



Parish of Botha

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humility is opposed to a pride that shows no respect for others but tends to dominate, to exercise power for its own sake, to be unconcerned for the rights of others. It is a virtue which sees services of others as the meaning of authority.

Masses for the Week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

Tuesday 2nd September Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Sunday 7th September 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Ernie Ellis, Rose Cottage – Peter Gallagher, Leskey **Anniversary:** Packie and Mary McTeggart, Derryvarybeg

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Philip Corrigan, Aghaherrish, Kevin Sheerin, Donegall and Eamon Monaghan, Belleek. May they rest in peace.

Back to School: As schools reopen this week we pray for all involved in education - all pupils, their teachers and other school staff. We ask God's blessing and guidance on our Boards of Governors and all parents. May this academic year be a happy and fulfilling one for everyone.

Prayer for Students:

"Dear Lord,

As we begin this new school year, we ask for your blessing and guidance. Open our minds to learn, our hearts to grow in kindness, and our spirits to be joyful in your love.

Help us to use the gifts you've given us to do our best in all we do.

May we be attentive to our teachers and find Your presence in our studies and with our friends. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Why Sunday Matters – The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has produced a Pastoral Message in the form of a short reflection document for general discussion on the importance of Sunday for Catholics in Ireland today. Entitled "Why Sunday Matters," it is launched this weekend. There are a small number of copies available in each parish, and it can be accessed via www.catholicbishops.ie

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 Sean Mulligan

Father Sean originally from the parish of Tydavnet, is one of the more recently ordained priests and serves as CC in Fintona.

Ordination of Deacon: Gary Carville from Castleblayney will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate, by Bishop Larry Duffy, in St Michael's Church, Annyalla on Friday next, 5 September, at 7pm. Please keep Gary in your prayers as he prepares for this sacred ministry of service.

Visitation of the Sick, Elderly and Housebound: will next receive a parish visit in October. If there is anyone who wishes to be added to the list for a visit with Holy Communion every month, please contact the Parish office Tel: 028 68641889 or email botha@clogherparishes.ie

Jubilee Year Opportunities at Lough Derg

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on **September 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 13th, 20th and 21st**

Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis on Sunday 7th September – special devotions and blessing with Carlo Acutis Relic. Admission €50. Advance Booking Essential. **Contact by email.** info@loughderg.org or **Tel. (0353) 719861518** www.loughderg.org **There is still time to collect your Lough Derg Pilgrim Passport Stamp** www.pilgrimpassport.ie

Altar Society September: Derrygonnelly – Claire Miller and Teresa Foy. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 14th September in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly. **Monea:** Collector – Eamon Jones and Dominic McGurren.

Envelope Collection: week ending **24th August** - Weekly Offerings £1465.00 and €26. Thank you for your generous support.

Trócaire: is conducting a postcard campaign action to tell the UK Foreign Secretary that 'Words are not enough!' and we must act now for Gaza. This is a practical way to show solidarity for the people of Gaza as we have been encouraged by the Bishops' Conference. Postcards are available at the back of Church for you to sign after Mass. Trócaire who will present them to the Foreign Secretary.

Points to Ponder

What is 'humility'?

Some think being humble means we can't acknowledge the good we do. They might go so far as to think being humble means thinking they are not good. That's not true. We can be humble and acknowledge the good we do by giving credit where credit is done.

This begins with acknowledging that the Lord is 'the giver of every good gift' (opening prayer for Mass today). We are able to do good because of the gifts God has given us. Jesus teaches about humility in the context of places of honour at a wedding banquet. Humility is a virtue that we need to make part of our whole life.

Isn't it easier to work with someone who humbles themselves and will work **with** you rather than work with someone who will do anything to get ahead without concern for others? In proper humility we open ourselves to the help of others. We open ourselves to God's guidance. Here I think of Sirach's words, '*the mind of a sage appreciates proverbs and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise.*' If we are truly humble and wise, we want to listen so that we may grow.

After all, what is our goal? Are we looking to make a lot of money (that would be greed)? Do we just want to look good (that would be pride)? Or are we trying to live the words of the Lord's Prayer, 'your kingdom come,' working to make God's kingdom known in this world?

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**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Each year from September 1st to October 4th the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. This year, the theme for the season is "Peace with Creation."

Season of Creation 2025 Prayer

Creator of all,
we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home.

We confess how estranged we have become - from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves.

We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth. Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted.

Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.

Beloved Christ, who spoke "Shalom" to frightened hearts, stir us to compassionate action. Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of broken relationships - with you, with the ecumenical community, with the human family, and with all Creation. Prince of Peace, through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity with the woundedness of others, of creation, and of the world.

Through your resurrection, make us people of hope - with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares and tears transformed into joy.

May we come together as one family, to labour for your peace - a shalom where all your people may dwell in safety, and rest in quiet places. Amen.

Aisling Centre: Annual Cuilcagh Dawn Trek - to mark World Suicide Prevention Day takes place on **Saturday 6th September**. Information at info@theaislingcentre.com or Tel: 028 66 325811 advance registration required.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £6800. £20 Tiernan McCusker, Belleek, Donal Monaghan, Garrison, and Joe Maguire, Derrylin. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the lotto.