

# Parish of Botha

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday of the Word of God

Mark presents the gospel of salvation within the context and plan of the life of Jesus Christ. That life is the story of the suffering Messiah, now seen in the light of the Resurrection. The faithful learn that the path to victory is by suffering discipleship. But the 'between times' are difficult and there is no other way. The call to follow Christ is the call to repent and believe.

## Masses for the Week

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

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

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Shane and Gerald Gallagher, Tobradan; Francie and Susan McHugh, Tobradan; Joseph (Joe) Leonard, Belleek.

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

Tuesday 23rd January Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 23rd January 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 24th January **St. Francis de Sales** 10am Mass.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January **The Conversion of St. Paul** 10am Mass.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Deceased of the Derrygonnelly Harps and Boho St. Fabers GFC; Molly and Paddy McConnell, Knockmore Road.

**Recently Deceased:** your prayers are requested for the soul of Hugh Pat Robinson, Fivemiletown. May he rest in peace.

### *Be at peace*

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;  
rather, look to them with full hope*

*that as they arise,*

*God, whose very own you are,  
will lead you safely through all things;  
and when you cannot stand it,*

*God will carry you in his arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;  
the same understanding Father who cares for you  
today will take care of you then and every day.*

*He will either shield you from suffering  
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.*

*Be at peace, and put aside all  
anxious thoughts and imaginations. Amen.*

**Prayer of St Francis de Sales – Feast Day 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**Permanent Diaconate:** The Diocese of Clogher invites Expressions of Interest from men who feel called to the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese. Information on [www.clogherdiocese.ie/diaconate/](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie/diaconate/) and the Diocesan Facebook page. Closing date for expressions of interest is **30th April 2024**. Those interested should speak firstly to their Parish Priest before a referral is made to the Director of Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese.

**Week of Prayer For Christian Unity:** continues until Thursday (25th January). The chosen theme is 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Luke 10:27). At this time of year, we give thanks for the progress of dialogue over recent decades and pray for the continued coming together of all Christians in common witness to build the kingdom of God in our midst.

**Catholic Schools Week 2024: – Communities of Service** begins this weekend and continues until **Saturday 27 January** on the theme of Catholic Schools as Communities of Service. Christian service puts faith into action. In Catholic schools, as we study and look to Jesus Christ as our role model and Teacher, we come to a greater understanding of the depth of Christian service. Jesus served every person regardless of creed, background, faith, social status, or age. For Catholic Schools Week, we will contemplate our schools as communities of service – friends, school, family, locality, and faith.

**Adoption: – Could you provide a child with a family for life?**

Are you married, single or co-habiting and are interested in adopting a young child into your family? The Western Trust is holding Information events about Adoption:

- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 3.00 – 5.00pm online via Microsoft Teams**
- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 3.00 – 5.00pm in the Case Conference Room in Omagh Hospital & Primary Care Complex.**
- **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 from 3.00 – 5.00pm in the Family Room, Whitehill 106 Irish Street Derry BT47 2ND**

Please feel free to drop into any of the Information sessions. If you prefer to join the online event, please contact Colette Mc Cann Social Worker on **07879803297** or **028 82835114**.

**Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel: Mark 1:14-20**

1. ‘The time is fulfilled’ – this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, ‘the time was fulfilled’.

2. ‘Repent and believe the good news’. Jesus was not teaching a new doctrine, but calling for a change of heart, as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding god leads to a conversion in how we relate to Go, a change of heart. A growth in awareness to how we Are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when ‘good news’ led you to a change of heart?

3. The Spirit of God was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is on of GOOD NEWS. When has your understanding of the gospel message led you to a different style of life? Who was the ‘Jesus person’ through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a ‘Jesus person’ in this way?

4. This Sunday is called the **SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD** in order to emphasise the role and importance of the word of God in our lives. What has helped you to discover the Scriptures as a source of encouragement, enlightenment and renewed faith? Is there something extra you could do now to enhance your appreciation and love of the word of God *John Byrne OSA*



**LOUGH DERG**  
**PILGRIMAGE SEASON 2024**  
**Three Day Pilgrimage**  
 begins Friday 31st May until Thursday 15th August  
 (Tuesday 13th last day to begin)  
**One Day Retreat**  
 May  
 Sun 5th - Mon 6th - Sun 12th - Tue 14th - Sat 18th - Sat 25th - Mon 27th  
 August  
 Sat 17th - Tue 20th - Sun 25th - Mon 26th - Sat 31st  
 September  
 Wed 4th - Sat 7th - Tue 10th - Sat 14th - Sun 15th - Sat 21st - Sun 22nd

*Faithful to a tradition inspired by Patrick, who himself found hope and new purpose in his time among the mountains, Lough Derg is here to offer opportunities for deep encounter with self and with God in these changing times.*

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £8800. £20 The McGullion Family, and Rhea and Isla, Boho Gerald Cassidy, Drumgormley. Draw in Old Pals 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 The Youth AGM is scheduled to take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Condolence to the Gordon Family on the passing of Eileen Gordon, Belleek and to the O'Neill Family, Newtown on the passing of Terry O'Neill, Strabane.

**Easy on Kneasy:** returns Wednesday 31st January at 11am -11 45 am at Derrygonnelly Harps Clubrooms with Jackie Cassidy. New faces welcome and its suitable for all abilities. . There will be refreshments after each class. £3 per class. Contact 07779647905 for further info or just show up on the day.