

Parish of Botha

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Christian community must be seen to be one of forgiveness and mercy. If the Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy, who are we to be otherwise? We need to be conscious of our own weaknesses and failures so that we may not judge others harshly. We cannot pray the Lord's Prayer with unforgiving hearts.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

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

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 17th September 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Oisin 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.

Tuesday 19th September Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 19th September 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine. **Anniversary:** Michael Carroll, Tonagh; Tommy McGowan and Deceased of the McGowan Family, Cosbystown.

Wednesday 20th September **Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chóng** 10am Mass.

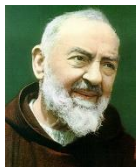
Thursday 21st September **St Matthew** 10am Mass.

Sunday 24th September 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Michael and Brigid McLoughlin, Glenlevin; Paddy Duffy and Deceased of the Duffy Family, Doagh. Breedh Smyth, Caldrum; Kathleen Kelly and Deceased of the Kelly Family, Caldrum; Cathal and Renee Maguire, Creamery Road.

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 24th September 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Rita Howe, Leitrim; Geraldine Cameron, Mullaghmore; John McLoughlin, Samsonagh; Deceased of the McLoughlin and Cassidy Families, Aghakeeran.

Recently Deceased : Your prayers are requested for the soul of Anna Marie Boyle, Fintona. May she rest in peace.



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.

Lessons for Life

- ❖ Silence is a friend that will never betray.
- ❖ Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
- ❖ Don't compare your life to others, You have no idea what their journey is all about.

Thoughts of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Memorial 23rd September

“Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”

“Do not worry over things that generate preoccupation, derangement and anxiety. One thing only is necessary: to lift up your spirit and love God.”

“If we are calm and persevering, we shall find not only ourselves, but our souls, and with that, God Himself!”

“Continue to be patient – it will all be good for you.”

“Even if the world were to capsize, if everything were to become dark, hazy, tumultuous, God would still be with us.”

“My past, O Lord, to Your mercy; my present, to Your love; my future to Your providence.”



Youth 2000 Ulster Retreat: takes place in the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of Lough Derg, from 29th of September - 1st of October. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. The retreat is donation only, however if you are staying over there is a cost £35/€40 which goes to Lough Derg. Register now on www.youth2000.ie

Sillees Defibrillator Support Group: will hold a Meeting and AGM on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 8pm at Blaney Caravan Park. All welcome

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £7000. The numbers drawn were 7, 11, 19 & 21. £20 Ian Graydon - Rhodes, online player, Pat McBarron, Springfield, Dermot Carroll, Derrygonnelly. Draw in the Linnett Inn on Sunday night. Thanks to everyone who support and promotes the Harps Lotto.

Catholic Chaplaincy QUB: reopening at temporary premises on **Monday 18 September at No. 42 University Road**. There you will find a Chapel, social space, and our much-loved Mosaic Café, open 8.30am to 8.30pm weekdays during term. Sunday Masses take place at 8pm in the Canada Room of the University's Lanyon Building (from Sunday 24 September) and weekday Masses in the Chaplaincy at No.42 (from Monday 25 September). We look forward to welcoming new and returning students!



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Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

1. Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the value of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find you need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has the capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?

2. Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now?

3. Pope Francis chose as his motto 'Miserando atque eligendo' (*seen with compassion and chosen*) to express his belief that Jesus viewed his past mistakes with compassion, and called him, nonetheless. At this moment can you see Jesus calling you, no matter what your past has been like?

4. Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example.

John Byrne OSA

Season of Creation: September 1st – October 4th 2023



‘When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples- it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected’ (117).



Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

