Parish of Botha

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Thirty – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

What does God desire of us? This simple question is perhaps not asked frequently enough! It can be made quite personal: what does God want of me, from me? In the end, the answer has to be – in the words of the song – "all that I am" precisely because God loves all that I am. This will mean allowing ourselves to be loved. It will also mean responding with my whole self, including all the gifts of body, mind and soul that God has bestowed upon me. God does hope that we may be and become our true selves. Nothing less is adequate to God's own love for us.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 15th November 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Paul Leonard, Leskey - Madeline, Phil and Nancy Maguire, Drumbeggan - Kathleen McLoughlin, Mill Green

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 15th November 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Madeline, Bobby, Robert and Sean Beatty, Rosnarick Close
Tuesday 17th November Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm
Tuesday 17th November **St Elizabeth of Hungary** 7pm Novena Mass for the dead and Novena to St Peregrine
Wednesday 18th November 10am Novena Mass for the dead
Thursday 19th November 10am **Anniversary:** Treacy Family, Newtown and Novena Mass for the dead
Sunday 22nd November 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Kathleen Gilroy, Lattonagh

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 22nd November 10am Mass Months Memory: Seamus Keown, Tullykelter – Susan McShea, Magheradunbar **Anniversary:** Margaret McManus, Drumbeggan

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Vincie Jones, New York/ Cashel. May he rest in peace.

Baptism: We welcome to the Christian world through the waters of Baptism, Finn Charlie Jones. May he grow in faith.

Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

St Gertrude – Feast Day 16th November

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

The Prayer of St. Gertrude is one of the most famous prayers for the souls in purgatory. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time the prayer is said devoutly. Whether or not this is actually the case, this is a great prayer for focusing on helping the Holy Souls in Purgatory, nonetheless. In purgatory, the souls of many of those who have died in grace undergo purification so that they may enter heaven.

Envelope Collection: Week ending **8th November** – Weekly offerings £1330.00. and €35.80. Thank you for your generous support.

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians: One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15th – 22nd to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on 'Red **Wednesday' November 18th.** www.acnireland.org

Trócaire Gifts: help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are 28 gift cards to choose from starting at £5 for Soap for families in war-torn South Sudan. All the gifts are real items and are sourced in-country. For further information go to https://www.trocaire.org/gifts. Trócaire gift cards will be on sale after Masses on **Sunday 29th November**.

Week of Witness

We often think of the martyrs in the early Church as a thing of the past, but it is sobering to recall that more Christians were killed for their faith in the last hundred years than in the entire history of Christianity. Today, over 360 million Christians experience high levels of persecution and discrimination worldwide. This includes violent oppression, government-imposed restrictions, societal discrimination, and social exclusion. Remember them in a special way this Week of Witness and Red Wednesday. Whether in Gaza, Lebanon or Ukraine – knowing that they are not forgotten by their brothers and sisters in the faith means the world to them. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Clogher don Óige: The winning designs from our 2025 Christmas Card Competition have been printed and packed and will soon be on sale in parishes across the diocese! Packs of six cards cost just €5/£5, with all proceeds supporting the work of Clogher don Óige. Our 2026 Christmas Card Competition is also now open for entries! More details at www.clogherdonoige.org.

Next weekend, as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and World Youth Sunday, Clogher don Óige will launch its new Strategic Plan 2026–2031. The plan sets out an exciting vision for youth ministry across our diocese over the next five years, creating opportunities for young people to grow in faith, leadership, and service. Please keep our young people and this important work in your prayers. More details at www.clogherdonoige.org

Points to Ponder

The Gospel tells us clearly that God distributes his gifts among us as he wills and entrusts each of us with a mission. He gives us what we need to produce fruits for his kingdom and expects us to use those gifts responsibly and diligently.

No two people are exactly alike, and God treats each one individually as a unique person made in his image. We need to live before God and respond to him sincerely by using the talents he has given us to the maximum.

The servants who invest their talents and make a return on them have understood the purpose of their lives and the time they have at their disposal. These servants were generous with everything their master had given them, making it bear fruit, and they received from him the reward of greater intimacy and more responsibility.

How often are we paralysed by fear or false prudence into doing nothing, into trying to preserve ourselves!

Sometimes, we don't take God's gifts seriously or think we have been given very little, and we use that as a rationalisation for making no effort or producing little for God. We blame circumstances or others, but the fact is we are neglecting to produce the fruits God wants.

The master didn't expect a return of five talents from the servant to whom he gave only one. He would have been happy with a return of one more, but the lazy servant closed in on his egoism, self-love, and laziness. We must resolve to use our God-given talents wisely to net him a significant return. *epriest.com*

Sillees Defibrillator Support Group: is hosting a Health and Wellbeing Event in Springfield Hall on **Saturday 21st November** from 12noon - 3pm. All welcome.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3500. £20 Maisie Millar, Flexicabs, Teresa Foy, Blaney, Teresa Walmsley, Enniskillen. Draw in The Linnett Inn tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports, promotes and supervises the Lotto each week. Dates to look forward to: the club AGM will take place on **Friday 27th November** at 8pm in the clubrooms, the annual mass for Deceased of the Harps and St Faber's GFC will take place on **Sunday 13th December** at 11.30am in St Patrick's Church.

Derrygonnelly Christmas Craft Fair: will take place on **Friday 27th of November** from 6pm-9pm. Set up from 4.30pm. £20 per table contact Jackie on 07811189087 payment will secure your table. Very limited tables left. Table will be supplied.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.