



Parish of Botha

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Twenty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

'The Kingdom of God' is a term which we frequently meet in Luke's gospel. It is a metaphor used by Jesus to refer to God's reign in the world being accepted by humankind. The Kingdom is not identical with the Church. Wherever the values which Jesus lived and preached are operating, even though the Church may not be established in that place the Kingdom is already there.

Masses for the Week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

Tuesday 9th September Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Sunday 14th September 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Paddy Duffy and Deceased of the Duffy Family, Doagh - Kevin Gallagher, Derryvarymore – Oisin Flanagan, Drumgormley – James Joseph McCabe and Deceased of the McCabe Family, Drumgormley – Gerry and Margaret Dolan, Drumary

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 14th September 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Bob McCauley, Enaghan **Anniversary:** Patrick and May McGovern, Tullycalter

Prayer to Carlos Acutis

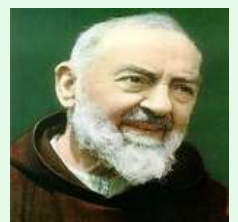
O God our Father,
we thank you for giving us Carlo,
a model of life for young people,
and a message of love for all.
You made him fall in love with your son Jesus,
making the Eucharist his "highway to heaven."
You gave him Mary as a beloved mother,
and you made him, through
the Rosary,
a cantor of her tenderness.
Receive his prayer for us.
Look above all upon the poor,
whom he loved and assisted.
Grant me too, through his
intercession, the grace
that I need (mention your intention).
And make our joy full, raising Carlo among the
saints of your Church, so that his smile shines
again for us to the glory of your name. Amen



Praying for your Dead: if you wish to have a deceased loved one mentioned in the prayer of the Mass, please forward their name along with your own name to the parish.

Ordination of Deacon: We congratulate Gary Carville on his recent ordination, by Bishop Larry Duffy, to the Permanent Diaconate which took place last Friday in St Michael's, Annyalla. Please continue to keep Gary in your prayers as he continues his sacred ministry of service.

A Triduum in Preparation for the Feast of Padre Pio: will take place in The Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal from **Saturday 20th – Tuesday 23rd September.** (inclusive) Mass, Homily and Blessing with his mitten at **7.30pm** each evening. Preacher: Fr Pius McLaughlin OFM. Everyone welcome for these prayerful celebrations.



Visitation of the Sick, Elderly and Housebound: will next receive a parish visit in October.

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 Paudge McDonnell**

Father Paudge was the last curate to serve in Botha parish, was PP in Clontibret parish and is now retired.

Envelope Collection: week ending **31st August** - Weekly Offerings £855.00 and €17.50 Development Fund £1310.00 and €6.50 Thank you for your generous support.

Quiet Day Retreat at Lough Derg: – Come apart by yourself, and rest for a while – **Fri 12th September**. Admission €40 includes refreshments and lunch. Advance booking essential. Contact by email. info@loughderg.org or Tel. (0353) 719861518 www.loughderg.org

Points to Ponder

Jesus has a simple formula for maturing his followers; it is the cross. 'Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.' However, the question may legitimately arise, 'Why is the cross a condition of following Jesus?' Jesus provides an answer in this passage. When he speaks of 'hating father and mother' and even one's 'own life,' Jesus is indicating that the price of discipleship is to love him above all other things – even good and holy things like mother and father. Only God may have the first place in our lives: '...seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides' (Luke 12:31). Whenever we choose something, we necessarily leave other options behind, and that entails sacrifice. For example, when you pick a job, you leave the other jobs aside. Christ is saying that all of our decisions must be subordinate to love of him and his will. 'Will this decision transgress one of the Ten Commandments?' 'Is this decision in accord with my vocation or state in life?' 'Is this decision God's will for me at this moment?' That is where we must prayerfully discern what God wants for us. This is not meant to create a scrupulous fear of 'making the wrong decision,' but rather seeking to please God in all we do in the light of faith. epriest.com

Boho Seniors: lunch will resume on **Tuesday 9th September** at the later time of **1 pm**. New members welcome.

SOAS (Save Our Acute Services): Please attend an urgent public meeting on Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 7.30pm in Derrygonnelly Community Centre organised by SOAS (Save Our Acute Services). This will affect everyone in our community both now and in years to come. It is vital that you attend to have your voice heard. Please spread the word to your friends and family.

Irish Dancing: with Dominican Academy in Derrygonnelly Community Centre each Saturday 9 am - 10 am all new members welcome.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £6900. £20, Eileen Keaney, Belcoo, Marie McGowan and Grace Meehan, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Old Pals tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the lotto.

Walkathon: The club is on countdown to its major 2025 fundraiser, a 24 hour walkathon event, held from 7pm on Friday 12th to 6pm on Saturday 13th September at Canon Maguire Park. We are delighted to be able to welcome 24 different groups of club people to our grounds, all raising sponsorship in their one hour slot. Any other supporter who wishes to come along and join any of the hour walks is more than welcome to take part and walk with the club. Online donations via Harps klubfunder page is also possible. Thanks for all the support so far. Condolences to Liam and Colleen Magee and family, upon the passing of Mr Terence Maguire, Killesher. To the Maguire Family, Caldrum Road, on the passing of Eamon Monaghan, Belleek.

Trocaire postcards for Gaza; Sincere thanks to all who signed postcards last Sunday telling the UK Foreign Secretary that 'Words are not enough!' and we must act now for Gaza. Due to demand, postcards are available at the back of Church again this weekend.



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The Biblical text for this year's Season of Creation is Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth. Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity.

Nature can be awe-inspiring, even to the point of being almost incomprehensible. The richness of a sunset, the twinkle of stars and the diversity of animals all witness to a creator and designer.

Seeing God's creation can invite us into a deeper admiration for God and His handiwork. In nature, surrounded by His creation, we may feel closer to Him. The beauty of creation is a reminder of God. When we respect any part of God's creation, be it nature or another human being, we are seeing value in what God created and admiring the creator. gcu.edu/blog/spiritual-life/weekly