



Parish of Botha

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Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prisoners Sunday

In the readings, cleansing from leprosy is seen as a sign of Messianic salvation and gratitude in response to the gifts of faith and salvation is advocated.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception:

Sunday 12th October 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Vonnie Greene, Scandally

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 12th October 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Liam Love, Knockmore Road – Emily Love, Fairview Park - Donald and Helen Keown, formerly Derrygonnelly

Tuesday 14th October Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 14th October 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine **Anniversary:** Jack and Ada Cassidy, Main Street

Wednesday 15th **St Teresa of Avila** October 10am Mass

Thursday 16th October 10am Mass

Sunday 19th October 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Johnny Hoy, Mill Green – Deceased of the Hoy Family, Doagh – Melanie Evans, Stratore

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 19th October 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Dympna McGrath, Legnagay

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Pat Cox, Doagh. May he rest in peace.

Prisoner's Prayer

Lord Jesus
you know what it is to be held captive.
We pray for all those resident in prison
and their families.
May they be aware of your presence with them
and may your spirit bring them peace
and the hope of new life in Jesus Christ.

Prisoners Sunday marks the start of the ecumenical Prisons Week. The day focuses on prayer and action for prisoners, their families, victims, and those working within the criminal justice system. It provides an opportunity for individuals and churches to support organizations like the Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) through prayer, volunteering, and donations, helping people in prison and after their release.

Baptism: We welcome to the Christian world through the waters of Baptism, Bethany Emma Elliott, Joseph Francis Jones and Fiadh Annie Kelly. May they grow in faith.

World Mission Sunday: Next weekend, we will celebrate the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. **Mission Ireland** is tasked with organising the Mission Sunday collection. Your contributions on Mission Sunday go towards the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund, to support mission activity worldwide. Your support towards the Mission Sunday appeal is greatly appreciated.

This week's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Vonnie Greene, Scandally

Killyhommon Primary School – Beginning of Year Mass

We warmly invite you to join us for our Beginning of the School Year Mass, which will be celebrated on Sunday, 19th October at 10:00am in Sacred Heart Church, Boho. The children will take part in the liturgy during the Mass. Afterwards, all parishioners are kindly invited to Boho Hall for breakfast and time together as a school and parish community.

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 Padraig McKenna
and Father Noel Conlon***

Father Padraig is a native of Tyholland and is currently PP of Trillick.

Father Noel works full time in healing ministry and is based in Inniskeen, Co Monaghan.

Mass of Enshrinement of St Carlo Acutis Relic: - St Michael's, Enniskillen on Sunday 19th October. Bishop Donal Keown, noted for his commitment to youth ministry, will preside at this celebration. A relic of St Carlos Acutis, will be permanently enshrined in a new repository beside the tabernacle. Parish schools will be represented, and all parishioners are encouraged to attend. This moment of grace invites us to deepen our prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, to which St Carlo dedicated his life.

Thought for Today

Ten lepers were healed, but only one returned to give thanks – a Samaritan, an outsider. Jesus asked, 'Where are the other nine?' (v. 17). Gratitude is the bridge between receiving God's gifts and truly knowing Him. The thankful leper was made 'well' (v. 19) – whole in body and soul. Miracles awaken faith, but thanksgiving deepens it. Today, count your blessings and voice your praise. Like the Samaritan, don't just enjoy God's mercy – return to Him with a grateful heart. For when thanks is scarce, joy fades; but where thanks overflows, faith flourishes.

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Envelope Collection: week ending **5th October** - Weekly Offerings £2930.00 and €48.50. Thank you for your generous support.

Pre-Synodal Gathering: Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18th Oct, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important event on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026.

"Fermanagh Gaels Against Genocide" are holding a walk of solidarity with the people of Palestine on Sunday 19th October, to coincide with the County Football Final. The walk will commence from Lissan Training Centre at 10.30am and conclude at Brewster Park, Enniskillen. Walkers are encouraged to display their club colours and flags. A collection for Medical Aid for Palestine (MAP) will take place at Brewster Park Gates.

Festive Cookery Demonstration: Glen Wheeler from 28 At The Hollow will present a variety of Christmas cooking ideas in Boho Community Hall on **Monday 24th November**. Proceeds to Parish Renovation Fund. Admission £15.

Points to Ponder

On the Road Again: Get up and go! God wants us to persevere in the journey of life. The lepers were cleansed 'as they were going.' What if they had never set out? Would they still have been cleansed? Because of their faith in Jesus, they were able to take steps in obedience and for this they were richly rewarded. Even after the one leper returned cleansed to thank Jesus, he was set in motion. Jesus told him, 'Stand up and go!' God has a mission for each one of us. He is telling us, 'Don't worry, but do get a move on!'

Overcoming Leprosy: Nine of the ten lepers were infected with the 'leprosy' of ingratitude. The man who returned to Christ, however, sets us an admirable example for us. We who have been cured of worse than leprosy – our sins – do we give thanks to God and bless his name? Gratitude expands our hearts, and makes them more like his heart. The Greek word 'Eucharist' means 'thanksgiving,' so every time we go to Mass we are living the feast of Thanksgiving!

Hearts Full of Gratitude: What lessons from today's Gospel can we bring to this feast of Thanksgiving? Let us care for the sick, welcome foreigners, and have compassion for the suffering. Let us walk with faith, obedient to God's commands. Let us count on the Lord for healing of our 'leprosy.' On this day of Thanksgiving, may we also show gratitude for our family by always remembering to give thanks for all that they do, and especially for all that they simply are – our family.

Deacon Erik Burckel, LC