

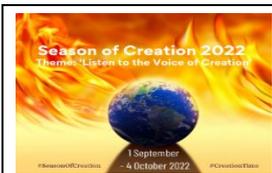
Parish of Botha 11th September 2022

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Parish Office Hours	
Monday	6:30pm – 9:30pm
Wednesday	1:30pm – 9:30pm
Thursday	6:30pm – 9:30pm
Baptisms: on the 1st Saturday of each month at 4pm in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly	
Parish Office: closed from Wednesday 31st August. Re opening Wednesday 14th September.	

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
The Christian assembly is an assembly of the disciples of Jesus. A disciple literally is one who is learning. Learning requires openness of mind and heart. The scripture readings and the prayers of today's liturgy are a powerful force for teaching and learning about the way of Jesus.		
Sacred Heart, Boho		
Sun 11 September	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Rita Howe, Leitrim
Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
Sun 11 September	11:30am	Anniversary: Kevin Gallagher , Derryvarmore; Gerry and Margaret Dolan , Drumary.
Tue 13 September	7pm	Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine
Wed 14 September	10am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thu 15 September	10am	Anniversary: James Joseph McCabe and deceased members of the McCabe family , Drumgormly
Sunday 18 September	11:30am	Anniversary: Oisín Flanagan , Drumgormly
Immaculate Conception, Monea		
Sunday 18 September	10am	Anniversary: Malachy and Tessie McCauley , Drumscollop; Aileen and Gerry Magee , Tullycalter

Preparation for the Feast of St. Padre Pio: A Triduum in preparation for the Feast of St. Padre Pio will take place at the Franciscan Friary, Rosstown, from Tuesday September 20th until Friday September 23rd. There will be Mass, Homily and Blessing with his Mitten at 7.30pm each evening. Preacher will be Fr Pius McLaughlin, OFM who met Padre Pio. All are very welcome for these prayerful celebrations.

One Day Retreats at Lough Derg: One Day Retreats have resumed on Lough Derg, and continue on selected dates until the end of September: **September 13, 17, 18, 24 & 25**. *Booking is essential.* Admission fee of €45pp includes all refreshments, lunch, return boat service, full retreat programme, free car & coach parking. Boats available from 9.15am on the day; retreat begins at 10.30am. For booking and further information: by phone +353 (0)71 9861518 online: www.loughderg.org email: info@loughderg.org



The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

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Getting married in Botha parish:

Planning one's wedding is an exciting time for couples preparing for marriage. It can also be a stressful time for some, with endless tasks to do and lists to make, etc. There are a few important points in relation to weddings in our parish.

1. Please contact the parish office to request a wedding booking form. The contact number is 028 68641889 or email: office@bothaparish.com A wedding can only be confirmed upon receipt of your completed form.
2. Your contact with the office is strictly confidential, so even if you have not shared news of your wedding with families, etc. it is still necessary to book with the parish.
3. It should not be presumed that your priest is available on the date requested, so, please speak with Fr. Cathal before returning your booking form.
4. **Please check the availability of your church and priest before you confirm your hotel venue.**
5. Weddings in the parish are celebrated at **1.00pm**. As there is only one priest in the parish, this allows for a funeral to be celebrated at 11.00am. If your wedding celebrant is from outside the parish, a later time may be possible, subject to the availability of the church.
6. Weddings are not permitted in Clogher diocese on Sundays, holy days of obligation, St. Patrick's Day or during the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday to Holy Saturday inclusive). For further assistance or clarification pertaining to your wedding, please contact the parish office.

FEAR: the annual FEAR event takes place in Derrygonnelly on Saturday 24th September. The event is organised by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council but receives great support locally through the Derrygonnelly and District Community Partnership by way of marshalling on the roads and through the provision of refreshments in the community centre. If you are available to be a marshal on the day, between 9am and 1pm, please send a private message to the DDCP Facebook page or email michael.skuce1@gmail.com. Your support is greatly appreciated.

World Suicide Day: September 10th each year is World Suicide Day. We remember all those who have died by suicide and we think of the family, friends and communities that have been devastated as a result. For those who struggle with mental ill health or who have experienced suicidal ideation, please know that there is always support available. No one should ever have to suffer alone. Please talk to someone whom you trust so that you can receive the care, encouragement and support you need. The following support is available; Aisling Centre Enniskillen 028 6632 5811; Oak Healthy Living Centre, Lisnaskea 028 6772 3843; Tara Centre, Omagh 028 8225 0024; Lifeline 0808 808 8000; Samaritans NI 116 123; Zest NI – Support for Self-Harm 028 7126 6999.

Important Dates: the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Friday 24th March 2023** in St. Patrick's Church at 6pm for children of St. Patrick's and Killyhommon primary schools. First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 29th April 2023** at 11am for the children of St. Patrick's P.S. and 2pm for those in Killyhommon P.S.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: The Harps Lotto jackpot, now £6500, was not won. The numbers drawn were 7, 9, 26 & 28. £20 each went to Nuala Donnelly, Trillick, Fergus Kelly, online, and Paul Melly, online. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the club Lotto.

A Prayer for the Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

(Laudato Si, 246)

Lessons for Life

- *It is what we value – not what we have – that makes us rich
- *Plenty in the purse cannot prevent starvation in the soul.
- *Do something. Either lead, follow, or get out of the way!
- *Be kind – everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.
- *The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.
- *Revenge is like biting a dog because the dog bit you.