

# Parish of Botha

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## Thirty -Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The door is closed against the bridesmaids who did not keep vigil nor trim their lamps. The concern of the Christian should be readiness for the call of the Lord, to seek the light of Christ in daily living, and to keep burning brightly the light received at baptism. It is true wisdom to be always eagerly longing for the Lord.*

### Masses for the Week

#### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Agnes and Pat McHugh, Drumgamph.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Kathleen McLoughlin, Mill Green.

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 4pm Annual Memorial Service.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 7pm Mass and Novena Mass for the Dead and to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 10am Novena Mass for the Dead.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November **St Gertrude** 10am Novena Mass for the Dead.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Packie and Bridie Flanagan and Deceased of the Flanagan Family, Knockmore; Patrick, May and Brian Maguire and deceased of the Maguire Family, Drumgamph.

**Baptism:** We welcome to the Christian world through the waters of Baptism, Eddie Michael Dolan, Niamh Aoife McHugh and Teagan Treacy. May they grow in faith.

### Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory - St Gertrude - Feast Day 16<sup>th</sup> November

**Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.**

The Prayer of St. Gertrude is one of the most famous prayers for the souls in purgatory. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time the prayer is said devoutly. Whether or not this is actually the case, this is a great prayer for focusing on helping the Holy Souls in Purgatory, nonetheless. In purgatory, the souls of many of those who have died in God's grace undergo purification so that they may enter heaven.

**ST. Michael's Parish Lending Library:** We are pleased to announce our Parish Library is now up and running. So far, parishioners and visitors have been delighted to see such a wide variety of books available to borrow or to read in the Library along with a welcome cup of tea or coffee. This resource is open to all Parishes in the area. The Lending Library is located above the Parish Shop in Hall's Lane, Enniskillen and is open Mon - Sat 10.30am – 1.30pm. There are also copies of books available for borrowing at the back of St. Michael's Church. **Everyone is welcome!**

**THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN IS SPONSORED ANONYMOUSLY.**

**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 label provided.

### Don't Run

Don't run  
when face with  
something or someone  
that seems like  
an adversary.

Stay with it  
try to hear it  
let the process unfold  
do not judge  
let it all be.

Sooner  
or maybe later  
what is constricted  
will lift its head  
and surprise you  
with how simple  
the truth is.

In the meantime  
keep returning  
to the centre  
surround your heart  
with love  
let the ugly thoughts  
and harsh feelings  
fade away.

Don't shove them out  
but never let them  
take over.

Listen and learn.

*Joyce Rubb*

**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](mailto:survivor.consultation@rsmireland.ie)

**Trócaire:** is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict across Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Ukraine. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at [infoni@trocaire.org](mailto:infoni@trocaire.org) or call 028 9080 8030.



**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](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray)

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £7800. The numbers drawn were 12, 19, 22 and 28. £20 Gerry Burns, Boho, John Flanagan, and Paul Jones and Family, online players. Draw in Old Pals tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Harps Lotto,

### Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

*Matthew 25:1-13*

1. While the parable has clear end - of - time applications it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What were the consequences for you?

2. Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared, and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences?

3. We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

*John Byre OSA*

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

**An Evening of Songs of Faith, Hope and Love at Knock Basilica:**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** at 8pm, featuring Dana, John McNicholl, Margo, Philomena Begley, and Marc Roberts with Úna Nolan & Schola Cantorum Basilica choir. A fundraising concert for Victim Assistance Charity. Tickets from Ticketmaster.ie or Tel 0035394 9000 251 / 0035386 3938871. Email: [support@victimassistance.ie](mailto:support@victimassistance.ie)

**Totus Tuus Scripture Conference 2023:** is live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm. Speakers include Fr. John Ryan (Cloyne Diocese), Fr. Luke Demasi (Home of the Mother), FR. John McEaney (Waterford & Lismore Diocese), Frances Hogan (Scripture Scholar). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277.