

Parish of Botha

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a great mystery in the will of God that all be saved. He knows the minds and hearts of all and does not judge in a human way. We hold to the belief in the need of membership for salvation, but we do so in the light of the universality of salvation. Like the Canaanite woman we must persevere with a determined faith in seeking the truth in love, until all nations learn of god's salvation, and all people praise his name.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 20th August 10am Mass. **Months Memory:** Leo McAloon, Killyveagh. **Anniversary:** Charlie Woods, Castletown; Lily and Kevin Cassidy, Killyveagh.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 20th August 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Rose Anne, John and Pat Love, Derryvary; Benny Love, Loughan; Billy Jones and Deceased of the Jones Family, Doagh; Gordon and Mary McKinstry, Tullyholvin.

Tuesday 22nd August Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 22nd August **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 23rd August 10am Mass

Thursday 24th August **St. Bartholomew** 10am Mass.

Sunday 27th August 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Madeline McGarry, Tonagh; Kevin Gallagher, Derryvarymore; Teddy Walmsley, Enniskillen, Thomas Murphy, Drumanane.

Recently Deceased: Una Duffy nee Jones, Birmingham and Bishop Liam MacDaid, Monaghan. May they rest in peace.

A Spirit to Know You

Gracious and Holy Father, Please give me:
intellect to understand you, reason to discern you,
diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, a spirit to know you,
a heart to meditate upon you, ears to hear you, eyes to see you,
a tongue to proclaim you, a way of life pleasing to you,
patience to wait for you and perseverance to look for you.
Grant me a perfect end, your holy presence,
a blessed resurrection and life everlasting. Amen.



St. Benedict of Nursia ca. 480-547

"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist,"

- Pope John Paul II

The sudden death of **Bishop Liam S. Mac Daid** took place on Tuesday 15th August while on holiday in France. Bishop Liam, was born in Bundoran in 1945, educated at the local primary school and attended St Macartan's College in Monaghan. Following his seminary training at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth he was ordained to the priesthood in 1969. He joined the staff of St. Macartan's and was its president from 1981 – 1989. He served as CC in Fivemiletown until 1993 and as ADM of Tyholland parish until he was appointed Bishop of Clogher in 2010. Due to ill health he retired as Bishop in October 2016. The parish of Botha offers its sympathy to Bishop Liam's brother Christopher, his many friends as well as to Bishop Larry and the clergy of diocese.

Lough Derg Pilgrim Path – Camino Style for Year of Vocations: On **Saturday 26th August** you are invited to walk the Pilgrim Path at Lough Derg (8km) as a prayer for the blessing of vocations to Diocesan priesthood. Pilgrims will be accompanied by Fr La Flynn and Team. Weather permitting, Mass will be celebrated at a point along the Pilgrim Path. Refreshments on the Island after the walk. Donations welcome on the day. **Advance booking is essential** online www.loughderg.org email. info@loughderg.org 00 35371 9861518.

The Poor Clares, Galway: are hosting a **Monastic Experience Day on Saturday, August 26th from 10am to 5pm** The day is designed to help young women who are exploring the possibility of a religious vocation to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. If you would like to attend the day you can book a place at: vocations@poorclares.ie

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £6600. The numbers drawn were 1, 3, 4 & 15. £20 Martin McGurn, Boho, Mary Keown, and Emlyn Burns, online. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thank you to everyone who supports the Harps Lotto.

Seeing your life through the Lens of the gospel Matthew 14:22-33

1. Having met with rejection from the Pharisees Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters unexpected faith in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people. This adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?

2. The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection but her persistence won a response from him. When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you?

3. In our days of widespread migration welcoming the stranger can be a challenge. We are more comfortable with our own. What difference has it made, to you and to others, when you were able to offer a friendly welcoming face to a stranger?

4. Who are the Canaanite women who call out for attention today- people in Church or State whose needs are not being attended to?
John Byrne OSA.

Lessons for Life

- ❖ Don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.
- ❖ The happiest life is that which constantly exercises and educates what's best in us.
- ❖ The only people who never fail are those who never try.
- ❖ The more you say the less people remember.
- ❖ Confidence is the quiet, assured feeling you have just before you fall flat on your face.
- ❖ Never let difficulty stand in your way: there is usually a ladder close by.
- ❖ The secret of being a bore is to tell everything.
- ❖ Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you.
- ❖ Everybody's friend is nobody's.
- ❖ The noblest vengeance is to forgive.
- ❖ There are people who make things happen, people who watch things happen, and people who don't know anything did happen