

Parish of Botha

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We must have faith in the power of God's word. It is the instrument by which God effects his purpose. It does not work automatically, but grows in a soil of faith and prayer. We have to be concerned about teaching, preaching and praying the word, and to work to ensure a receptive soil.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 12th July 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Madge and Thomas Farmer, Drumgamp – Patrick and Philip Maguire and Deceased of the Maguire Family, Aghaherrish – Joe Corrigan, The Diamond – Eileen Maguire, Killydrum

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 12th July 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Joe and Kieran Smyth and Deceased of the Smyth Family, Drumary – Dick and Bea Jones and Deceased of the Jones Family, Drumbeggar

Tuesday 14th July Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 14th July 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 15th July **St Bonaventure** 10am Mass

Thursday 16th July **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** 10am Mass

Sunday 19th July 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Vera McGovern, Doagh – Michael and Siobhan Farrell, Main Street – Liam Elliott and Deceased of the Elliott and McGlone Families, Sandhill – Charles and Agnes Murphy, Tonagh – Joe, Agnes and Oliver McKeever, Knockmore Park – Robbie and Nan Brogan, Tonagh

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 19th July 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Leo McAloon, Killyveagh – Andy and Kathleen Magee, Tullycreevy – Michael and Kathleen McShea, Markethill

Baptisms: welcome to the Christian world through the waters of Baptism Aidan Peter Gilleece, Sonny Patrick Kelly and Dara Hugh McBrien. May they grow in faith.

Prayer for Departed Loved Ones

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end.

I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.

Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever.

Amen.



Cemetery Sunday: We welcome those today who join us for the annual blessing of the graves in the Sacred Heart. The blessing of graves will conclude the Mass, during the service you will be invited to sprinkle your family plot with holy water. The ceremony takes place in the Immaculate Conception, Monea and St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly on **Sunday 19th July**. At this time, we remember all who are buried in the cemeteries of our parish. May they rest in peace.

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For sale: there are still some church pews, from the churches in the parish, of different sizes and styles, available for sale. Please contact Fr. Cathal on 68641207 or the parish office on 68641889. Price negotiable.

Envelope Collection: Week ending **5th July** – Weekly offerings £2390.00 and €3.10. Thank you for your generous support.

5k run/walk

on Saturday 25th July at 11am.

Starting and finishing at
Killyhommon PS. Boho.

Registration from 10am on day.

Admission £10.

All proceeds to the Botha Development Fund.



The Annual Pioneer pilgrimage: Mass at Knock Shrine will be celebrated in the Basilica at 3pm next **Sunday 19 July**. Pioneers extend a welcome to families and relatives of people who are undergoing treatment for addiction at this time. Further information from Fr Robert: prayer@pioneers.ie

Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage: celebrating the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on **Sunday, 26th July** in Knock Shrine commencing at 2.30pm with the Anointing of the Sick. Visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org. A day of Grace and Blessing for the whole family as we honour grandparents and the elderly. All are welcome.

Thought for Today

A heart that's always listening and a mind that's always learning gets tired. And when you're tired, you need to rest. Being kind enough to give yourself a break is the wise thing to do. Know that you:

- Aren't responsible for fixing everything that's broken.
- Don't have to please everyone.
- Don't have to have everything figured out.
- Have permission to rest – as long as you're the one who gives yourself permission.

Rest for you could look like moving slower as you clean the house or being mindful while you make a meal. It probably means being nicer to yourself. If you're not resting, you're not healing.

Points to Ponder

Despite the imagery Jesus uses in today's gospel this parable isn't about farming or gardening. You know that and so do I. It's about us, you and me. It's about our lives, marriages, parenting, and friendships. It's about our work and our faith. It's about our pain and needs. It's about those who are struggling and holding on by a thread. It's about injustice and the violence we do to ourselves, others, and our environment. It's about living with meaning and purpose. It's about healing, wholeness, and well-being for others as well as ourselves. It's about hope and our future. It's about the coming of God's kingdom, the one we pray for every Sunday. Jesus is tossing out a story the way the sower tosses out seeds. The story lands beside our lives as a mirror in which to see ourselves, as a window into our hearts.

Seeds are about life. They hold possibility and potential. They get things started. They are a beginning. They carry our hopes. They are the sower's commitment to the future.

There are all sorts of seeds – seeds of love, friendship, compassion, forgiveness; seeds of vulnerability and intimacy; seeds of hope and change; seeds of success and accomplishment; seeds of truth, healing, and justice; seeds of anger, resentment, discord, and division; seeds of judgment, indifference, fear, hatred. Every feeling, emotion, attitude, and experience we have comes with a packet of seeds and we each have to decide if that's really what we want to scatter on the earth, in our families and friendships.

Michael K. Marsh



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Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3700. £20 Sean O'Rourke, Belleek, Damian Farmer, Boho, Geraldine Meehan, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to all Lotto supporters, promoters and supervisors. Sincerest condolences to the Smyth family on the recent passing of Aidan Smyth, Caldram road.