

# Parish of Botha

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## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Day for Life*

*God gives us the gift of repentance. In the parable of the two sons, Jesus holds up the example of the public sinners in his time being converted while the establishment figures refuse to listen to his message. Ezekiel reminds us that repentance is always possible, for the Lord remembers his mercy.*

### Masses for the Week

#### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Mary Meehan, Killyveagh.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Jim McAfee and Deceased of the McAfee Family, Aghahooran.

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** John Cameron and Deceased of the Cameron and Miller Families; Damian McGovern, Caldrum Road.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October **St. Francis of Assisi** 10am Mass.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October **St Faustina** 10am Mass.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Mary McTeggart, Derryvary; Emily Love, Fairview Park; Brendan McGrath, Mullylusty.



**The Synod on Synodality:** takes place from 4<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October in Rome, on the theme: **'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'**. The aim of the Synodal Process is to

Prayer for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and may not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the father and the Son forever and ever, Amen

provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term. Much of the material from our listening sessions in Clogher Diocese since 2020 has found its way into the reports for this important moment and the future synodal pathway here in Ireland. Ireland is represented by Bishops Alan McGuckian SJ (Raphoe) and Brendan Leahy (Limerick). This Synod will also have religious as well as lay women and men participating. In light of Pope Francis' comment that 'without prayer there will be no Synod', we are all encouraged to unceasingly pray to God over the coming weeks for Pope Francis and for all members of the Synodal Assembly.

This week's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of  
Damian McGovern, Caldrum Road and Mary Meehan, Killyveagh.

**Sacred Heart Church:** it is hoped that work on the refurbishment of the Sacred Heart Church can progress over the coming weeks and months. It has taken a lot of time and effort to get to this point. As the church will not be in public use for the duration of the project, people are asked to refrain from seeking entry to it.

Sunday Mass will be celebrated each Sunday at 10am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Monea. Those who are involved in church ministry in Boho are invited to continue this ministry on the designated Sundays in Monea.

Many of you have supported the renovation work in the parish over recent years and I thank you sincerely for that support. In order for the Sacred Heart project to be completed I appeal to you to continue offering whatever help you can. I invite those who ordinarily do not contribute to the parish, to consider offering your financial support at this time. The Sacred Heart Church has been available to countless generations over the years. It provides a gathering space for the various sacraments that we receive and liturgies that we celebrate. The current refurbishment will ensure that it continues to be a focal point for years to come. If every wage earner was to make a commitment towards the renovation work, it would help lighten the burden for those who support the parish regularly.

There are many ways by which you can offer support – through the weekly parish envelope system, by way of a standing order to the parish, by making an annual contribution, to name but a few. Please contact Nora, the parish secretary, on 028 6864 1889 or [botha@clogherparishes.ie](mailto:botha@clogherparishes.ie) to discuss how you can help.

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

1. It is possible to be a dutiful and observant Christian, and yet feel there is something missing. Does it not make a huge difference when your heart is in what you are doing? It is so much better than just going through the motions. Where do you experience that most in your life?

2. The desire of Jesus for us is that we grow in that kind of committed, enthusiastic involvement in life. What encourages you to grow in this way? Recall times when your relationship with God, or with another person, was something that gave you energy, hope or joy. What lessons do you learn from those memories.

3. The elders probably thought well of themselves in contrast to the tax collectors and sinners. Perhaps you know some unconventional people, ones who appear to ignore the 'right' way of doing things, and yet have taught you something about true goodness.

John Byre OSA

**Altar Society October: Derrygonnelly** – Aisling Sinclair, Seamus and Maureen O'Dare. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October in St Patrick's. **Monea:** Collector – Linda Woods and John Jones.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** takes place each Tuesday in St Patrick's Church from 10am until 7pm. In the midst of very busy lives, perhaps you can commit to spending one hour each Tuesday in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If there is anyone who can give this time please contact the parish office. While each hour is covered it would be good if some more people could commit to be present between the hours of 12pm – 1pm and 1pm – 2pm.

**Hail Holy Queen Conference 2023:** is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. Speakers include Fr. Seán Maguire, Fr. Colum Power, Catherine McGowan, Fr. Freddy Warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £7200. The numbers drawn were 1, 10, 16 & 24. £20 John and Mary Duffy, Monea, Willie Gallagher and Tiernan Coyle, Belleek. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who support and promotes the Harps Lotto.

**Killyhommon's PTFA Massive Fundraiser!** Excitement is building for our much-anticipated fundraiser; a fabulous cookery demonstration by Glen Wheeler from 28 At The Hollow on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** in Boho Hall at 7.30pm. It will certainly be a night not to be missed! Tickets £15 each. are available from Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/714848389777?aff=oddttdtcreator> or the school ( staff and children). Call in, phone, email [amcgahey152@c2kni.net](mailto:amcgahey152@c2kni.net) to keep you a ticket. Tickets are limited so make sure you don't miss out and also spread the word.

**Popes' Francis intentions for October:** - **For the Synod** - We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.