

Parish of Botha

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have been called by Christ to become children of God. How we respond is illustrated in today's Readings. There is a seeking which develops into a search that leads to seeing and believing.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 14th January 10am Mass. People of the Parish.

Sunday 21st January 10am Mass. People of the Parish.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 14th January 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Patricia Johnston, Rosnarick Close.

Tuesday 16th January Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 16th January 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 17th January **St. Anthony, abbot** 10am Mass.

Thursday 18th January 10am Mass.

Sunday 21st January 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Charlie McGowan, Faugher.

The Quiet Spaces

The quiet spaces in my life
are necessary

if there is to be movement
from the head to the heart,

for it is in the heart

that wisdoms are born.

I can know and experience many things,

but they remain only knowledge

until I allow them

to sink into the depths of my heart,

there to toss and to turn,

to weep and to wail,

to leap and to dance.

*May I take time each day for quiet
reflection.*

Joyce Rupp

Recently Deceased: your prayers are requested for the soul of Eileen Gordon, Belleek. May she rest in peace.

Baptisms: we welcome to the Christian world through the waters of Baptism Amy Rose Gallagher, Cróia Martina Jones, and Cathal Thomas Philip McKenzie. May they grow in faith.

Trip to Medjugorje: 10th - 17th July direct from Dublin €745 if deposit of €100 is paid before February 2nd otherwise €795 applies. Spiritual director Rev Fr Paddy Mc Ginn, Monaghan. Group leader Marian Kane, for more information Tel: 0872713260

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: 14th - 21st August, Belfast to Mostar. £715 per person sharing. Early booking discount of £40 if £200 deposit is paid before 2nd February, giving a reduced fare of £675. Contact John Calgie 028 686 31177 / 07736336262.

Open Morning: St. Patrick's Primary School, You are invited to come and visit our school with your child, on **Monday 15th January at 10am**, refreshments, fun and games for all.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18th – 25th January 2024**

We are One with You

O God, we are one with you.
You have made us one with you.
You have taught us that if we are open
to one another, you dwell in us.
Help us to preserve this openness
and to fight for it with all our hearts.
Help us to realize that there can be
no understanding where there is mutual
rejection.

O God, in accepting one another
wholeheartedly, fully, completely,
we accept you,
and we thank you,
and we adore you,
and we love you with our whole being,
because our being is your being,
our spirit is rooted in your spirit.

Fill us then with love,
and let us be bound together with love
as we go our diverse ways, united in this
one spirit which makes you present in
the world, and which makes you witness
to the ultimate reality that is love.

Love has overcome.
Love is victorious. Amen. *Thomas Merton*

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £8700. £20 Daire Jones, Boho, James Gormley, Belleek, Darryl Foy, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports the club's key week to week fundraiser. We have added an auto-renew facility for online players, meaning that they will be automatically re-entered in the draw after intervals of their choosing. Online entry is available via klubfunder.com. You are invited to a Harps celebration night on Saturday 20th January at 7pm in the community Centre Entry FREE Light refreshments and bar available.

NI Blood Transfusion Service: donation sessions will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Monday 15th January 1pm – 4pm and 5pm – 8pm. And Tuesday 16th January 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.

Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy – Alumni and Friends* Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Paul: will make pilgrimage to **Greece and Malta** over **10 days**, departing Dublin on **7 February 2024**. Our tour with Marian Pilgrimages will offer a profound journey through various significant locations associated with St Paul's life and missionary travels, among them Athens, Thessaloniki, Phillipi, Corinth and Valetta. The pilgrimage is fully guided, with half-board accommodation in 4* hotels. The University Chaplain, Fr Dominic McGrattan, will provide spiritual direction and the Chaplaincy's Director of Sacred Music, Marcella Walsh, will animate liturgies with music and song. **For more information and details on how to book, email catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk.**

25th Pioneer National Ball: An evening of celebration and fun on **Saturday April 6th, 2024**. Mass at 6pm in the **Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar**, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the **Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar**. Extra activities on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/ tickets contact Dermot 085-7201646 or Daisy 087-6544626"

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel: *John 1:35-42*

1. John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them, e.g., leaving home, changing jobs, etc.

2. Where do you live? Jesus did not respond to the question by giving the disciples his address. He invited them to come and experience where and how he lived. Discipleship is a lived experience. What experiences have helped you to learn how Jesus lived, and what he was looking for in life? How has this attracted you to follow him?

3. Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving, or giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?

John Byrne OSA