

Parish of Botha

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The Most Holy Trinity

The Holy Trinity. The relationships in the Trinity are relationships of love. The reflection on this mystery today is not in terms of philosophy but of Christian living. The unity and harmony of the life in the Trinity is to be the aim of each community, where love is, there God is. God's relation of this inner life is for our salvation – a gift given in love. Our response can only be one of glory and praise.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

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

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

Tuesday 2nd June Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Sunday 7th June 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Raymond McCabe, Fairview Park – Johnny McCaffrey, Main Street – John and Catherine Green, Drumcroohen – Deceased of the Green Family, Drumbeggan

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 7th June 10am Mass People of the Parish

Recently deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Patricia Carroll, Carrickmacross. May she rest in peace.

Wedding: Congratulations to Alannah Corrigan and Ciarán Kelly who were recently married in St Patrick's. May God bless them with health and happiness.

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.



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.

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Envelope Collection: Week ending 24th **May** – Weekly offerings £1480.00 and €14.20. Thank you for your generous support

Altar Society for June: **Derrygonnelly** Siobhan Gilleece and Julie Vaughan, Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 14th June in St Patrick's. **Sacred Heart:** Eileen and Tina Treacy Collector: James Duffy **Monea:** Breda and Claire Duffy Collector – Michael Cassidy

Blessing Ourselves

Some people bless themselves – make the Sign of the Cross – when they pass a church. What does it mean? Perhaps only God knows. It is a prayer, an invocation, a visible act of faith, a public yet personal gesture as you pass 'God's house' – 'teach Dé' – 'teach an phobail'. It is a reminder of how precious and universal that gesture is: to bless yourself in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You see people blessing themselves in all sorts of situations: absentmindedly on the way into church; solemnly at the end of Mass; in thankful delight, as with sports people; poignantly, in the case of mourners at a grave. In extreme sickness, when the brain can no longer form words and the only way we can turn to God may be with our feeble fingers, forming a cross. This sign can grow hurried and thoughtless through custom, but in moments of crisis and deep emotion, there are few gestures as rich in meaning as blessing ourselves.

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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.

Enniskillen VSOSJ Branch: is running a bus to Knock Shrine on **Saturday 27th June**. Early booking to reserve a seat, please contact Pat Clarke 07788433683, Adrian Brophy 07817451959 or Parish Office 66322075. Bus leaving Halls Lane at 7.30am.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3100. £20 Myles Doogan, Belleek, Eoin Kelly, Springfield, and Gerry Gallagher, Boho. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto.

Saint Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk: Walk in the footsteps of our Patron Saint in Downpatrick with guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly on **Sat 6th June** and **8th August**, and Mairead Sweeney on **Sat 4th July**, begin at Saint Patricks Centre with the fabulous 180° IMAX film of St Patrick, price includes entrance fees, internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch at the famous Saul Barn, plus a stamped Camino passport and a 6 mile pilgrimage walk finishing at Saint Patrick's grave. Come and Be Amazed! (Duration 9am-approx 3pm, all for just £55) To book ring 02844 619000 or go to website www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Popes Intention for June: - **For the values of sports.** Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Points to Ponder

God's very nature is in relationship, among three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They are (and God is) a community of love, showing us how to love.

That can seem like heady stuff. So what does that insight have to our daily lives?

To begin with, it can encourage us to enter more deeply into relationships with one another. Notice how many passages in St Paul's letters are about the relationships within the early Christian communities. In most cases, Paul is primarily talking not about private religious practices but about interpersonal relationships.

Now much of this has to do with the fact that these communities often were dealing with internal conflicts. But it is also reflective of the fact that if we are to live like the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – that is, like the Trinity – it will mean that we find God through relationships.

So Paul tells us how to be relational: 'Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.'

All this serves as a reminder against the kind of Christianity that is just about 'me and God.' Why do I need other people for my salvation when they annoy me so much?

Why do I need a community when it's so imperfect? Why do I even need the church, when some of its members are so homophobic, or misogynistic or just plain sinful? Because we are, even in the face of all those annoyances, imperfections and sins, called to be in relationships, called to love and called to sacrifice. Called to be relational. Called to be, in a word, like the Trinity.

Fr James Martin SJ