

# Parish of Botha

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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Because of Peter's faith the promise is given to him. It is through faith that the Church at all times can have trust in the promise of God's protecting power. So encouraged, we can meet the difficulties and human weaknesses that are part of the Church's life. Each member must search for deeper faith through the study of the scriptures and the teaching of the Church, and by more fervent prayer.*

## Masses for the Week

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

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, Drumgormley; Maurice and Agnes Cassidy, Drumgormley.

**There will not be a 10am Mass for the next three Sundays in either the Immaculate Conception, Monea or the Sacred Heart, Boho. Mass as normal at 11.30am in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.**



### Prayer for a New School Year



God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.  
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.  
Bless them, their teachers and all school staff.  
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding;  
and peace and zeal to their spirits.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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 concludes with Mass in the Basilica at 3pm.

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

**Season of Creation:** is celebrated by the universal Church annually from 1st September -

4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. This year's theme '**Let Justice and Peace flow!**' prophet Amos cries out: "*But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!*" (Amos 5: 24).

And so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of

biodiversity. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.



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

A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

**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.

**Seeking to learn more about Your faith?** consider the Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Office (Dundalk) Theology programme? The course runs for two years, with one evening per week and two weekend modules in each academic year. It is accredited by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, just an interest in learning about God. Assessment is based on written assignments at the end of each module; there are no written exams. Our Theology programme starts **12th September**. For more information, contact Milanda at [milanda@parishandfamily.ie](mailto:milanda@parishandfamily.ie). All are welcome.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £6700. £20 Fiona Mackin and Dominic Corrigan, online players, Mairead Duffy, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Doogie's tonight. Thanks to everyone who support and promotes the Harps Lotto. The 8 week Couch to 5k programme for 2023 is now ended, congratulations to all who took part, and in the Churchill Ladies Running Group, 5K run. We wish them all the best for the future now they have made the transition from 'couch' to running. Through their participation in the programme the runners have raised money for local charity Cancer Connect. We thank Mary Rutledge for her inspirational coaching and all those who helped out during the programme. Well done everyone!

**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!

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

### Seeing your life through the Lens of the gospel Matthew 16:13-20

1.This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus, and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.

2.'Who do you say that I am?' This is possible the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?

3.Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.

4.These are troubled times for the Church and the promise of Jesus that 'the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it' are an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus? What signs of hope do you see in the Church today? *John Byrne OSA.*

"Change is something desirable, yet it becomes a source of anxiety when it causes harm to the world and to the quality of life of much of humanity....humanity has disappointed God's expectations (61)"

(Pope Francis....Laudato Si)