

Parish of Botha

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

No one can come to the father except through Christ. The Church must work so that all peoples may come to the father. Working together in love, all God's people can build up the Kingdom in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our high priest.

Masses for the week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 10th May 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** John and Catherine McGullion, Sandhill; John James and Mary Dundas and Margaret Meredith.

Tuesday 12th May 7.30pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 13th May **Our Lady of Fatima** Mass and Holy Rosary.

Thursday 14th May 10am Mass and Holy Rosary.

Sunday 17th May 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Anne McCauley, Enaghan; John and Catherine Green, Drumcroohen and deceased of the Green Family, Drumbeggan.

Our Lady of Fatima: The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the summer of 1917, beginning on the 13th May when the 'Lady' asked them to pray for sinners and an end to the World War. In the final apparition on 13th October, the 'Lady' identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and called for prayer and conversion.

Prayer to our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Baptisms: as you are aware, the Sacrament of Baptism cannot be celebrated during this time of lockdown. Anyone who has a baptism booked will be contacted when regulations change. If you are hoping to have a baptism, please contact the parish office (if you have not already done so) during the regular hours, so that a booking form can be sent to you. It is probable that when restrictions ease, only a small number of people will be permitted to attend for each baby. In the meantime, Fr. Cathal is happy to pray and offer a blessing for your new baby over the telephone if anyone wishes to do that. Please contact him directly.

Trócaire 2020: The Coronavirus crisis has impacted on us all. But nowhere is the fear of this virus more real than in the refugee camps of Lebanon, the crowded city slums of Nairobi or the war-torn villages of Somalia. This is in addition to the ongoing work of Trócaire in so many other parts of the world. Vulnerable people need our help more than ever. If anyone still wishes to make a contribution to the Trócaire Lenten campaign **please leave it in the parochial house this week at the latest** so that our parish contribution can be forwarded to Trócaire.

Coronavirus Restrictions: it has been nine weeks since public masses were last celebrated in any of our churches. No one yet knows when normal service will resume. One of the most difficult aspects of this current crisis has been the situation regarding the celebration of funerals. In the words of Bishop Larry, “not being able to grieve properly for one’s deceased, and not to be able to have a Funeral Mass celebrated for the repose of the soul of a dear departed one, adds to the pain of grief, especially more so in the exceptional circumstances we are living through”. With this in mind, and taking into account the most recent Irish government announcements, the bishop has offered three options for the celebration of funerals at this time. These are set out below. On the occasion of a death in any family, the options available can be discussed and the decision taken at that time.

- The Funeral Mass is postponed until a later date with the priest offering a private Mass for the deceased. Some families may just wish to have a memorial Mass later.
- The Funeral Mass is offered by the priest via webcam, inviting the family to join in the celebration live from their homes.
- That a small Funeral Mass be held, with 10 people present (as per public health authorities’ regulations at present). Where such a Funeral Mass is celebrated, there should be no physical interaction between the sanctuary and the body of the church. In other words, there should be no readers, no presentation of symbols or gifts and music should be provided from a safe distance.

Cemetery Sunday: Again, due to coronavirus we are not permitted to celebrate cemetery Sunday at the usual time in July. The annual blessing of the graves is therefore postponed until a later date.

Parish Contributions: Sincere thanks to all who have returned envelopes in recent weeks. You are encouraged to use your parish envelope to support the upkeep of the parish. Please put your envelopes through the letterbox of the parochial house. Most people have recently received their new parish envelopes. If not, they are available at the back of the churches in Boho and Monea.

Derrygonnelly & District Community Partnership: will subsidise the cost of a dinner (provided by Tir Navar) for those at greater risk at this time, (e.g. the over 70’s or those with complex health problems). Please order your lunch before 11.30am on 028 68641443. Cost £5, of which £2 is covered by the community fund. This is a limited fund for those in greatest need within our community. Volunteers are available to help with home deliveries for those who are isolating.

The Irish Chaplaincy in London: offers support to anyone in Ireland with concerns for an older family member or friend living in London at this challenging time. The Chaplaincy can make direct contact with vulnerable older Irish living but isolated in London. The Chaplaincy is also a link to services and community groups on the ground local to where a person is living. This is a free service. Contact by post: PO BOX 75693 London NW1W 7ZT; Tel: **020 7482 3274**; email seniors@irishchaplaincy.org.uk

Youthscape are now recruiting for our new cohort, starting in May: Young people must not be currently working or in full time education. *If a young person is partially engaging in education please contact us to discuss further.* Contact joanne.mccauley@swc.ac.uk or Facebook Joanne Youthscape Enk. Or 07557178162

An Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.