

Parish of Botha

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

God destined and blessed the marital bond between man and woman. Christ teaches us with firmness that this union originates from God's love in the hearts of married partners, their union will gradually fall apart.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 6th October 10am Mass - People of the Parish

Sunday 13th October 10am Mass – People of the Parish

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 6th October 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Brendan McGrath, Mullylusty

Tuesday 8th October Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 8th October 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine

Wednesday 9th October 10am Mass

Thursday 10th October 10am Mass

Sunday 13th October 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Emily Love, Fairview Park

Prayer for Marriage

John O'Donohue

**As spring unfolds the dream of the earth,
May you bring each other's hearts to birth.**

**As the ocean finds calm in view of land,
May you love the gaze of each other's mind.**

As the wind arises free and wild,

May nothing negative control your lives.

**As kindly as moonlight might search the dark,
So gentle may you be when light grows scarce.**

**As surprised as the silence that music opens,
May your words for each other be touched with
reverence.**

**As warmly as the air draws in the light,
May you welcome each other's every gift.**

**As elegant as dream absorbing the night,
May sleep find you clear of anger and hurt.**

**As twilight harvests all the day's colour,
May love bring you home to each other.**

Soul of Christ

Soul of Christ, sanctify me,

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.

From the malignant enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me

And bid me come to you,

That with your saints I may praise you

For ever and ever. Amen.

Dates for Sacraments:

Sacrament of Confirmation – Sunday 30th March at 3.00pm in St Patrick's Church.

First Holy Communion- Saturday 3rd May at 11:00am in St Patrick's Church for St. Patrick's PS and at 1.00pm in Sacred Heart Church for Killyhommon PS.

Altar Society for October: **Monea:** Collector – Linda Woods and Dominic McGurran. **Derrygonnelly** – Aisling Sinclair, Seamus and Maureen O'Dare. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 13th October in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.

Envelope collection: - Week ending **29th September** - Weekly offerings £1610.00 and €92.60. Renovation Fund: £1595.00. Thank you for your generous support.

Exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles: originally compiled by Blessed (soon-to-be-Saint) Carlo Acutis will be on display in Saint Michael's Church, Enniskillen daily from 10.30am – 6.30pm until **Thursday 17th October.** More information: www.bit.ly/carloexhibition

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre: Get Out of Your Own Way: Understanding your family of origin. Friday 11th October 5pm to Sunday 13th October 2pm £230 / €262.

Elderhood: Surprising signposts to aging well. Saturday 9th November 9.30am to Sunday 10th November 2pm £170 / €195. Workshop Facilitator: **Father Hugh Lagan SMA.** Fr Lagan is a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist. For more information or to book a place. Tel: 028 3082 1964 email: admin@dromantineconference.com

Trócaire: is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict in Sudan and Gaza. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at infoni@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

Irish lessons in Killyhommon PS: Following the success of our Scoil Spreagtha scheme within our school, we are delighted to have secured funding from FODC to offer Irish lessons for the community. Open and free to all ages, on Saturday 12th October 11am - 2pm. Lunch will be provided.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £5800. £20 Gabriel McGrath, Cashel, Eileen Waters, Derrygonnelly and Brian Ryder, Belleek. Draw in Linnett Inn tonight. Thanks to everyone who support and promote the lotto. Well done to our senior Ladies who had a good win against Aghadrumsee St McCartan's in the championship semi-final on Sunday. Commiserations to our Minor boys who lost out by three points to Irvinestown in the MFL1 final last week.

Easy on the Kneasy: Returns Wednesday 9th Oct at 11 to 11 45 am at Derrygonnelly Harps Clubrooms with Jackie Cassidy. New faces welcome and its suitable for all abilities. . There will be refreshments after each class. £3 per class. Contact 07779647905 for further info or just show up on the day.

Points to Ponder

All of us, members of the Church, moved by the same Spirit, are consecrated, albeit in different ways, to be sent: by virtue of Baptism the Church's own mission is entrusted to us. We are called and we are obliged to evangelise, and this fontal mission, which is the same for all Christians, must become our daily 'care', our constant and ever present concern.

How moving and encouraging it is to imagine the communities of early Christians, as they opened out to the world, which for the first time they looked on with new eyes: with the eyes of those who have come to understand that God's love is to be expressed in the service for the good of our brothers and sisters. The memory of their experience moves me to repeat once again the main thought of the recent Encyclical: 'For missionary activity renews the Church, revitalises faith and Christian identity and offers fresh enthusiasm and new incentive. *Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!*' (n.2). Yes, missionary activity offers us an extraordinary opportunity to rejuvenate and render more beautiful the Bride of Christ and, at the same time, it enables us to experience a faith that renews and strengthens our Christian life, precisely because it is given.

However, the faith which renews life and the mission that strengthens faith cannot remain as hidden treasures or as an exclusive experience of isolated Christians. Nothing is further from the mission than a Christian closed in on himself: if his faith is solid, it is sure to grow and must open out towards the mission.

Saint Pope John Paul II, Mission Sunday 1991

The Pope's Intention for October: For a shared mission - We pray that the Church continues to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.