

Parish of Botha

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Pentecost Sunday (Day of Prayer for the Church in China)

The Church was made manifest to the world on the day of Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit ushers in a new era in the "dispensation of the mystery" – the age of the Church, during which Christ manifests, makes present and communicates his work of salvation through the liturgy of his Church "until he comes".' (CCC,1076).

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

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

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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.

Tuesday 26th May Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 26th May **St Philip Neri** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 27th May 10am Mass

Thursday 28th May 10am Mass

Sunday 31st May 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Margaret Jones, Fairview Park - Moira McGinley and Deceased of the McGurn Family, Creamery Road

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 31st May 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Paddy, Mary, Gerry and Hughie Treacy, Leskey

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Maureen Hughes, Meath Hill, Co Meath. May she rest in peace.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity.
Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love.
Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another.
May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology.
Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day
Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Amen.



Wedding: Congratulations to Claire Cassidy and Kevin Geoghegan who were recently married in St Patrick's. May God bless them with health and happiness.

Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Ordination to Priesthood of Bishop Larry Duffy: will be celebrated in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan on **Sunday 14th June** at 3pm. Every parish is asked to have representation at this Mass. Everyone welcome. Refreshments afterwards in the Hillgrove Hotel.

Envelope Collection: Week ending **17th May** – Weekly offerings £1680.00 and €31.90. Thank you for your generous support.

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. Visit www.lourdes2clogher.com.

Thought for Today

Our Lord knows the perfect antidote to fear: peace. He bestowed peace on his apostles, who were locked in the upper room. And He always brings peace to us when we let him into our moments of prayer or activity. Peace is his 'trademark,' a sure sign of his presence in our life. Even when life circumstances challenge us, Jesus brings peace if we invite him in. Why do we hesitate? Come Holy Spirit! Reign in my heart and cast out all fear.

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All Ireland Rosary Rally Knock: will take place on **Saturday 6th June**. Guest speakers Fr Chris Alar, Nikki Kingsley, Fr John Keane, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Sr Angela de Fatima Coelho and Bishop Oliver Doeme. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin. For Bus details contact Eileen 0877659398 or Marian 0872709683.

Clogher Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock: led by Most Rev Larry Duffy, will take place on **Wednesday 5th August**. A schedule for the day will be issued closer to the date.

Radio Maria Ireland: is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station who enjoy commercial free broadcasting – Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. Visit www.radiomaria.ie for more information and how you can listen.

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

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3000. Congratulations to Maire Burns of Rossinver who scooped our previous £5300 jackpot! Draw in The Linnett Inn tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto.

Yoga: in Boho Community Centre each Thursday at 8.15pm. Please contact Tracey to book on 07734444326 via text or WhatsApp/phonecall.

Points to Ponder

Imagine yourself in that upper room: doors bolted, hearts pounding, shame and fear swirling after the chaos of the cross. The disciples have every reason to shrink back, unsure if they even belong in the presence of their Lord. And then, suddenly, Jesus is there. Not with words of blame, but with a message that lands like a soft blanket: 'Peace be with you.' He doesn't ask for explanations or apologies. He shows them his wounds; proof that love survived the grave. Their fear melts into joy, because in that moment, forgiveness is not just a concept. It's a person. It's Jesus, alive and loving them as fiercely as ever.

This is not just a story for that one locked room. It's for every one of us who's ever felt ashamed, unworthy, or afraid to stand before God. Jesus says, 'Peace be with you,' not as a suggestion, but as a gift. You don't need to be a perfect person for the Spirit to work wonders through you. The disciples were ordinary people: full of doubts, regrets, and rough edges. But when the Holy Spirit comes, those locked doors open wide. The Spirit meets us as we are, and gives us courage, the words, and the love we need to build up the Church and the world around us. The Spirit's gifts aren't just for a chosen few. Each of us receives them in unique ways: through our personalities, our strengths, even our weaknesses. Some of us build up the body of Christ with patience, others with kindness or faithfulness, still others with gentleness or self-control. These are the fruits of the Holy Spirit, growing quietly within us.

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