

Parish of Botha

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We gather to celebrate the Eucharist, which is to be a celebration in hope and joy as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. To take part in it is a grace and a privilege. But we must wear the wedding garment of sinlessness and obedience to God's will. Many before us have been called to the feast but failed to stay.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 15th October 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Mary Kate and Francie McTeggart, Drumcorban.

Sunday 22nd October 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Dympna Burns, Legnagay.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 15th October 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Sean Ferguson, Manchester ; Sean, Mary and Ingrid McKenna, Main Street and Deceased of the McKenna and Hoy Families.

Tuesday 17th October Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 17th October 7pm **St. Ignatius of Antioch** Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 18th October **St. Luke** 10am Mass.

Thursday 19th October 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** The Treacy Family, Newtown.

Sunday 22nd October 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Johnny Hoy, Mill Green and Deceased of the Hoy Family; Ken Maguire, Caldram Road; May Walmsley, Killyveagh; John and Margaret Walmsley, Cosbystown.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Brother Anthony McCrave, Clonard Monastery. May he rest in peace.

Irish archbishops: urge a cessation of violence in the Holy Land, respect of civilian populations and release of hostages "We join with Pope Francis, and the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa, in calling for prayers for peace, praying for the families and individuals suffering through these events at this time.

'Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace; teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: 'Never again war!' Amen.'
"Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us."

Come and See – Explore Priesthood – 18th and 19th November, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. An opportunity for those who would like to find out more about the real-life experience of priestly life and what seminary formation is like. All who are interested in attending or would like to find out more can email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

Annual Memorial Service: for all our dead will take place on Sunday 12th November at 4pm in St. Patrick's Church Derrygonnelly. All the dead will be remembered but in particular those who have died since November last year.



World Mission Sunday: is the Holy Father's annual appeal in support of overseas mission. It is celebrated next **Sunday 22nd October**. Monies raised supports missionary activities in over 1100 mission diocese, which are mostly found in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Please use the parish envelope provided in your box to contribute to the work of the missions.

Lough Derg: The Annual Lough Derg Draw takes place at the end of October: top prize of €10,000. Tickets can still be purchased on the Lough Derg website for €10 (book of 6 for €50) www.bit.ly/LDdrawtickets2023. A reminder to those who have books of tickets at home, please be sure to return before Friday 20th October to be in with a chance of winning.

St. Margaret Mary

Alacoque Feast day October 17th



St. Margaret Mary

1647-1690, visionary and ascetic, revived the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and was exemplary in her patience and trust.

Prayer

St. Margaret Mary, permitted by the Sacred Heart of Jesus to become partaker of the divine treasures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, obtain for us, we beseech you, from that adorable Heart, the graces we need.

We ask for them with boundless confidence.

May the divine Heart of Jesus be willing to grant them to us through your intercession, so that once again he may, through you, be glorified and loved. Amen.

Derrygonnelly Harps

GFC: Jackpot £7400. £20 Nicole Porter, Belleek, Eileen Watters, Marie McGowan, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to our draw supervisors, and to those who support and promote the Lotto. Credit to everyone involved with the staging of matches over the last eight weeks. It takes a considerable number of people in a wide variety of roles to run such events successfully. It was with genuine sadness club members heard of the passing of Jamie Thompson last week. We extend our sincerest sympathies to Jamie's immediate and extended family at such a sad time. God rest Jamie's soul.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

There are two parables here that Matthew has joined together. Looking at the first one:

1. Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts, and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had 'banquet' experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?

2. The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fulness of life – as parents, teachers, fiends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?

3. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment'. What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received?

John Byre OSA

Knock Shrine: A new programme of Faith Renewal Events for Autumn-Winter has been launched at Knock Shrine. Further details are available to view on Knock Shrine website - www.knockshrine.ie/support-programmes/faith-renewal/

Derrygonnelly and Garrison Day Centre: Fundraising coffee Morning in Bilberry Restaurant, Garrison on Saturday 21st October 10.30am – 12.30pm. Draw taking place on the day.

Devenish and Boho Parish Church: Concert with a twist, in the Reade hall, Monea on Saturday 28th October at 7.30pm. Compere Kenny Archer and other guest artists. Admission £10, Children free. Tea served.

Killyhommon's PTFA Massive Fundraiser! cookery demonstration by Glen Wheeler from 28 At The Hollow on **Monday 16th October** in Boho Hall at 7.30pm. It will certainly be a night not to be missed! Tickets £15 each. are available from the school Call in, phone, email amcgahey152@c2kni.net to keep you a ticket. or Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/714848389777?aff=oddtcreator> Tickets are limited so make sure you don't miss out.