

Parish of Botha

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we renew the covenant. We are again faced with the choice of faith, and the decision to give ourselves is renewed. The Spirit brings life for us through the true spiritual food. We taste and see that the Lord is good.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 25th August 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Lily and Kevin Cassidy, Killyveagh

Sunday 1st September 10am Mass People of the Parish

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 25th August 11.30am Mass **Months Memory:** Michael Ferguson, Cashel
Anniversary: Thomas Murphy, Drumanane

Tuesday 27th August Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 27th August **St. Monica** 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine

Wednesday 28th August **St. Augustine** 10am Mass

Thursday 29th August **The Passion of St. John the Baptist** 10am Mass **Anniversary:**
Charles and Agnes Murphy, Tonagh

Sunday 1st September 11.30am Mass **Months Memory:** Brigid Love, Leighan

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the souls of Danny McGarry, Glenlevan Road, Kathleen Donaghy, Enniskillen and Josephine O'Hagan, Belfast. May they rest in peace.

St Monica – Feast Day 27th August

Converted her pagan husband, Patricius, to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron saint of mothers.

Prayer for Children

Great St. Monica, patroness of fathers and mothers,
please take our children, especially those who have turned from
the ways of God and His Church, under your protection.

Help them always remain faithful to their baptismal vows.

Give them strength to walk always in the ways of the Lord,

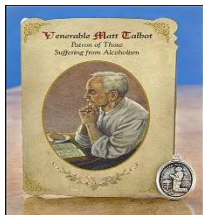
despite the temptations and false values they find in the world today.

Grant that they may share with you in the joys of eternal life in God. Amen.



Envelope collection: - Week ending **18th August** - Weekly offerings £1405.00 and €21.40. **If you are making your contribution by cheque, please make it payable to Botha Parish.** Thank you for your generous support.

Matt Talbot Mass: The Parish of Culmaine, together with the Matt Talbot Prayer Society will be hosting a Mass on **Monday 2nd September** in St Joseph's, Ederney at 7.30pm mass. The purpose of the mass is to pray to the Lord, the source of healing, for all who are affected directly or indirectly by addiction in our society. We will also pray for all who are working with or who are providing services for recovery from addiction and those helping family and friends of addicts to cope with the burden placed on them. People attending will be offered the opportunity to join the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. Our prayer will complement the efforts of many groups, facilities and counsellor already working to alleviate the suffering of addiction, one of the great scourges in our society. It will also be held in conjunction with other Matt Talbot masses which take place on the first Monday of each month. **All are welcome.**



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all of creation through celebration,

conversion and commitment together. The season starts on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action as the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home. Creation is not given to humanity to use and abuse, rather, humanity is created to be part of Creation and to care for it. This year's theme for Season of Creation is "To Hope and Act with Creation"; taking the inspiration from the letter of St Paul to the Romans in chapter 8, "Creation is groaning". Creation is, in our present time, groaning because of the unsustainable actions that harm her: global warming: extreme weather events, damaging gas emissions into the atmosphere, the destruction of biodiversity in earth and seas. And those who suffer most are the poorest of the Earth. Consequently, we are called to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. We are also called to hope through action for a more sustainable world. Liturgical resources for are available from <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>.

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel

John 6:60-69.

1. In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. Perhaps you can identify with what Pope Francis says: 'Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others' (*Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel, No.10*)

2. 'This teaching is difficult', complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance?

3. 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.' In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to your faith in Jesus because, like Peter, you found a more hopeful message in Jesus than you could find anywhere else. How has the gospel message been more attractive to you than any other?

4. 'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life'. Recall the words and phrases of Jesus that are words of life for you.

John Byrne OSA

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £5100. £20 Sean O'Rourke, Belleek, Malcolm Branley Enniskillen, Irene McGovern, Derrygonnelly, Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who support and promote the lotto. Entries are also available online via the klubfunder.com platform. The auto-renew function is a very convenient part of the klubfunder facility. We extend our sympathies to the McGovern family, Tullycalter, upon the death of Mrs Ann 'Penty' Gleeson, Sixmilebridge, Co.Clare, and the McGarry and Burns family upon the death of Mr Danny McGarry, Glenleevan Road.

The Foyle Hospice in Omagh and Fermanagh: Could you 'Host for Hospice' October is officially Foyle Hospice 'Coffee Morning Month'. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, get your friends together and get the kettle on, it's a piece of cake!! To request your FREE host pack or for more info, please call Caroline O'Kane on 0784244806 or email: carolineokane@foylehospice.com

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you"
Confessions by St. Augustine