



Parish of Botha

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Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

The struggle for faith experienced by Thomas leads us to think on the meaning of faith in the risen Christ. We do not depend on physical experience of Christ but know his presence in keeping God's commandments and as a gathered community, in the hearing of the word and in sacramental signs. So the Christian community is a thankful one, always blessing God for a sure hope through the resurrection of Christ.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 27th April **Divine Mercy Sunday** 10am Mass People of the Parish

Sunday 4th May 10am Mass **Anniversary** Joe McManus and Deceased of the McManus Family, Drumbeggan

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 27th April **Divine Mercy Sunday** 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Charlie Gallagher, Knockmore Road **Anniversary:** Sadie Hussey, Coolarkin – Dessie Duffy, Doagh - Mary B and Tommy Murphy, Drumanane – Tommy Duffy, Rosnarick Close – Aidan O'Dare, Sandhill – Deceased of the O'Dare and Greene Families, Braade – Annie and Patrick Dolan, Sandhill – Sonny Haren, Fairview Park

Tuesday 29th April **St Catherine of Siena** Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Thursday 1st May 10am Mass

Sunday 4th May 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Josie Cox, Doagh **Anniversary:** Gavin and Phil Meehan and Deceased of the Meehan Family, Derrygonnelly – Barney Flood, Sillees Grove – Joey Jones, Fairview Park

Pope Francis: As a parish, we join with the Universal Church in mourning the death of Pope Francis. Since March 2013, the former Archbishop of Buenos Aires has served the Church with faith, vigour and compassion. As we give thanks for his ministry we prayerfully commend his soul to God. We pray that his teachings and example may continue to inspire the Church and the world. We entrust Pope Francis to God's mercy and continue to pray for the Church as she prepares to elect our new Pope.

Heavenly Father, we commend to Your mercy

our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

May he enter into the eternal joy

prepared for those who love You.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Please keep in your prayers the children who are to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion this Saturday.

Divine Mercy Sunday: will be celebrated in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan and in St. Michael's Church, Enniskillen today at 3pm. 'Divine Mercy' celebration in St Mary's Church, Swanlinbar today begins with Confessions from 2 pm and Holy Mass at 3 pm.



Rosary at the Grotto: May is the month dedicated to Our Lady, Jesus' blessed mother. The Rosary will be prayed **Monday – Saturday at 10.30am** at the grotto at St Patrick's Church. Please come and join in this traditional prayer to Our Blessed Lady.

Altar Society May: **Derrygonnelly** – Annette Murphy, Joanne McKenna and Sean McLoughlin. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 11th May in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.

Monea: Collector – Ciara Duffy and James Duffy.

Praying for our priests: during this Jubilee Year of Prayer in the Universal Church, you are invited to keep in your prayers the clergy of our diocese.

Please pray this week for Father Kevin Duffy

Father Kevin began his priestly ministry in the parish of Botha and now serves as PP in Devenish (Irvinestown).

Trócaire: Please forward your donations in support of Trócaire as soon as possible. Trócaire depends on our support to help alleviate poverty and suffering in the world. Thanking you in advance for your contributions.

Envelope Collection: week ending 20th April – weekly offerings £2625.00 and €28. Thank you for your generous support.

Prayer to St Thomas

Lord Jesus, in moments of doubt,
please grant me the faith of St. Thomas,
to trust in Your presence,
to seek Your truth,
and to believe with all my heart
that You are my Lord and my God. Amen.

Reflection

Today's Gospel presents us with the one *disciple* who is named: Thomas. In his hesitation and his efforts to understand, this disciple, albeit somewhat stubborn, is a bit like us and we find him likeable. Without knowing it, he gives us a great gift: he brings us closer to God, because God does not hide from those who seek him. Jesus shows Thomas his glorious wounds; he makes him touch with his hand the infinite tenderness of God, the vivid signs of how much he suffered out of love for humanity.

For us who are disciples, it is important to put our humanity in contact with the flesh of the Lord, to bring to him, with complete trust and utter sincerity, our whole being. As Jesus told Saint Faustina, he is happy when we tell him everything: he is not bored with our lives, which he already knows; he waits for us to tell him even about the events of our day (cf. *Diary*, 6 September 1937). That is the way to seek God: through prayer that is transparent and unafraid to hand over to him our troubles, our struggles and our resistance. Jesus' heart is won over by sincere openness, by hearts capable of acknowledging and grieving over their weakness, yet trusting that precisely there God's mercy will be active.

What does Jesus ask of us? He desires hearts that are truly consecrated, hearts that draw life from his forgiveness in order to pour it out with compassion on our brothers and sisters. Jesus wants hearts that are open and tender towards the weak, never hearts that are hardened.

Pope Francis Poland 2016

Save Our Acute Services: On **Thursday 1st May at 8pm** in Fermanagh House, the Save Our Acute Services (SOAS) committee have invited all elected representatives to a public meeting to discuss the progress of the campaign to restore services to our local hospital. Please attend to **voice your concerns and ask questions**.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £5000. £20 Raymond Magee, online player, The Gosling Kids, Derrygonnelly, Frank Reid, Ballybofey. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the lotto. We have been delighted with the feedback received on our book launch event and the book itself. Thank you! Please note that the book is available to purchase at £35 in the local shops and from committee members.