

Parish of Botha

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The Ascension of the Lord

World communications day

The Ascension, one of the primary feasts of the Church's year, marks the close of the appearance of Jesus after his resurrection and returning to the Father. It underlines the teaching that it is from Heaven that the ascended Christ exercises his power over heaven and earth.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 12th May 10am Mass. People of the Parish.

Sunday 19th May 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Anne McCauley, Enaghan; Mary and Philip Bonner, Gillyholme; Ellen and Thomas Flanagan, Gillyholme.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

Tuesday 14th May Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 14th May **St. Matthias** 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 15th May 10am Mass.

Thursday 16th May 10am Mass.

Sunday 19th May 11.30am Mass. **Months Memory:** Sadie Hussey, Coolarkin. **Anniversary:** Walter Dunlop, Grahame Whitmore and deceased of the Hassard Family, Derrygonnelly.

Baptisms: We welcome to the Christian world through the waters of Baptism - Méabh Annie Dolan and Páidí Joseph Maguire. May they grow in faith.

Prayer for Favourable Weather

God our Father, we turn to you, the source of all goodness and grace.

We come before you with humble hearts, seeking your divine intervention in the rhythm of the seasons.

Bless us with favourable weather which we so badly need at this time, especially for our farming community and all others whose livelihoods depend on it.

Give them strength and perseverance in their work. In their labour may they find solace and fulfilment, knowing that their efforts contribute to the well-being of our communities.

Bless them with resilience in the face of challenges and grant them moments of peace amidst the storms of life. Help us, as faith communities, to support and uplift them, recognising the vital role they play in sustaining life.

Guide us, Lord, to be mindful stewards of the earth and compassionate neighbours to those who cultivate it. May your loving presence be a beacon of hope and strength for all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

This week's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Ann and Teddy Walmsley, Enniskillen.

Envelope collection: - week ending **5th May** Weekly offerings **£2920.00** Sincere thanks for your generous contributions.

Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth The sisters provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering, patronizing 200 orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies. There also is a charity shelter founded on the farmstead of the Convent for people who were led astray by the rough and tumble of life (the homeless, drug or alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able). Over 200 residents live here today. A rehabilitation facility for females was established several years ago for female ex-prisoners, the homeless and the mentally challenged women. Sister Olga from St Elisabeth Convent in Belarus will visit our parish where she will set up a small stall of beautiful icons and souvenirs made in the convent workshops, at St Patrick's Church on **21st May at 7pm and the 22nd of May at 10am** to raise funds to support and develop the above ministries.

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel: *Mark 16:15-20.*

1. In the preceding verse Jesus had rebuked the apostles for their lack of faith. Despite this he commissioned them to bring the Good News to the whole world. Witnesses to the Good News do not have to be perfect. There is encouragement to us in this. The lockdown during the coronavirus pandemic prompted many to reach out to others in new and welcome ways. To whom have you brought good news? Who has been a messenger of good news to you?
2. Jesus then tells them that their witness will have quite dramatic effects, helping people to overcome demons, bring them peace and healing. Things happen when we have belief in ourselves and in God. Strong faith can enable us to meet and overcome difficulties, in ways that waverers cannot do. Perhaps you have had experience of this?
3. The ascension marked the end of the visible presence of Jesus with the disciples, but he would be with them in other ways. 'The Lord worked with them'. Sometimes we can experience that death is not the end of the presence of someone significant to us. We can experience the unseen presence and influence of a parent, a friend, or an inspiring leader, after they have died. Has this happened for you? Have you also experienced the hidden presence of the Lord working with you? *John Byrne OSA*



Healing Mass
St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly
Saturday 1st June at 12noon.

Foster Care Fortnight: runs from **Monday 13th - Sunday 26th May**, and highlights how fostering transforms lives. As the number of children coming into care each year increases, more foster homes are needed across Northern Ireland. At HSC NI Foster Care, there are lots of ways people can get involved including short-term support, emergency care placement, supported lodgings/STAY, or long-term care. There is no such thing as a 'typical' foster carer. We welcome enquiries and applications from all backgrounds.

Could you foster? For more information, call HSC NI Foster Care on 0800 0720 137 or visit adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net.

Prayer for World Communications Day

O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £10400! £20 Susan & Gerry, Doogies, Joe McGullion, Derrygonnelly and Martin McGahey, Arney. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who promotes and supports the Lotto. Online entry is available via klubfunder.com. Congratulations to our senior ladies player Eimear Smyth who received her Lidl Junior Team of the League award for her impressive performances with Fermanagh this season. Condolence to the Jones Family, Boho on the passing of Betty Keown, Garrison.

The Rosary is a prayer about Mary united with Christ in His mission as the Savior. At the same time it is a prayer to Mary - our best mediator with her Son. It is, finally, a prayer that in a special way we say with Mary.

Source: *The Private Prayers of Pope John Paul II; The Rosary Hour, 1993, pp. 16-17.*