

Parish of Botha

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The miracle of the multiplication of bread was an act of kindness and loving thoughtfulness on the part of Jesus. He saw people's need – it was late for them to return to their homes and they had nothing to eat all day – and he worked a miracle to meet this need. The bread he miraculously multiplied that day to supply the bodily needs of the Galilean multitude was but a foreshadowing of that heavenly food which he was about to give as spiritual nourishment to the millions who would become his followers, down through the centuries to the end of time.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 2nd August 10am Mass Anniversary: Bob McCauley, Enaghan – Lizzie and Hugh Haren and Deceased of the Haren Family, Drumcroohen – Deceased of the McGarvey Family, Drumbeggan – Don Marshall, London

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 2nd August 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Aidan Smyth, Caldrum **Anniversary:** Ernie Ellis, Rose Cottage – John Corrigan and Deceased of the Corrigan Family, Tonagh

Tuesday 4th August Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 4th August **St John Mary Vianney** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 5th August 10am Mass

Thursday 6th August **The Transfiguration of the Lord** 10am Mass

Sunday 9th August 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Frank, Cassie and Martin Gallagher, Fairview Park – Deceased of the Gallagher Family, Monawilkin

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 9th August 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Peter Gallagher, Leskey – Francie and Teresa Gallagher, Killyveagh

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives, and friends of Oliver Plunkett, Donegal Town. May he rest in peace

Wedding: Congratulations to Paula Leonard and Niall Murphy who were recently married in St. Patrick's. May God bless them with health and happiness.

Prayer for Priests

God, please give to your Church today many more priests after your own heart.

May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd.

May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance;

be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness;

tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God;

zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments.

May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother

be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

St. John Vianney

Popes Intention for August: – For evangelisation in the city which is often marked by anonymity and loneliness, that we may find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Envelope Collection: Week ending **26th July** – Weekly offerings £2345.00 and €102.80. Development £1260.00 Thank you for your generous support.

Thought for Today

No one in the crowd would have thought that this boy mattered. This was one little boy in the crowd, with a little bit of seafood and bread, but he had been chosen by God to be a significant piece of the Messiah's redemptive plan not only for that day, but for the rest of human history.

Here's what I'm trying to say: we will never know which little person God will use, and how. That means that we're never just lost in the crowd. We're never without anything to offer. We never know who the Lord will claim and use in ways that we can't predict or haven't intended.

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Mary's Meals -Walk to Knock: Mary's Meals is currently feeding over 3 million children a daily school meal across 16 countries. Our Annual Walk to Knock to support this life-changing work starts on **Friday 7th August** in seven different locations throughout Ireland and finishes in Knock on **Saturday 15th August** on the Feast of the Assumption. The local Mary's Meals Fermanagh group are walking from Enniskillen to Knock starting on Friday 7th Aug, doing an average of 10 miles per day but would love for more people to join them even for a mile or two. Contact Ann Curry on 07885438529 to find out more and register online at www.marysmeals.org.uk/step Please keep all our walkers in your prayers and all donations in support of the walk welcome.



N I Blood Transfusion Service: donation sessions will be held in St Macartin's Hall, Enniskillen on Wednesday 5th August 1pm – 8pm and Thursday 6th August 12.30pm – 19.30pm. **To book an appointment online:** www.nibts.org or **call 08085 534 653** Your donation could help save a life.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4000. £20 Peter Gilfedder, Belleek, Wendy Haren, Derrygonnelly, Jim Haren, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Linnit Inn tonight. Thanks to all Lotto supporters, promoters and supervisors. Today will be a great one for the LGFA in our own club and in Fermanagh as our ladies face Roscommon in the All Ireland Intermediate final in Croke Park at 1.45pm. We wish the whole panel all the very best in this game, with special good wishes to our own club members involved, Eimear Smyth, Brenda Bannon and Bronagh Smyth.

Points to Ponder

What will happen to us if we are generous? We never run out of things to give be it money, goods, intellect or anything that we are generous of giving. Everything flows back in return a hundredfold. Why is this so? The reason behind is, the moment we give; we don't only give to the person who needs it we also give to Jesus. And Jesus whom we can never outdo in generosity gives back to us many times over what we give Him. With five loaves and two fish He feed the nearly five thousand people not including women and children. After all of them had eaten they had an excess of twelve wicker baskets. The simple message of the gospel for us is we must be generous at all times.

We just have to look at what is happening during Holy Mass which is very similar to what happened with the feeding of the five thousand people in our gospel. Inside every Holy Mass Jesus generously gives to us His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity during Holy Communion. Has Jesus stopped giving Himself to us during Holy Mass? No, Since HE instituted the Eucharist up until this very moment Jesus has been generously giving Himself to us through Holy Communion. As Jesus is merciful and generous most especially to the poor so we must be also. Let us not worry if our pockets will hurt from our being merciful and generous. For Jesus will always see to it that we will be filled with anything that we need.

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