

Parish of Botha

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Thirty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

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 19th November 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Kathleen McLoughlin, Mill Green.

Sunday 26th November 10am Mass. People of the Parish.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 19th 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, Drumgaph.

Tuesday 21st November Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 21st November 7pm Mass and Novena Mass for the Dead and to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 22nd November 10am Novena Mass for the Dead.

Thursday 23rd November **St. Columban** 10am Novena Mass for the Dead.

Sunday 26th November 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Nora McGowan, Cosbystown; Elizabeth Foy, Ely Lodge; Peter and Susan Burns, Tonagh; Ronan Swift, Rosnarick Close; Paddy and Rose Corrigan, Coranerk.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the souls of Francie Jones, Corr; Mary McConnell, Mill Green; Tessie O'Shea, Birmingham, (nee Walmsley, Cosbystown); Raymond Jones, London formerly Derrygonnelly; Canon Paddy Marron PE, Fintona. May they rest in peace.

Lord, on this World Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Road Traffic Accidents we remember all those who have lost their earthly lives on our roads and all those who have been injured in body and in mind.

May those whose earthly lives have been lost as a result of road accidents be brought into the light of your loving presence.

We pray for those who have suffered injury as a result of a road crash; those who have suffered permanent injury, and those who care for them.

May the Lord strength us to support and comfort them; that they may find the hope and peace that comes from God.

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims takes place today Sunday, 19th November.

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 by the Maguire Family, Drumgaph.

Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts Campaign: With the cost-of-living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need. Visit marysmeals.ie to download a gift today or call 01-8535163/089-4339592.

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 or call 028 9080 8030.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

1. A gift given in love, is given to be enjoyed, treasured, and used. Through fear, one servant failed to recognize the loving trust being shown him and buried the talent. When have you found that overcoming fear helped you to make the most of opportunities in life?

2. On the level of our own personal life, faith is not given to us to be locked away, but to be 'traded' with. We trade with it when we believe in its value, trust it, and use it, bringing it into the experiences we have in daily life. Can you recall times when relying on your faith has brought you rewards?

3. Pope Francis in his letter the joy of the gospel wrote, 'I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, styles and methods of evangelisation in their respective communities.... The important thing is not to walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters.' EG(33) How is your parish responding to this call?
John Byre OSA

Week of Witness Campaign – 20th -27th November 2023

Remembering Christians around the world who have been persecuted because of their faith.

Prayer for Persecuted Christians

O God of all nations,
The one God who is and was and always will be,
In your providence you willed that your church be united to the suffering of your Son.
Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you.
Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ.
Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples.
May your Spirit open conversation for those who contradict your will, that they may live in harmony.
Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Evening of Songs of Faith, Hope and Love at Knock Basilica: Friday 1st 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 or Email: support@victimassistance.ie



Pioneer calendar 2024: is designed to offer spiritual support and encouragement to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office (0035318054226) or at www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar. The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support and encouragement to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. Cost €5.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £7900. £20 Elizabeth McClelland, and Seamus Bogue, online, Peadar McGovern, Derrylin. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Harps Lotto. Condolences to the Jones Family on the passing of Francie, Corr Bridge and to the Martin Family, Lisnaskea on the sad passing of their daughter and sister Eimir.

Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service: is seeking applications for a 2- year part-time Certificate in Counselling (Couple and Relationship)). You will need weekend availability for our funded residential training courses in Crossgar, Co. Down and a commitment to complete the course over 2 years, beginning in April 2024. You do not need previous counselling experience or qualifications, academic qualifications or to pay academic rates. Whilst there is no charge to trainees for the training itself, there is a one-off non-refundable deposit of £200 to secure your place. Course fees will be funded, and placement will be provided by Accord NI. The closing date for receipt of applications is **20th December 2023**. If you would like further information, please contact Brenda at 02890233002 or info@accordni.com.