

Parish of Botha

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Jesus has compassion on the crowd that has need of teaching and guidance. His teaching is given with authority, it is confirmed by miracles. It brings together those who share his message. The Church always needs shepherds who are prepared to teach and build up the unity of the flock.'

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

Sunday 28th July 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Eileen Maguire, Killydrum - Elizabeth Haren, Drumcroohan

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 21st 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

Tuesday 23rd July Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 23rd July **St. Bridget of Sweden** 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine

Wednesday 24th July 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Louis McGullion, Sandhill – John McGullion Rosnarick Close

Thursday 25th July **St. James** 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Charles and Agnes Murphy, Tonagh

Sunday 28th July 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Gerry and Margaret Dolan, Drumary – Joe, Agnes and Oliver McKeever, Knockmore Park – Robbie and Nan Brogan, Tonagh.

Recently Deceased: your prayers are requested for the soul of Vera McGovern, Doagh. May she rest in peace.

**Lord Jesus, you call us to be missionary disciples.
Guide and strengthen us to share your love with all we meet.
Give us courage to reach out to help others.
Give us wisdom to know how best to care.
Give us hope to believe we can make a difference.
Bless all missionaries who bring your compassion
and mercy to the poor and marginalised.
Together, may we make known your love on earth. Amen.**

We welcome Fr Tommy Faherty to the parish today, he is raising awareness of the Society of Africa Missionaries and asking you to support them in the valuable work they carry out.

Bulletin sponsored in Memory of Denis and Molly Meehan, Killyveagh.

Envelope collection: - Week ending **14th July** Weekly offerings £1610.00. 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. **Applications close 2nd August.**

Special Days at Knock Shrine:

National Grandparents Pilgrimage: will be celebrated on **Sunday 28th 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** led by Bishop Larry Duffy.

Reek Sunday: the annual pilgrimage takes place on the weekend of 26th – 28th 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 for more details.

Mary's Meals -Step by Step to Feed the Next Child:

Mary's Meals is currently feeding over 2.4 million children a daily school meal across 17 countries. Mary's Meals Fermanagh group are walking from Enniskillen to Knock starting on Wed 5th Aug and finishes in Knock on Thurs 15th August, doing an average of 10miles daily. If you could join us even for a mile or two, contact Ann Curry on 07885438529 to find out more, or to sponsor a walker register online at www.bit.ly/stepbystep. Please keep all our walkers in your prayers. All donations in support of the walk welcome.

Enniskillen St Joseph's Young Priests Society Branch: is 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.

Youth2000 Summer Festival: Free bus leaving Monaghan Town at 1:45pm, collecting in Carrickmacross at 2:30pm on Thursday 15th August. Returning on Sunday 18th August. For more information email Lisa - ulster@youth2000.ie.

Special Clogher Pilgrimage: **Limited availability** to Fatima EX Dublin Easter 2025, Flying with TAP airlines, Also, 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony, 13th October 2025 for Miracle of Sun. Contact 00353 61921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com. Payment by instalments acceptable. See poster and itinerary notice.

Points to Ponder

The Responsorial Psalm today is the beautiful shepherd-psalm. I love the image of the restful waters. In the land of the bible, sheep pastured on the rocky mountainsides, allowing the fertile lowlands for crops and vines. In contrast to other animals, sheep need very little water. Apparently, they cannot drink from the swiftly flowing water of the mountain streams, so the shepherd has to find a still pool or create one with a dam of stones. The flowing water is an image of our busy time. Although God is everywhere, we find it hard to drink of the divine presence if the pace is hectic. We need the pool of still time, the quiet corner, the period of solitude. It is there that our drooping spirit is revived. Unless we regularly come apart, we run the risk of being torn apart. Little things can mean a lot, like having a meal with others instead of a snack alone. Sitting at a table instead of standing at a counter, using a teapot instead of bag-in-cup, placing a saucer under a cup. What the world needs most of all are people of vision, contemplatives and people of true holiness to restore the big picture of life. 'They were like sheep without a shepherd, so he set himself to teach them at some length.'

Prayer

*Be still and know that I am God.
Give yourself the gift of time and
space where you can listen to God.
Gaze at the face of Jesus as he
looks at us with compassion.
Allow yourself to be loved by God.*

Br Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

"All Christ's missionary disciples are called to recognize the essential importance of the Spirit's work, to dwell in his presence daily and to receive His unfailing strength and guidance. Indeed, it is precisely when we feel tired, unmotivated or confused that we should remember to have recourse to the Holy Spirit in prayer." Pope Francis