

Parish of Botha - 13th February 2022

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	<p>Before us today are the stark choices: blessing or curse, happiness or despair. Jesus puts before us his way of life. The Beatitudes are a recipe for genuine peace and happiness. The alternative is the way of empty pleasure and ultimate destruction. The Christian puts down deep roots and with joy draws from the wells of salvation.</p>		
	Sacred Heart, Boho		
	Sun 13 February	10:00am	People of the Parish
	Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
	Sun 13 February	11:30am	Noreen and Gerry Maguire, Tullycreevy.
	Tue 15 February	7:00pm	Mass and Novena to St Peregrine
	Wed 16 February	10:00am	Mass
	Thu 17 February	10:00am	Mass
	Sun 20 February	11:30am	Mass People of the Parish
Immaculate Conception, Monea			
Sun 20 February	10:00am	Anniversary: Deceased of the Duffy Family Enniskillen; Mary Conway Enniskillen: Lawrence Magee , Leighan; Mark Gillies Legland.	

A prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ;

You were rich, but for our sakes became poor
so that through your poverty our lives be enriched.

You were strong, but for our sakes became weak
so that through your weakness we may be made strong.

You were light, but for our sake entered darkness
so that through the darkness you bring us light everlasting.

You were life, but for our sakes accepted death
so that through your death we may have eternal life.

Recently deceased : Your prayers are requested for the soul of **Aidan Millar**, Knockmore Road. May he rest in peace.

Parish Office: following recent improvements to the parish office, access is now through the door on the end wall of the building behind the parochial house (to the left of the gate). To gain access to the meeting room, please continue past the office door and around to the back of the building. Parish contributions and notices for the parish bulletin, as well as any other correspondence for the office can be put through the letter box of the office door.

Please note the phone number for the Office: 028 68641889. The number for Fr. Cathal remains 028 68641207. Please do not leave messages for the office on the parochial house phone.

Exciting employment opportunity at the Sanctuary of St Patrick, Lough Derg: Applications are invited for an Operations Manager which is a key leadership role in delivering the Mission and Vision of Lough Derg, responsible for the smooth running of all day to day operational activities at the pilgrimage centre. Contact Mary at +353 7198 61518 or mary@loughderg.org for an application pack.

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel:

Luke 6:17, 20-26

1. We are told that Jesus 'fixed his eyes on the disciples' before speaking. It suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he tells them it is no bad thing to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St Augustine said: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'

2. 'Blessed are you who weep' is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?

3. Jesus said, that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him – and they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may be, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

John Byrne OSA

Exploring Priesthood – Zoom with Seminarists and Priests: on Tuesday 1st March at 8pm there will be an opportunity for young men to join a Zoom to find out more about priesthood and to hear directly from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in Maynooth. The event is being run by the National Vocations Office. Further information and registration details can be obtained by emailing info@vocations.ie or alternatively by visiting vocations.ie/zoom

Parish Contributions: an alternative way of paying your parish contributions is to set up a standing order from your bank using the following details, or through your banking app.

Botha Parish: Sort Code: 90 48 86
AccNo: 62746334
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Please put your **name in the reference field** of any payments made to provide a record of your contributions

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3500. £20 Roisin Henry & Fidelma McCaffrey, both online players, Paul McGahey, Derrygonnelly. Draw in The Cosy Bar tonight. Thanks to all who promote and support our lotto. As part of the Ireland Lights Up initiative, our club grounds will be lit up from 7pm-9pm each Wednesday to allow some people to come and walk around safely. If you have downloaded the Irish Life My Life app, you will be able to add to our group steps total for the chance to win some O'Neill's vouchers as well. Everyone is welcome. Our annual Dinner Dance will be on March 5th in the Killyhelvin Hotel, Enniskillen. Further details on the release of tickets etc. will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

Church webcam: this service is now provided by Church Media.tv. In order to access the webcam please log onto the parish website or through churchmedia.tv. and go to St Patrick's Derrygonnelly. If you have problems with the new link, please contact the provider on info@churchmedia.tv and if the problem isn't resolved then contact itech/Church Media on 028 8773 8494