



# Parish of Botha

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Hours: Monday and Thursday 6.30pm – 9.30pm Wednesday 1.30pm – 9.30pm

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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*'Who is Jesus?' is a question Luke seeks to answer in his gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. To answer this question he sometimes finds it necessary to correct an inadequate view of Jesus. As in the case of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus who are demoralised about the events surrounding Jesus' crucifixion. It is by returning to Jerusalem, which is also a journey back to the risen Lord, that they begin to have the question answered.*

## Masses for the Week

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 24th August 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Francie and Teresa Gallagher, Killyveagh

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Eileen Watters, Sillees Grove  
**Anniversary:** Thomas Murphy, Drumanane

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 10am Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Sunday 31st August 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** John Gilroy, Aghamore – Jackie McGrath, Tobradan

**Recently Deceased:** as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Mary McGinley, USA and formerly Leskey. May she rest in peace

### Prayer to St Monica

Feast Day 27<sup>th</sup> August

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.

**Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza:** In order for our parish to pray together in solidarity with all who suffer in Gaza, there will be an hour of prayer and reflection in St Patrick's Church today from 5pm – 6pm. Please take a moment to join in this act of worship as we pray for peace and hope. The pastoral letter from Archbishop Eamon Martin, appears on the church noticeboard and on our parish website.

**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 Vincent Connolly

Father Vincent is the former PP of Carrickmacross. He was the first Clogher priest to serve on the Diocesan Mission to Kuiti, Kenya, and he is now retired.

**Envelope Collection:** week ending 17<sup>th</sup> August - Weekly Offerings £1250.00 and €20.30. Thank you for your generous support.

**Society of SVP:** has recently removed clothing bins from parishes. As the bin has been removed from St. Patrick's, please do not leave any items in the car park.

### St Augustine of Hippo - Feast 28 August

Five profound quotes from St Augustine (354–430), one of the greatest theologians and philosophers of the early Church: his writings – especially **Confessions** and **The City of God** – are filled with deep spiritual insights.

- 'You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.'
- 'To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement.'
- 'Love, and do what you will. For if you love, you will do no evil.' (*Homily on 1 John 7:8*)
- 'Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.'
- 'Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new! Late have I loved You!'

**Poor Clares Galway: Monastic Experience Day** for women 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. Takes place from **10am to 5pm on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> September**. Contact: [events@poorclares.ie](mailto:events@poorclares.ie) to register. More information: [poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days](http://poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days)

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £6700. £20 Eamon Gilfedder, Belleek, Richard and Aileen Watson, Monea, Martin McGrath, Cashel. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the lotto. Congratulations to our Minors and their coaches on winning the championship last week, and to the senior men on winning our eighth Senior League Title. It is with sadness that our club heard of the passing of Barry Leonard, Belcoo, sympathies to Barry's family and his friends in Belcoo O'Raghallaighs.

**NBSCCI Art Competition:** invite children and young people to participate in "A Safe and Welcoming Church Children and Young Person's Art Competition 2025" by submitting a piece of art that depicts "A Safe and Welcoming Church". Further details at <https://www.safeguarding.ie/news-events/a-safe-and-welcoming-church-art-competition-2025>

**Cash for Clobber:** Killyhommon PS - will be accepting donations for our annual *Cash for Clobber* initiative from **18<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August**. Items can be left at the school gates or in the school shelter. We welcome donations of: clean clothing, handbags, belts, hats, and scarves. Bed linen (excluding duvets and pillows), towels and curtains, paired shoes.

**South West College:** invites those interested in pursuing part-time study in September 2025 to attend an open evening at campuses in Enniskillen, Omagh and Dungannon on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August** between 6pm and 8pm. This is open to all those aged 18+ who are considering returning to education, seeking new career opportunities, looking to reskill or want to undertake a recreational course. Tutors will be available to talk through the options available and guide you through the application process. For further information and to access the list of available courses visit [swc.ac.uk/parttime](http://swc.ac.uk/parttime).

**N I Blood Transfusion Service:** donation sessions will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 12.30pm - 7.30pm. Book an appointment at <https://nibts.hscni.net/online-booking-for-blood-donation-appointments/>

## Points to Ponder

What types of challenges do we face in our lives today and what do we choose to do? And when we face these challenges, do we persevere to do what is right or do we take the easy path out through the back door.

When faced with situations that make us angry, how often do we stay calm?

When faced with those who are better and more successful than us, how often do we give in to jealousy?

When faced with situations to tell the truth, how often have we given way to lying?

When faced with people in need of our love, our respect and our kindness – our parents, spouses, children, neighbours, orphans, widows, the lonely, the weak and underprivileged, the elderly... how often have we given them our love?

When faced with situations to speak out for justice and what is right, how often have we raised our voice?

When faced with the need to be with our children – either for their homework, their play or another need – how often have we given in to our personal pleasures.

When faced with the need to work hard, how often have we given way to laziness and pushed things away for later?

Those are all situations when we need to go through the narrow door. Do we push our way through the narrow door, or do we give up and take the easy way out?

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