

Parish of Botha

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The three readings today by chance deal with the same theme of neighbourly correction. This is a difficult art and can only be exercised through genuine love and the purest of motives. We have to learn to help and to heal each other. In this we have to avoid attitudes of prying, denunciation, jealousy and informing. The spirit of the gospel which lays down a procedure must be our guide.

Masses for the Week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

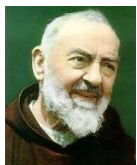
Sunday 10th September 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Gerry and Margaret Dolan, Drumary.

Tuesday 12th September Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Sunday 17th September 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Oisín Flanagan, Drumgormley; James Joseph McCabe and Deceased of the McCabe Family, Drumgormley; James and Bridie McCann, Knockmore Park; Tommy and Agnes Leonard and deceased of the Leonard family, Glenashaver.

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 17th September 10am Mass. Anniversary: Patrick and May McGovern, Tullycalter; Malachy and Tessie McCauley, Drumscollop; Gerry and Aileen Magee, Tullycalter.



A Triduum in Preparation for the Feast of Padre Pio: Ask, Believe, Receive – The Triduum will take place in The Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh, from **Wednesday 20th - Saturday 23rd September** (inclusive). Mass, Homily & Blessing with Glove at 7.30pm each evening. Preacher: Fr Pius McLaughlin OFM. Everyone Welcome.

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows Memorial 15th September

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore Him in your arms, mourning and weeping.
We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you.
We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you.
We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of His passion.
Holy Mary, may we follow your example,
and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.
Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs.
Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



One Day Retreats September 2023 – Tuesday 12th, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th. Book at - <https://friendsofloughderg.my.site.com/pilgrimimages/s/> Tel: 00353 71 986158 or Email: info@loughderg.org

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



“I do not wish to write this Encyclical without turning to that attractive and compelling figure, whose name I took as my guide and inspiration when I was elected Bishop of Rome. I believe that St. Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically” (10).

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £6900. £20 Aidan Carroll, and Susan McGrath, Derrygonnelly, Cormac McCusker, Belleek. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who support and promotes the Harps Lotto.



Marriage & Relationship Counselling with Accord:

If you feel your relationship is in crisis or need a little guidance and feel that you and your partner could benefit from Marriage & Relationship Counselling, either face to face or online, contact your local Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships. Call us on 02890 233002 for all N. Ireland centres. Email: info@accordni.com Web: www.accordni.com

World Suicide Prevention Day: takes place this Sunday, 10th September. The theme for 2023 is 'creating hope through action.' World Suicide Prevention Day aims to start the conversation about suicide and to show that recovery is possible.

Prayer

Loving God, you are always near to us, especially when we are weak, suffering and vulnerable. Reach out to those who experience mental illness. Lift their burdens, calm their anxiety, and quiet their fears. Surround them with your healing presence that they may know that they are not alone. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Support Groups:

Aisling Centre Enniskillen 028 6632 5811
Oak Healthy Living Centre, Lisnaskea 028 6772 3843
PIPS 028 6633 9004 or Freephone 0800 088 6042
Tara Centre, Omagh 028 8225 0024
Lifeline 0808 808 8000
Samaritans NI 116 123
Zest NI – Support for Self-Harm 028 7126 6999

The Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023 - a

Catholic Conference for Men will be Live and Exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland **Saturday 16th September** at 2pm. Speakers for this year's conference are Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey and Fr. John Harris OP.

Seeing your life through the Lens of the gospel Matthew 18:15-20

1. At the time Matthew was writing his gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. They would be known to one another. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions but many of us do otherwise. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make a complaint. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others?

2. While Jesus is referring to a group situation, the advice can be applied also to personal difficulties and problems with others. What lessons has life taught you about constructive ways of dealing with conflict?

3. As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life?

4. Jesus also promises to be with his followers when they are gathered. What does that mean to you? Have you experienced the presence of Jesus in his followers gathered together? During the recent lockdown due to the coronavirus, how did you experience the presence of Jesus in your faith community?

John Byrne OSA

“The righteous cry out, the Lord hears and he rescues them from all their afflictions. The Lord is close to the broken hearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed.”

Psalms 34:18-20