

Parish of Botha

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The Ascension of the Lord *(World Communications Day)*

We could ask, 'how is the Risen Lord with us?' The New Testament and the Church tradition offer a rich array of "presences." Christ is present in the neighbour in need, in creation, and wherever the disciples gather, in the word proclaimed, in the sacrament celebrated through the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we do not always feel this presence, but the words of Jesus are a guarantee that no matter what is going on in my life or my community or my Church, he is with us, our Emmanuel.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 17th May 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Sean Gallagher, Drumbeggar – McGurn and Flanagan Families, The Barrs

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 17th May 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Betty Mcloughlin, Braade

Tuesday 19th May Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 19th May 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 20th May 10am Mass

Thursday 21st May 10am Mass

Saturday 23rd May Healing Mass 12pm

Sunday 24th May 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** James Gilroy, Rosnarick Close – Deceased of the Corrigan Family, Fairview Park – Walter Dunlop, Graham Whitmore and Deceased of the Hassard Family, Derrygonnelly.

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 24th May 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Anne McCauley, Enaghan

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

Joyful Praise to Our Lady of the Rosary

Lord Jesus, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. May her joyful spirit inspire us to seek Your light in every moment.

Help us to embrace the power of prayer, reflecting on her love and guidance.

Let our praises rise like incense, bringing glory to Your name. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary is a heartfelt devotion that honours the Virgin Mary through the recitation of the rosary. This prayer invites believers to seek her intercession and guidance, fostering a deeper connection to faith. It serves as a reminder of the power of prayer in reflecting on the life of Christ and the virtues of Mary. Through this sacred practice, individuals find peace, hope, and strength in their spiritual journey.



Baptism: We welcome to the Christian world through the waters of Baptism, Leo Denis Maguire. May he grow in faith.

Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Ordination to Priesthood of Bishop Larry Duffy: will take place on **Sunday 14th June**, at 3pm in St Macartan's Cathedral. All welcome.

This week's Bulletin is sponsored in Memory of
Sean Gallagher, Drumbeggar and Betty McLoughlin, Braade



Healing Mass

St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly

Saturday 23rd May at 12pm

We invite any parishioners who may be sick or housebound to come to our annual healing mass and to receive the anointing of the sick. Light refreshments will be provided in the community centre afterwards.

Envelope Collection: Week ending 10th May – Weekly offerings £2455.00 and €11. Thank you for your generous support.

Pray for Life Novena: is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from **Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May**. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Ecumenical Service for Pentecost: led by Bishop Larry Duffy and Bishop Ian Ellis, will take place at St Macartan's Church (the Forth Chapel), Springtown Road, BT77 0ES on **Sunday 24 May** at 3pm. Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Booking for the pilgrimage will close on **Friday 6th June**. Booking forms from Pilgrims and Assisted pilgrims should be returned to the pilgrimage secretary - John Hueston at 028677 24329 **before 31st May**. Pilgrim fare - €1,100 per person (excludes €40 coach transfer to/from airport). Assisted pilgrim fare €1,100 (Includes travel insurance and coach transfer to and from the airport). Visit www.lourdes2clogher.com.

Silent Retreat: The Foyer of Charity will hold a Silent Retreat in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry from **13th to 19th July**. Cost £395 - Full Board. The preacher will be Fr Killian Byrne. For more information, contact Helen on 00 353 86 1678027 or email hellywilliams@gmail.com. Visit www.foyerofcharity.ie

Enniskillen Vocations Society of St Joseph Branch: are seeking people to take part in **'The Chalice Outreach Prayer Initiative'** for Vocations, praying with it in your home from Monday to Sunday. Please contact Enniskillen Parish Office on 02866322075 and a Branch Member will be in contact, dates available from 18th May.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £5200. £20 Lisa Miller, Flexi Cabs, Patrick McGowan, Garrison, Clodagh McGrath, Cashel. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. We were most gratified by the support for our inaugural Darkness into Light event last Saturday morning at Canon Maguire Park. It was a quiet simple statement of caring and togetherness. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event.

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: invite all Pioneers to an upcoming consultation meeting in the Hotel Kilmore on **Tuesday 19th May** at 7.30pm, regarding the development of the Association following the change of structure of the Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). Visit www.pioneers.ie/consultation for more information.

Points to Ponder

A disciple is a learner – a student – a person committed to learning what the master has to teach. A modern parallel would be an apprentice – or a student musician asking a master musician to be his/her teacher.

The disciple is expected not only to learn what the master teaches, but also to put it into practice. Making disciples is about bringing others to embrace a new way of living, to become devoted followers of Jesus, and to imitate his way of life.

This is a slow process that cannot be rushed, a process that requires patience and personal involvement [accompaniment] on the part of the teacher.

The commission of the Risen Lord to his still fearful and confused disciples must have seemed overwhelming, impossible even. But Jesus assured them that they will not be alone. To enable his disciples to carry out his commission, he assures them of his continuing presence with them. Jesus remains Emmanuel – God with us – as much after his ascension as before. Yes, his physical presence among them ceases. This was limited to the period of his earthly life. Now, as Risen Lord, he is present to them through his Spirit, a presence without limitation.

Significantly, Jesus did not say, 'I will be with you' but rather 'I am with you,' promising an always-current presence. And so, the disciples of Jesus will not be overwhelmed, but rather emboldened and empowered to carry out the commission they have received.

And we, too, his disciples today, struggling to continue his mission in these uncertain and difficult will not be overwhelmed, for he who has sent us remains with us 'until the end of time.' Michael McCabe SMA