

Parish of Botha

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Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

The struggle for faith experienced by Thomas leads us to think on the meaning of faith in the risen Christ. We do not depend on physical experience of Christ but know his presence in keeping God's commandments and as a gathered community, in the hearing of the word and in sacramental signs. So the Christian community is a thankful one, always blessing God for a sure hope through the resurrection of Christ.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 7th April 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Lizzie McGovern and Deceased of the McGovern Family, Portmush; Aidan Maguire, Tullyholvin Grove; James Hoy, Drumcorban; Deceased of the McKenna and O'Brien Families.

Sunday 14th April 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Aggie McHugh, Drumma; Pat McManus, Drumaraw.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 7th April 11.30am Mass. **Months Memory:** Tommy Flanagan, Drumadillar; Anna Gallagher, Derryvarmore. **Anniversary:** Francie Ferguson, Tully; Deceased of the McGurn and Flanagan Families, The Barrs.

Tuesday 9th April Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Sunday 14th April 11.30am Mass. **Months Memory:** Rita Maguire, Main Street. **Anniversary:** Hugh Foy, Ely Lodge; Deceased of the Foy Family, Blaney; Joe and Bridget Corrigan, Boho; Joey Jones, Fairview Park.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the soul Thomas Flanagan Jnr, Treel. May he rest in peace.



3 O'Clock Prayer

You expired Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of Mercy, opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, O unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Will be celebrated in St. Macartan's Cathedral today at 3pm. The celebration will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction; Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image with a relic of St. Faustina. Our Lord said to St. Faustina: "*I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in my Mercy*".

Cemetery Sunday: The annual blessing of the graves will take place after masses on Sunday 7th July in the Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick's. The blessing of the graves in the Sacred Heart cemetery will not take place on this date due to the work being carried out to the church.

This week's Bulletin is sponsored in Memory of the McGurn & Flanagan Families, The Barrs.

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel:

John 20:19-31.

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to bring you peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?

2. The greeting is followed by Jesus missioning his apostles, and us, to continue his project of spreading the Good News of God's love and forgiveness. What does it mean to you to see yourself as missioned by Jesus?

3. Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower the disciples to be witnesses to forgiveness. Forgiveness is at times an essential step on the road to peace. Perhaps you can recall when holding on to a hurt or grudge disturbed your inner peace. What helped you to forgive and find peace?

4. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning, played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?

5. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step of the way. What was it like to be trusted that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

John Byrne OSA

Teardrops of Growth

April is soaking the world with her spring tears.

They patter softly on the roof, clinging to silent windows.

Gently they fall into soil diligently turned and ready for watering.

A touch of sorrow and joy mingle in the wet spring air.

One part longs for sunshine, the other accepts the patter of April's mournful tears, knowing this is what opens hard shells of waiting seeds and urges them to grow.

A patch of waiting soil in me has also been turned over.

It, too, fights April teardrops but knows it needs them desperately.

So much in me has to accept the waters of discomfort and discontent that come without a beckoning, urging me insistently to open up and grow.

So much in me has yet to be nurtured, broken open, and set free. Joyce Rupp

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Calling all 18- to 30-year-olds: Do you want to explore your faith with other like-minded young people in a beautiful and reflective location? Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg, Pettigo County Donegal on **Saturday 27th April 2024** from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus Omagh and is free of charge. To Register please visit tiny.cc/loughderg or email info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

Trócaire: Please forward your donations in support of Trócaire as soon as possible. Trócaire depends on our support to help alleviate poverty and suffering in the world. Thanking you in advance for your contributions.

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock: Calling All Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in Clogher Diocese: on **Sunday 14th April** Call Glen on 00353 86 8275437 to enquire or book a seat, further details on eucharisticadoration.ie

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: will be held in the Focolare Centre Prosperous, Co Kildare from **Friday 26th April to Sunday 28th April**. Register at www.marriageencounter.ie