

Parish of Botha

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The Transfiguration of the Lord

The disciples had come to know Jesus well. But now he is changed before them, they seem truly to see the glory of God in his face. The veil is lifted for them on the inner life of the Blessed Trinity. The Father bears solemn testimony to the son in their presence.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 6th August 10am Mass. People of the Parish.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

Tuesday 8th August Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 8th August **St Dominic** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine. **Anniversary:** Sean McGovern, Doagh; Sonny and Bernie McGovern, Derrygonnelly.

Wednesday 9th August **St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross** 10am Mass

Thursday 10th August **St Lawrence** 10am Mass.

Sunday 13th August 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Paddy Flanagan, Main Street; Mary and Hugh Flanagan, Dresternan.

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 13th August 10am Mass. **Anniversary;** Jackie McGrath, Tobradan.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Pat Lynch, Ballybay. May he rest in peace.

Transfiguration Prayer

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become co-heirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Sacred Heart Carpark: anyone willing to help tidy up the planted area of the carpark please come along at 2pm on Saturday 12th August.

Popes Intentions for August: For World Youth Day - We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

National Novena at Knock Shrine: 14th – 22nd August: The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock offers you the opportunity to step away from everyday life and immerse yourself in prayer in the beautiful, peaceful grounds of Knock Shrine. Over the course of the nine-day Novena, we will hear from guest Homilists and Speakers during daily ceremonies at 3pm and 8pm at Knock Basilica. Our theme for this year is **'Caring for Creation.'** Family Day will take place on Sunday 20th August from 11am-3pm and all are welcome. Find out more and view the full programme at www.knockshrine.ie

Clogher Diocesan One Day Retreat to Lough Derg: - Saturday 19th August beginning at the Basilica at 10.20am Boats operate from 9am. Limited number of places remaining. Island admission: €45/£40 per person includes return boat fare, tea/coffee & scones on arrival and a light lunch. Warm and waterproof clothing is advised. Fasting or walking Advance booking is essential Tel: 00353 71 9861518 email: info@loughderg.org barefooted is not required. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to take part in this one-day retreat.

Lough Derg Pilgrim Path – Camino Style: Saturday 26th 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.

Take the Risk for Christ' is the theme for Ireland's Year for Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood 2023 – 2024

PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS

Lord, bless and guide those who are preparing for the priesthood.

Help them remain faithful to prayer, to their studies and spiritual direction.

Protect them from temptation, and enflame their hearts with love so they may one day become ardent and gentle shepherds for Your Church.

Amen.

Derrygonnelly Harps

GFC: Jackpot £6400. £20 Frances & Robert Hoy, Monea, Orla Broomhead, Lisnaskea, Martin McClean, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. It was with great sadness that our club heard of the recent passing of Leo McAloon, Monea. We extend sincere sympathy to Leo's family. We express our sympathy also to the Daly family, Springfield, on the recent passing of Sean McConville Armagh.

Botha to Kenya 5k: Thank you to all who supported this cause to those who sponsored refreshments and volunteered on the day. Total raised was £2580.00.

Derrygonnelly and district Community Partnership: monthly meeting on Monday 7th August at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Everyone welcome.

Four steps to Hearing God's Voice

1 - Get yourself 'into position'

For most of us it's just a matter of finding a quiet place. Consciously place yourself in God's presence by making the Sign of the Cross. Pray the Our Father to ask God for the daily bread of His word... We need the Lord to open the ears of our hearts.

2. Read his Word

Like Jesus, allow the Father to speak to you. Listen to Jesus himself in the gospels, and the apostles in the epistles. Accept what you read in a spirit of humility, not intellectual pride or skepticism. Jesus is our model. As Dr Scott Hahn pointed out, 'Hearing the Scriptures as the voice of the Father, Jesus allowed himself to be formed by its message in all aspects of his human life'.

3. Invite the Spirit to 'overshadow' you as you ponder what you have read.

Meditation simply means to think things over deeply and prayerfully. Try to get inside the text by asking questions. When you heard the father say, 'Listen to him,' would your mind have turned to the parts of his teaching you had conveniently ignored? Then ask yourself, 'What parts of Jesus' teaching have you been ignoring?' If you take seriously what you have read, how should your life change? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you try to think of something concrete that you can begin doing today.

4 - 'Listen to him' – resolve to live what you have heard.

Voice your thoughts and conclusions to the Lord. Ask him for the grace to live out whatever resolutions you have made. Allow Jesus to accompany you 'down the mountain,' as you reenter the business of life.

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