

# Parish of Botha

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Through Baptism and Confirmation we have been given the Holy Spirit, that same Spirit who gave Christ the victory over the world. This Advocate is our support in the difficulties of life. The Spirit of truth convinces us of the meaning and value of the Christian way.*

## Masses for the Week

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 10am Mass. **Months Memory:** Thomas Flanagan Jnr, Treel **Anniversary:** Nuala Maguire, Drumgaph

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10am Mass. People of the Parish.

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Barney Flood, Sillees Grove.

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

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine. **Anniversary:** Mary and John James Dundas, and Margaret Meredith, Knockmore Park.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 10am Mass.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** John and Catherine McGullion, Sandhill.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Ann and Teddy Walmsley, Enniskillen.

*Recently Deceased:* your prayers are requested for the souls of Harry Harding, Bangor; Betty Keown, Garrison and Sean Keaney, Garrison. May they rest in peace.

### Prayer of Love

Bless us with Love, O Merciful God;  
That we may Love as you Love!  
That we may show patience,  
tolerance,  
Kindness, caring and love to all!  
Give me knowledge; O giver of  
Knowledge,  
That I may be one with my  
Universe and Mother Earth!  
O Compassionate One, grant compassion unto us;  
That we may help all fellow souls in need!  
Bless us with your Love O God.  
Bless us with your Love.



- Author Unknown

*Wedding:* Congratulations to Daniel Meehan and Amy McIvor who were married recently in the church of the Immaculate Conception. May God bless them with health and happiness.

*Trócaire Lenten Campaign:* A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed towards this year's Trócaire collection donating £6820.00. Your donations will, as always, make such a difference to the lives of so many people in poorer parts of the world. Thank you.

St. Patrick's Primary School, Derrygonnelly were delighted to present Fr. Cathal with a cheque for £470 for Trócaire. This money was raised by our school through the generosity of parents, pupils and staff during the Lenten campaign. Thank you everyone!

This week's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Mary Dundas, Knockmore Park

**Envelope collection:** - week ending **28<sup>th</sup> April** Weekly offerings £1105.00 Renovation: £2195.00. Sincere thanks for your generous contributions.



**Rosary at the Grotto:** May is the month dedicated to Our Lady, Jesus' blessed mother. The Rosary will be prayed Monday – Saturday at 10.30am at the grotto at St Patrick's Church. Please come and join in this traditional prayer to Our Blessed Lady.

**Diocesan Music Day & Weekend** –The Diocesan Music Day Led by Ronan MacDonagh, will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm there will



be a Concert with *Fuamlaoi* and String Quartet in St Joseph's Church - an enchanting evening of Liturgical Music in true Irish Traditional style. Tickets cost daily €10 / £10; both days €15 / £15. **For booking and**

**further information visit** [clogherdiocese.ie/churchmusic/](http://clogherdiocese.ie/churchmusic/)

May is the month to remember Mary in a special way. Mary was a very special person, because God chose her, above all other women, to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. Here is a special prayer you can say at home with your child during the month of May.

#### PRAYER

*Thank you Mary, for saying 'yes' to God.  
Help us to remember that you love us,  
And that your Son, Jesus, loves us too.  
We know that he wants to be our friend.  
Bless us and keep us safe. Amen.*



**Mary's Meals - Pray in May** Mary's Meals, provides school meals to over 2.4 million children every day. During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the hungry children who rely on our life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty. We are praying particularly for families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia. Further details on our Ethiopia appeal and prayer resources for adults and children can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay)

**Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre: - The Long Goodbye** - Practical Advice for Carers of People Living with Dementia led by Fr Hugh Lagan from **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> - Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June** contact Louisa to reserve your place: Tel: 028 3082 1964or [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £10300!. £20 Paul McSherry, Catherine O'Hara, Gabriel Ferguson, Belleek. Thanks to everyone who promotes and supports the Lotto. Online entry is available via [klubfunder.com](http://klubfunder.com). 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. The club's online Foireann system for collecting club membership has proven a very convenient way register and pay. Condolence to the Magee and Keane families on the passing of Sean Keane, Garrison.

### Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel: *John 15:9-17.*

1. A commandment of love is something of a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another

- a spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife;
- a wave from a friend;
- words of comfort and affirmation

not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved. What effect did it have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said, that it is in loving that our joy is complete.

2. Often love and friendship make demands on us. Parents give freely of their time and energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort. Also, in responding to the needs of friends or spouses we can be challenged to 'lay down' our own 'lives' at least for a time. Can you recall when a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them and for you?

3. 'I chose you'. Have you had the experience of being 'chosen' by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is it like for you to consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? That is what we are – chosen by Jesus and commissioned to bear fruit through our love.

*John Byrne OSA*

*"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."*

- Pope Saint Pius