



Parish of Botha

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

'The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14th September 320. On 13th September 335 the churches of Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

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

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

Tuesday 16th September Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 16th September 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine **Anniversary:** Leo Griffin and Deceased of the Griffin Family, Drumgormley – Maurice and Agnes Cassidy, Drumgormley

Thursday 18th September 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Barry McPhillips, Mill Green

Sunday 21st September 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Tommy and Agnes Leonard and Deceased of the Leonard Family, Glenasheaver – John Cameron, Drumreask and Deceased of the Cameron and Miller Families – Michael and Brigid McLoughlin, Glenlevin

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 21st September 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Deceased of the Hoy Family, Loughan

A Blessing for Creation

As we go forth with joy and hope to care for God's creation, walking gently on the earth, in right relationship, nurtured by your Love, taking only what we need, giving back to the earth in gratitude, honouring all with reverence, reconciling and healing, mindful of those who will come after, and of the poor today recognising our proper place as part of, not apart from, your creation. Ignite your Spark within us, that we may know ourselves as truly human and irrevocably part of the Web of Life.

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In January of this year, The Sacred Heart Crusade of Love and Hope commenced with the papal blessing of four pilgrim Sacred Heart Statues on the 8th January 2025 in Rome. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, the launching of a renewed and revitalized rally encourages all to explore a relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Heart speaking to heart, a fresh personal encounter with Christ. One of these statues will visit Botha parish on **Tuesday 23rd September**.

Vocations News: Prayers and best wishes to Martin Kane of Termon Villas, Pettigo, as he sets out later this month on the Propaedeutic Year for Priesthood. This first stage of seminary formation takes place at the English College of St Alban in Valladolid, Spain.

Envelope Collection: week ending 7th September - Weekly Offerings £2430.00 and €60.55. Thank you for your generous support.

Annual Memorial Service: for all our dead will take place on **Sunday 2nd November at 3pm** in St. Patrick's Church, Derrygonnelly. All the dead will be remembered but in particular those who have died since November last year.

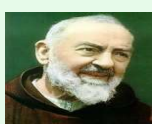
Praying for our priests: during this Jubilee Year of Prayer in the Universal Church, you are invited to keep in your prayers the clergy of our diocese.

***Please pray this week for
Father Joe McGuinness***

Father Joe, a native of Lisnaskea, currently serves as Executive secretary of the Irish Bishop's Conference based in Maynooth.

Raising Hope for Our Common Home: This event will take place at Knock Shrine on Saturday, **20th September** from 10am - 3pm. Cost €15. Guest speakers and panel discussions will be Éanna Ní Lamhna, Jane Mellett and Dr Brendan O'Keeffe. For more information and to book, email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie.

**A Triduum in
Preparation for
the Feast of**



Padre Pio: will take place in The Franciscan Friary, Rosstown, from **Saturday 20th – Tuesday 23rd September**. (inclusive) Mass, Homily and Blessing with his mitten at **7.30pm** each evening. Preacher: Fr Pius McLaughlin OFM.

Omagh Charismatic Prayer

Group: will hold a Day of Prayer, Praise and Healing in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh, on **Sunday 19th October**. Registration 9.30am. Mass in the afternoon. Speaker will be Fr John Keane. Cost £30 includes morning coffee and lunch. Booking essential by Sunday 5th October. Contact 07876411435 or 07596609041.

Enniskillen Vocations Society of St Joseph Branch is running bus to Knock Shrine on **Tuesday 7th October**, the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. Bus will leave Halls Lane beside the Bookshop at 8am. To book contact Pat 07788433683 or Dympna 07749411433.

SOAS (Save Our Acute Services): Please attend an urgent public meeting on **Wednesday 17th September** at 7.30pm in Derrygonnelly Community Centre. 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.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £7000. £20, Eileen Melanophy, Boho, Martin McGrath, Cashel and Irene McGovern, Cashel. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the lotto.

Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas? Each

year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell **Trócaire's Gifts of Change** — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. We provide everything you need including training and support. All we ask is a little time and a big heart. Last Christmas, 50 parishes took part — and we would love to grow that number even more this year! If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

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

Points to Ponder

Have you ever pondered why Christ, the pure embodiment of Love, had to endure the Cross? Could there have been another way? Perhaps the answer lies in the very nature of love. True love isn't simply about joys and comforts; it's also about sacrifices, about giving without counting the cost. The Cross, in its raw, unfiltered brutality, became the canvas upon which the greatest love story was painted.

'For God so loved the world...' These aren't mere words, but a profound declaration. It's as if Love itself, in its infinite wisdom, chose the Cross to prove its depth. In the eyes of the world, the Cross may appear as a symbol of humiliation, but in the eyes of faith, it's the ultimate symbol of love.

Jesus's conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel is a profound one. He speaks of belief, of eternal life, of salvation. It's a reminder that the Cross is not the end but a bridge – a bridge to resurrection, to eternal life.

But there's another layer here: a call to action for each of us. How often do we lift our personal crosses? Do we see them as burdens or as bridges to a deeper communion with Christ? Just as the bronze serpent brought healing, can our crosses, when united with Christ's, bring about transformation within us?

Today, let us gaze upon the Cross, not with sorrow but with gratitude. For in its shadow lies the promise of hope, the assurance of love, and the path to eternal life. In a world often marred by hatred and division, may the exalted Cross remind us of the lengths Love will go to embrace and heal us all.