

# Parish of Botha

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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus offers a new way of life for the spiritual and mental nourishment of the world. He invites people to become partners of his mission by offering himself as the 'bread of life'. Each Eucharist celebration should free us from our spiritual stagnation and blindness, and rekindle in us a fresh lease of life.*

### Masses for the Week

#### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Susan and Jim McAfee and Deceased of the McAfee Family, Aghahooran

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Madge Farmer, Drumgaph **Anniversary:** Charlie Woods, Castletown

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Paddy Flanagan, Main Street – Mary and Hugh Flanagan, Dresternan – Billy Jones and deceased of the Jones Family, Doagh – James, Mary and Susan McGlone, Fairview Park – Marian Mohan, Cooneen.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine **Anniversary:**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August **St. Maximilian Kolbe** 10am Mass

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 7pm Mass **Anniversary:** Teresa and John Flanagan, Main Street, Derrygonnelly.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 11.30am Mass **Months Memory:** Vera McGovern, Doagh **Anniversary:** Gavin and Phil Meehan and Deceased of the Meehan Family, Main Street – John, Rose and Pat Love, Derryvary – Benny Love, Leighan – Donald and Helen Keown, Derrygonnelly

**Recently Deceased:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of Brigid Love, Leighan, Canon Joseph Mullin, PE, Lisnaskea. May they rest in peace.

**Baptisms:** Welcome to the Christian world through the waters of Baptism Charlie James Brough, Arlo Lee Lindsay and James Michael McGrath. May they grow in faith.

**Knock Novena:** takes place from 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August The theme for this year's Novena is 'God Whispering'....How Do You Pray?' Daily ceremonies take place at 3pm and 8pm.

#### Prayer to Our Lady of Knock

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland,  
you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow.  
You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son,  
remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find".  
Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven.  
Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ,  
especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed.  
Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass.  
Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.  
Pray for me now and at the end of my death. Amen.



**1st Anniversary Mass for the late Bishop Liam MacDaid:** will be celebrated in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan, at 7pm on **Thursday 15 August** - Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

**Envelope collection:** - Week ending **4<sup>th</sup> August** - Weekly offerings £2010.00. **If you are making your contribution by cheque, please make it payable to Botha Parish.**

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £4900. £20 Eamon Kelly, online player, The Cox Family, Doagh, and the McGurn Family, Ballyshannon. 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. It was with sadness that our club committee and membership heard of the passing of Mrs Bridget Love, Monea, last weekend. Sincere sympathies are extended to the Love family.

**Pilgrimage to Greece in the Footsteps of St. Paul (Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024)** Experience a 10-night/11-day pilgrimage covering all major sites associated with St. Paul, including an overnight stay on the island of Patmos where St. John wrote the Book of Revelation. Hotels are 4-star hotels & half board, entrance fees to sites, a fully licensed guide, air-conditioned bus, ferry tickets with cabin from Patmos island & more. Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. **Spiritual Director: Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR.** This is a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage. Cost: €2040 (Land-ONLY). Please contact Angela at **+353-89-2107277** or [stpaul2024@proton.me](mailto:stpaul2024@proton.me) for more information and to receive the full schedule.

**Botha Renovation Fund:** Thank you to all who donated to the recent 5k run/walk fundraiser. The amount raised came to **£4,700**. The money will be used to sponsor a specific item in Sacred Heart Church, Boho. Details on this to follow.

### Lessons for Life:

There are times when silence can be more musical than any song.

It's what you learn yourself - not what others teach you - that really matters.

People seldom attempt to sit on a man who stands up for himself.

It is fine to have a friend you can trust, but finer to have a friend who can trust you.

Bad temper is its own scourge, it hurts a man himself more than his victim.

If people are doubting how far you can go, go so far that you can't hear them anymore.

Success is very often failure, with a new coat of paint.

No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow your progress, you are still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying.

### Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel: *John 6:24-35.*

Faith is reasonable but we cannot reason our way into faith. We have to be 'drawn by the Father'. We must be 'taught by God'. What opens your mind and heart to God's message?

When we label others disparagingly, we close our minds to what they are saying. The Jews did this to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about her/him to listen to what s/he was saying?

'No one has ever seen the Father except the one who is from God'. As Jesus put a human face on God and God's love, so God's love today is mediated to us through one another. How have other people been sacraments of God's love for you? For whom have you been that kind of a sacrament?

The way in which Jesus became a source of life for us was by giving himself. It is when we truly give ourselves that we can be life-giving to one another. If we do not give of ourselves, what do we have to offer? How have you discovered the importance of self-giving, in yourself or in others?

*John Byrne OSA*