

Parish of Botha

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Thirty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prisoners' Sunday

Scripture speaks strongly against those who do not observe the law but still don't hesitate to impose the obligation on others. The failure is leading a double life and in having an inflated sense of their own importance.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 5th November 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Francis Farmer, Leskey; Paul Leonard, Leskey; Rose Jones, Drumma.

Sunday 12th November 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Agnes and Pat McHugh, Drumgaph.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 5th November 11.30am Mass. **Months Memory:** Jamie Thompson, Broughas. **Anniversary:** Joan Love, Belleek.

Tuesday 7th November Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Sunday 12th November 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Joe Duffy and Deceased of the Duffy Family, Doagh.

Sunday 12th November 4pm Annual Memorial Service.

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. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments afterwards in the community centre to which everyone is invited.

Remembering our Dead

Lord God, Whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting,
Keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.

Let your Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice,
that we may serve you in union with the whole Church,
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.

And when our earthly journey is ended, lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
Where you live for ever and ever. Amen

November Remembering the Deceased: we traditionally remember the faithful departed during November, the month of the Holy Souls. A novena of nine masses will be offered for those whose names are written on the lists provided in the churches. These masses will be offered at the weekday masses in St. Patrick's during the month. You are asked to put your lists in an envelope and place them in the basket provided on the sacred space at the front of the altar in St. Patrick's.

Memory Tree: During the month of November the memory tree will be in St Patrick's Church, where you can place the name of your loved one on a labels provided.

Prayer for Prisoners' Sunday

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exists.

Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care,

Heal those who have wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

National Board Safeguarding Review: The Irish Bishops' Conference, along with the Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland, have commissioned consultants, RSM Ireland, to undertake a review of child safeguarding in the Catholic Church. One part of this review is to engage with survivors and victims of abuse, to seek their views on Church Safeguarding processes. Specifically, RSM would like to hear from survivors who have disclosed abuse within the last twenty years, to see what needs to be improved. For more information please contact: survivor.consultation@rsmireland.ie

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.



Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls: A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers on 01 80-5 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

Dates of Sacraments 2023: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Friday 3rd May** at 6pm in St. Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Patricks Church, Derrygonnelly on **Saturday 20th April:** Killyhommon PS 11am and St. Patrick's PS 1pm.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £7700. £20 Pauline Haren, Derrygonnelly, Mary Keown, online player, Eddie Gallagher, Boho. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Harps Lotto, Condolence to the McGowan Family, Cosbystown on the recent passing of May Reilly, Kinawley and to Monica and the Gilleece family, on the passing of Maggie Breen, Belleek.

Save our Acute Services: To demonstrate solidarity with our South West Acute Hospital in Enniskillen there be a public meeting and rally at 2PM on Sunday 12th November on the Diamond in Enniskillen. There will be a tractor, truck & vintage car run as well as family entertainment and music by special guests.

NI Blood Transfusion Service: donation sessions will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Monday 13th November 1pm – 4pm and 5pm – 8pm. And Tuesday 14th November 12.30pm – 4pm and 5pm – 7.30pm. **To book an appointment online:** www.nibts.org or call 08085 534 653 Your donation could help save a life.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

1.The condemnation of the scribes and pharisees by Jesus brings to mind the public discourse about the Church in recent years. This has highlighted the failures of the church people to live up to the values of the Gospel. This has had a negative effect on many people and on their religious practice. How do you find hope in the midst of this negative criticism?

2.When our actions match our words about gospel values, then our words carry more weight. Recall people whom you admired for this quality. Perhaps your own experience at times confirms this.

3.Our passage ends with a paradox. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted. For Jesus the way to greatness and a full life is through service of others. When have you found the way of service brought unexpected rewards?

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

