

# Parish of Botha

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

*"King" is a fundamental metaphor in the Bible, which in ordinary usage suggests power and glory. But even in the ancient biblical tradition, there are two great modifications. According to Old Testament understanding, a king is meant to be a shepherd to his people, a true shepherd who cares for and who knows and even loves his sheep. According to New Testament, Jesus our king rules paradoxically through loving service, humility and the gift of himself..*

### Masses for the Week

#### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10am Mass. People of the Parish.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Kevin Gilbride, Farnaconnell; Rose Anne McGrath and Deceased of the McGrath Family, Coolarkin.

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 7pm Mass and Novena Mass for the Dead and to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 10am Novena Mass for the Dead. **Anniversary:** Deceased of the Legion of Mary.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November **St. Andrew** 10am Novena Mass for the Dead.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Patricia Garrity, Enniskillen; Tommy and Kathleen Brennan, Braade; Anthony and Bridie Carr, Sillees Grove; Paddy and Molly Cassidy, Derrygonnelly; Patrick and Katie Treacy, Carrickreagh.

**Recently Deceased:** your prayers are requested for the soul of Kathleen Gilroy, Lattonagh. May she rest in peace.

#### Prayer for the Dead and the Living

(Fr. Bede Jarrett O.P.)

**We give them back to you Lord,  
who first gave them to us. And as you did not lose them  
in the giving, so we do not lose them in the return.  
Not as the world gives, do you give, O lover of souls! for  
what is yours is ours if we belong to you.  
Life is unending because love is undying,  
and the boundaries of this life are but a horizon,  
and a horizon is but a limit of our vision.  
Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further!  
Strengthen us in our faith that we may see  
beyond the horizon!  
And while you prepare a place for us, as you have  
promised, prepare us also for that happy place, that  
where you are, we may be also, with those we have  
loved, forever. Amen**

This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King also marks the **38th World Youth Sunday**. Our young people are not the future of the Church, but the here and now and their commitment to justice, peace and to love is something we can all be encouraged by. In his message to young people this November, Pope Francis says *"Dear young people, do not be afraid to share with others the hope and joy of the risen Christ! Nurture the spark that has been kindled in you, but at the same time share it. You will come to realise that it grows by being given away!"* Please keep our young people and those that work with them in your prayers, especially all those involved with the work undertaken by Clogher don Óige across the diocese.

**This week's Bulletin is sponsored by the Swift Family, Rosnarick Close.**



There are currently more children waiting to be adopted in Northern Ireland than families approved to adopt and there is an urgent need for new families to come forward. All sorts of people from all walks of life can be considered for adoption. If you think you could offer a child/ren a new life in a family of

their own and would like an informal chat to discuss this and to find out more about adoption. Contact: 02890 691133 [email@familycareadoption.org](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org) Website: [www.familycareadoption.com](http://www.familycareadoption.com) We are waiting to hear from you!

**Youth 2000 Ireland:** are having their annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare on the 8th - 10th of December for ages 16-35. This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only. Find out more and register now on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**Mary's Meals - Double the Love:** Mary's Meals is keeping the promise of a daily school meal to over 2.4 million children in 18 countries. Our Double the Love Campaign has launched, and all donations made to Mary's Meals until 22nd January 2024 will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1 million. Amongst the many challenges we see in today's world, from conflict to the cost-of-living crisis, your little acts of love can go further thanks to Double the Love, bringing hope to desperately hungry children and their families. Please pray that we can reach even more children around the world with our life-changing school meals this Christmas. Find out more and browse our Christmas gift cards at [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk) or freephone 0800 698 1212.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £8000. £20 Paddy Murphy, online player, Kathleen McCauley, Monea and John Corrigan, Derrygonnelly. Draw in The Linnet Inn tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Harps Lotto. The clubs **AGM** is scheduled for **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** in the clubrooms. Condolences to the McConnell family on the passing of Mrs Mary McConnell, Martin and the Walmsley family on the passing of Tessie, Birmingham and the Jones Family on Raymond's passing in London. May they all rest in peace.

**Killyhommon PS Open Afternoon:** We invite our prospective parents and pupils to take the opportunity to come along to the school and see what we have to offer. We have an Open Afternoon on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at **2.15pm**. If this date and time does not suit you, then do not hesitate to phone the school and rearrange another time. 02866341286

**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 **20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. If you would like further information, please contact Brenda at 02890233002 or [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com).

### *Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Matthew 25:31-46*

1. This judgement scene contains surprises for us. One surprise is that nobody is condemned for doing wrong, but for their failure to do good. Being a disciple of Jesus is a positive choice about how we live and relate to others. Perhaps sin-avoidance has sometimes dominated your view of what was being asked of you. What difference has it made for you when you viewed your Christian life as a daily opportunity to make a positive difference to others?

2. Another way of saying this is that the aim of Christian living is not me-centered (about my personal sanctification) but other-centered (about responding to the needs of others). What happens to you when you get caught up in yourself? Is your life not better, and often more enjoyable, when you can look beyond yourself to others?

3. Another surprise is to hear Jesus tell us that when we do something for another, he considers it done to himself. When has seeing Christ in others helped you in your dealings with them?

4. The story is about the judgement of the whole of humanity. It presents an ideal of society in which human relationships at all levels are governed by the law of love. In your experience what difference has it made to a group to which you belonged when there was a definite sensitivity to the needs of all members? *John Byre OSA*