

Parish of Botha

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Third Sunday of Easter

In today's gospel Luke describes how the Lord appears to the apostles and clears away their doubts, inspires and enlightens them and leads them to understanding the Scriptures. The final section of the gospel echoes a favourite theme of Luke: Jesus can be known through the interpretation of Scripture.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 14th April 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Aggie McHugh, Drumma; Pat McManus, Drumaraw.
Sunday 21st April 10am Mass. **Months Memory:** Eamon Corrigan, Aghamore. **Anniversary:** Liam, Edie and Edmund Corrigan, Aghamore.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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.

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

Tuesday 16th April 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine. **Anniversary:** Josie and Maurice McGuinness, Mill Green.

Wednesday 17th April 10am Mass.

Thursday 18th April 10am Mass.

Saturday 20th April 11am First Holy Communion Mass. Killyhommon PS. 1pm First Holy Communion Mass. St. Patrick's PS.

Sunday 21st April 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Tommy and Mary B Murphy, Drumanane; Maureen McConnell, Rosspoint; Rose and Pat Greene, Rosnarick Close; Sonny Haren, Fairview Park.

Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their eagerness to receive Your Body and Blood inspire all of us to cherish this Sacred Sacrament. Amen.

The celebration of First Eucharist takes place this Saturday, 20th April, at 11am in St Patrick's Church for the children of Killyhommon PS and at 1pm for the children of St. Patrick's PS. Please pray for these children and allow them, by our example as adults and in the practice of our faith, to experience what it is to receive the gift of Holy Communion.



This week's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Pat Love, Derryvary.

Parish of Lisnaskea/Maguirebridge: Novena of Hope and Healing to St. Peregrine, the patron Saint of those with a cancer diagnosis. **Sunday 28th April – Wednesday May 1st, 2024.** Mass at 10am in St. Mary's Maguirebridge, and at 7pm in Holy Cross Lisnaskea with guest speakers each night.

Mary's Meals -Crisis in Ethiopia: Mary's Meals provides school meals to over 2.4 million children every day. At this time, We ask you to remember in your prayers families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia and we invite you to a special online session where our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow will



share more about this urgent under-reported crisis **this Tuesday 16th of April at 7pm**, more info at www.marysmeals.org.uk or email info@marysmeals.org

Pray in May: I invite you to join Mary's Meals for our Pray in May campaign this year. During Pray in May, we remember the children around the world who receive Mary's Meals, their families and communities, and all of those living in poverty. This year, in the face of a hunger crisis unfolding in Ethiopia and largely going unreported in the media, we pray in a special way for the families there, and for the international community to hear their cries for help.

National Pilgrimage for Life: The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on **Saturday 4th May** in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Reflection Day at SMA Dromantine: on **Saturday 4th May** from 9.30am to 5pm. The Theme is **Forgiveness: The Journey from Hurt to Healing, Freedom, Peace, and Happiness.** Led by Fr Des Corrigan. Cost incl lunch £38/€43. email admin@dromantineconference.com or Telephone 02830821964.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot has reached £10000!. £20 Patricia Kerr, online player, Teresa Gallagher, Belleek, Noel Carson, Garrison. Draw in the Linnett Inn tonight. Thanks to everyone who promotes and supports the Lotto. Online entry is available via klubfunder.com. Condolences to the Flanagan Family, Treel on the passing of Thomas Jnr.

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel: Luke 24 ;35-48

1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you find meaning and good news in life?

2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experiences they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend, or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?

3. Jesus opened their minds to 'understanding the scriptures', and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.

4. The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, inner healing after a deep hurt, new opportunities after failure or disappointment.

John Byrne OSA

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Life-Line 24 Hour Help Line 080880880000

St Vincent de Paul – Enniskillen 028 66 347 788

Aisling Centre Enniskillen 028 6632 5811

Macmillan Cancer Helpline: 028 90708610

24/7 Domestic Violence Helpline: 0800 917 1

Cancer Connect NI: Enniskillen Tel: 028 66340102 email info@cancerconnectni.org

Alcoholics Anonymous: Telephone 028 90434848 **Al Anon:** 028 9068 23

