

Parish of Botha

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for Life

Our modern world acclaims the new and the immediate experience: instant products sell best. Now! and New! are great advertising slogans. In a fast changing society it would seem to be that the Church moves too slowly for many today. The parable of the growth in the Gospel reminds us that God's power is at work in us through our prayer and patience, and in that way will generate the development of the Kingdom of Christ.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 16th June 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Deceased of the Cadden Family, Tonelisderrit.

Friday 21st June 10am Killyhommon PS. End of Year Mass

Sunday 23rd June 10am Mass. People of the Parish.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 16th June 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Patsy Greene, Dresternan - Deceased of the Greene Family, Braade - Henry and Susan Greene, Tonagh - Hugh, Molly, James and Veronica McConnell, Rosspoint - Catherine and John Green, Drumcroohen - Deceased of the Green Family, Drumbeggan.

Tuesday 18th June Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 18th June 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 19th June 10am Mass.

Thursday 20th June **The Irish Martyrs** 10am St. Patrick's PS. End of Year Mass

Sunday 23rd June 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Seamus and Julia Cassidy, Sandhill - Pat Joe, Kathleen and Francie Magee, Killyhommon - Jim Magee, Farnaconnell - Paddy, Kathleen and Annie McGurn, Drumanure.

'Day for Life': a dedicated day celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life

Day for Life Sunday is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. This year's theme: *The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.*

Reminding us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

This message also includes a brief human-interest story about a young man named Matt, and the experience of a priest who ministered to Matt and his loved ones in his final months and days. This grace-filled time proved to be a period of intense compassion and profound dignity, as well as faith enriching experience of love and generosity for all concerned.

The Day for Life message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>

O God, our Creator,
all life is in your hands from conception until death.
Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome
privilege of our share in creation.
May all people live and die in dignity and love.
Bless all those who defend the rights of
the unborn, the handicapped and the aged.
Enlighten and be merciful toward those
who fail to love, and give them peace.
Let freedom be tempered by
responsibility, integrity and morality.



Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel:

Mark 4:26-34

1.If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests.

2.Jesus uses this example from everyday observation to teach about the growth of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life of faith and in your friendships and give thanks.

3.In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could 'make a nest in its shade'

John Byrne OSA

Vocations: If you are interested in speaking about a vocation to serve as a priest or deacon here in the Diocese of Clogher, contact your own parish priest, or **Fr Raymond Donnelly** email: raymonddonnelly1@gmail.com or Tel: 028 66322075; or **Deacon Martin Donnelly** email: deacon@st-michaels.net or Tel: 028 66322075.

Church renovations: as work continues on the refurbishment of the Sacred Heart Church, it is only made possible through the on-going support of many parishioners. I encourage those that may not have done so, to sign up to the monthly Standing order scheme, by returning your form at your earliest convenience. There is a box at the back of the Immaculate Conception church on Sundays to allow anyone to return a completed form. Alternatively, please return your form to the parish office. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for this scheme and to many others that have made donations directly to the parish and to all who use the monthly envelope. All support is greatly appreciated and allows the financial responsibility to be shared. If anyone is making a cheque payable to the parish, please make it payable to Botha Parish and not to any named person.

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage: continues until 15th August Admission €80. Booking advised at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0353 71 9861518.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: will take place on **Wednesday 7 August** 2024 led by Bishop Larry Duffy.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4100. £20 Aidan Smyth, online player, Philip McGlone, Boho, Kitty Teague, Coa. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who promotes and supports the Lotto. Online entry is available via klubfunder.com. The Centenary Gala Ball will be held on **Saturday June 29th** in the Slieve Russell. The draw will be held at this event, as we mark 100 years of the club. We have superstar Nathan Carter as entertainment and Adrian Logan hosting proceedings. Tickets cost £100, to include a meal and drinks reception upon arrival, available from Donal Corrigan, Ruairi Dundas, or Liam Magee.

Envelope collection: - Week ending **9th June** Weekly offerings £1655.00 Sincere thanks for your generous support. **If you are making your contribution by cheque, please make it payable to Botha Parish.**