season of Creation:** In 2015, Pope Francis published *Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home*, the first papal encyclical on care for creation.



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

*Laudato Si'* is a blueprint which encourages “every person living on this planet” (*LS*, 3) to listen to the signs of the times, to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, to listen to the science and to the call of our faith. In *Laudato Si'* we read that, “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.” (*LS*, 217). Being a Christian in the 21st century carries with it a commitment to care for our common home.

**Radio Maria Ireland:** continues to grow across the island of Ireland! We are launching our Belfast Studio, located in St Marys Church, Chapel Lane, BT1 1HH on **Thursday 7th September**, the Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Starting with 6pm Mass in St Mary’s Church followed by tea/coffee and an information evening about Radio Maria and its Mission, Vision and how it can help support the faithful in Ireland today. Why not come along and bring some friends! For more information [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) or call 00353 86 838 9989.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £6800. £20 Donal Fee, online player, Geraldine Galligan, Devenish, Judy Murphy, Enniskillen. Draw in Old Pals tonight. Thanks to everyone who support and promotes the Harps Lotto. Congratulations to our senior men who won the league title on Sunday, our seventh in our ninety-nine year history. Well done to the players and the club’s management team.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Celebrating 50 years in Ireland.

ALL MARRIED COUPLES DESERVE A WWME WEEKEND!



Next Weekend will be held 13th-15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023, in  
The Cork International Hotel. Register online.

[www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

The car needs a service; the house needs painting.

Is it time to place your love relationship at the top of the list?

**St Fanchea’s Class of ‘76 Reunion:** for former students who were in 5th grade in 1976. Contact Dymrna 07749411433 for more details and to join us for an evening of reminiscing and renewing of friendships!

**The OS200 Project Team:** will be resident in Enniskillen Castle 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and will be hosting a series of workshops for individuals, groups or organisations who wish to engage with the project theme of Lost Places, Lost Spaces, and who wish to contribute new insights or placenames (both historic or contemporary) to their maps. More information at [www.enniskillencastle.co.uk](http://www.enniskillencastle.co.uk).

**Aisling Centre: Cuilcagh Dawn Trek for World Suicide Prevention Day.** 7am on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**. Registration via Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/3QNbFTQ> cost £25 (includes t-shirt and parking). Contact [www.aislingcentre.com](http://www.aislingcentre.com) / [info@theaislingcentre.com](mailto:info@theaislingcentre.com) or Telephone 02866325811

### Seeing your life through the Lens of the gospel Matthew 16:21-37

1.Short-term loss is sometimes necessary for long-term gain, as a student studying, or an athlete training, can testify. When have you found that denying yourself proved to be worthwhile because of what you gained afterwards?

2.Jesus was teaching his followers that the path of discipleship would involve pain and suffering. His friend, Peter, would have none of it. Sometimes friends have a mistaken idea of what is for your good. What lessons have you learned about handling bad advice from a good friend?

3.Jesus knew that because his good news message was not acceptable to the authorities he would suffer and die. In spite of this, he trusted that the power of God would overcome evil. Have you seen a good news message survive even though opponents tried to stifle it?

4.Jesus promised that those who suffer for the kingdom would be rewarded. Perhaps, even in this earthly life, you have experienced reward for faithful discipleship. What have these rewards been? *John Byrne OSA.*

“Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another (42)”  
(Pope Francis...Laudato Si)