

# Parish of Botha

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Job speaks out as the plain man who cannot make sense of the suffering to be found in daily life. The questions that are raised by the tedium and shortness of life are asked in every age. The Christian sees a meaning through the life of Christ, for whom suffering became a means of achieving true life. Healing is a lifting up, and all suffering can lift up the world anew.*

## Masses for the Week

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Deceased of the Love Family, Tobradan, Corr and Rosstowney.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Gerry and Noreen Maguire, Tullycreevy; Aidan Miller, Knockmore Road; Denis Kelly, Magheragannon.

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am Mass. People of the Parish.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February **Ss Paul Miki and Companions** 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine. **Anniversary:** Adrian Cassidy, Killyveagh.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10am Mass.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am Mass. People of the Parish.

**Recently Deceased:** your prayers are requested for the soul of Nora Duffy, Birmingham, and Ernil Gilheaney, Derrylin. May they rest in peace.

**Mass for Temperance Sunday & World Day of Prayer for the Sick:** will be broadcast next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 11am on RTÉ TV and Radio.

**Blessed Carlo Acutis:** A first class **Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis** will visit the diocese **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, spending time at Saint Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan and Saint Michael's Church, Enniskillen. A schedule of special Masses, liturgies and devotions will be available nearer the time. All are welcome to celebrate the life and seek the intercession of the first Millenial on the journey to Sainthood.

**Annual Mothers Prayers Weekend:** in St John's Rest, Knock, Co Mayo. For mothers who wish to come together to pray for their children and grandchildren. (you do not have to be a physical mother) Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February (no cover charge) Contact [ireland@mothersprayers.org](mailto:ireland@mothersprayers.org) or phone Marie 087 6184110.

### Prayer for Oneself

Loving God,

I come to you seeking acceptance and love.

Help me to see myself as you see me, as your beautiful and unique creation worthy of love and respect.

When I compare myself to others and feel inadequate, remind me that my identity isn't caught up in theirs - that you see me as I really am. Amen.

**International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

First observed in 2015 and on the memorial of St Josephine Bakhita. Through the Day of Prayer we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered but also we are called to reach out to victims and survivors.

**Temperance Pledge:** in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the children are encouraged to take the pledge. It is a promise not to take alcohol until they are at least eighteen years of age and to stay off illicit drugs for life. The pressure on our young people to dabble and to experiment at a young age is a constant threat to their health, safety and well-being. All of us as adults – parents, teachers, clergy, family and community has a role to play in encouraging them to maintain the pledge which they take at this point in their life. The children will take the pledge at masses on next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, the Sunday before Lent – Temperance Sunday. It is an opportunity for each one of us to reflect on our attitude to temperance and moderation in our own life too. Please pray for, and encourage our young people at this critical time in their life.

**We can save the SWAH:** Save Our Acute Surgery (SOAS) continues campaigning to restore Emergency General Surgery to the SWAH. Our hospital was approved to host Northern Ireland's first Bariatric (weight loss) surgery clinic in 2019. SWAH was judged to be the best-equipped hospital to host this service. Weight loss surgery requires a permanent team of surgeons and would help restore Emergency Surgery in the SWAH. However, the Department of Health have launched a consultation - ending in less than two weeks from now - to decide which hospital this surgery will go to. We must fight to ensure that the SWAH is chosen again. **We are asking you to help by signing the consultation forms after Monea Mass and after this weekend's two parish Masses.**

**'The New Ireland is For Everyone – Have Your Say.'** The Commission on the Future of Ireland is holding a People's Assembly in the Westville Hotel, Enniskillen on **22nd February at 7pm.** This event is open to everyone and offers people in this border region an opportunity to Have Your Say on a new Ireland, how it can be achieved and what it might look like.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot €9000. £20 Paul McManus, Belleek, Adrian Maguire, Derrygonnelly, and Gene O'Beirne, Belturbet. Draw in the Linnett Inn tonight. Thanks to everyone who promotes and supports the Lotto. Online entry is available via [klubfunder.com](http://klubfunder.com) We have an auto-renew facility for online players, they will be automatically re-entered in the draw after intervals of their choosing. The club's online Foireann system for collecting club membership has proven a very convenient way for players and families to register and pay. Our rates have not changed since last year, we encourage members now to go online at [www.foireann.ie](http://www.foireann.ie) to register. Condolences to the McGovern family on the sudden passing of Kevin, a quiet but keen Harps man and the Gilheaney family on Ermil's passing.

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages:** April – Oct 2024: 7 nights apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel: 01 4434510 or website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

### Thought for the Day

- \* **Other's love for you is God's gentle helping hand on your shoulder.**
- \* **Genuine listening requires a courageous open mind that is ready to change.**
- \* **No matter how you feel, wake up, get up, dress up, show up and try not to give up.**
- \* **Every great event happened when someone decided not to give up.**
- \* **Children may wreck a house, but they can hold a home together.**
- \* **Before you sleep name one thing for which you are grateful each day.**

Des O'Donnell OMI, Random Reflections (Messenger Publications).

**Parish Contributions:** Over the coming weeks we will be updating the list of parish envelope holders in preparation for new boxes of envelopes being distributed in March. Contributions through the envelopes are our main source of income and we are extremely grateful to those who support the parish financially on a regular basis. If you are new to the parish or have become a wage earner in the last year you are encouraged to contribute towards the running costs of your parish by taking a box of envelopes or setting up a standing order to the parish. If you are a taxpayer you might consider gift aiding your contributions. Please contact the parish office at [botha@clogherparishes.ie](mailto:botha@clogherparishes.ie) or on 028 68641889 or email for further details.