

# Parish of Botha

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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*'He chose us in Christ to be holy and spotless.' God's choice is free. His power is shown more clearly when those chosen have little to offer. Having nothing, they are able to live to praise the glory of his name. Jesus asks for detachment from all things in his disciples.*

## Masses for the Week

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 21st July 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Denis and Molly Meehan, Killyveagh – Hugh and John McSherry, Drumscollop – Joe Corrigan, The Diamond, Boho

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Leo McAloon, Killyveagh – Liam Elliott and Deceased of the Elliott and McGlone Families, Sandhill – Charlie McManus and Deceased of the McManus Family, Farnaconnell – Michael and Siobhan Farrell, Main Street

Tuesday 16th July Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 11.30am Mass **Months Memory:** Una Burns, Enniskillen **Anniversary:** Joe and Kieran Smyth and Deceased of the Smyth Family, Drumary – Eugene Cassidy, Derryvarmore – Deceased of the McManus Family, Aughakeeran – Peter Jones, Leitrim – Una Buchanan (Burns), Belfast and Deceased of the Burns Family, Aghakeeran

**Recently Deceased:** Your prayers are requested for the souls of Pauline Treacy, Dublin formerly Creamery Road, Attracta McMenamin nee McGowan, Enniskillen, Pauline Kirby, Reading. May they rest in peace.

## Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**Feast Day 16 July**

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God.

Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity.

O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succour me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power. O, show me herein you are my Mother,

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (x3) Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (x3)



## Mission Appeal:

next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July Fr. Thomas Faherty from the Society of Africa Missions (SMA) will speak at both masses in the parish. Mission awareness envelopes will be placed on the pews in the church and parishioners are asked to take them home and return them the following weekend if they wish to support the missionary work of the SMA Order.



**Envelope collection:** - Week ending **7<sup>th</sup> July** Weekly offerings £3010.00. Sincere thanks for your generous support. **If you are making your contribution by cheque, please make it payable to Botha Parish.**

**Considering a Postgraduate study programme?** Check out the options in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry, Church Music and more at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, [sppu.ie/courses](http://sppu.ie/courses). **Applications close 2nd August.**

**"To Whom Shall We Go?" - Lough Derg Residential Retreat -** Four nights (full board) **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 25 July**, Facilitator: Eoin Madigan. €400 per person. Book online [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) or contact Mark 071 9861518 /0035371 9861518.

**Three-Day Pilgrimage -** continues until August 15<sup>th</sup>. More details can be found at [www.loughderg.ie](http://www.loughderg.ie), booking essential.

### Points to Ponder on Today's Gospel *Mark 6:7-13*

We tend to attach a lot of importance to preparing for every eventuality. We like to feel that we are in control and that if anything unexpected happens we will have the resources to deal with it. In this morning's gospel reading Jesus sends out the twelve remarkably unprepared by today's standards. They were to take nothing for their journey except a staff, no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They can wear sandals but they were not to bring a spare tunic. As he sent them out, they were certainly not in control; they were not self-sufficient. Rather, they were to depend on the generosity and hospitality of those who welcomed their ministry. Perhaps Jesus was trying to teach them that, in reality, they are not in control; God was ultimately in control and they would have to learn to trust in God more than in themselves. There is a message there that we all need to keep on learning. The reality is that we are not in control of our lives, no matter how well we prepare ourselves for unexpected eventualities. A brush with serious illness can bring that home to us. Suddenly, all our plans and preparations have to be put to one side. The realization that we are not in control of our lives, that we are not Lord of our lives, frees us to surrender ourselves more fully to God, the real Lord of our lives.

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### 5k run/walk

on Saturday 20th July at 4pm.

Starting and finishing at Killyhommon PS.  
Boho.

Admission £10

Refreshments provided.

All proceeds to the refurbishment of Sacred Heart Church.

### Special Days at Knock Shrine:

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage:** will be celebrated on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**. Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland, will lead the pilgrimage. There will be Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm. Pilgrimage Mass at 3pm followed by the Rosary Procession. Please see posters for further information.

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

**Reek Sunday:** the annual pilgrimage takes place on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July. Reek Sunday being on 28th July. On this day we also celebrate World Day for Grand Parents and the Elderly #ElderlyandGrandparents. Visit [www.westportparish.ie](http://www.westportparish.ie) for more details.

**Enniskillen St Joseph's Young Priests Society Branch:** are running a bus from Enniskillen on Wednesday 7th August to the Diocesan Pilgrimage at Knock Shrine, Co Mayo. To book a seat please contact Pat Clarke on 07788433683. Time to be confirmed.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £4500. £20 - PJ O'Shea and Cormac McCusker, Belleek, Jason Murphy Rossinver. Draw in the Old Pals tonight. Thanks to everyone who promotes and supports the Lotto, We also have an online platform at [klubfunder.com](http://klubfunder.com), which has an auto-renew facility. Good luck to Fermanagh ladies in their All Ireland semi-final today against Limerick.

**Mary's Meals:** Fr Eamonn Kelly, together with Mary's Meals, are now launching **Step by Step to Feed the Next Child 2024**. They have in the past walked to Knock Shrine to raise awareness of, and funds for, Mary's Meals. All walks go from **7th August to 15th August**. We are seeking people to help us create new walks, join us for a day or half day or a few hours, collect, take a sponsor card, or promote the walk. For more information contact Eamonn Kelly (Rev), Parochial House, Convoy, Co Donegal, F93HX2R, [eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com](mailto:eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com) or 0879077985.

