

Parish of Botha

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Christian community must be seen to be one of forgiveness and mercy. If the Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy, who are we to be otherwise? We need to be conscious of our own weakness and failures so that we may not judge others harshly. We cannot pray the Lord's prayer with unforgiving hearts.

Masses for the week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 13th September 9.30am Mass **Anniversary:** John McLoughlin, Samsonagh.

Sunday 13th September 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Gerry and Margaret Dolan, Drumary; Oisín Flanagan, Drumgormley.

Tuesday 15th September **Our Lady of Sorrows** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine, **Anniversary:** Tommy McGowan and deceased of the McGowan Family, Cosbystown; Philip and Mary Kennedy, Birmingham.

Wednesday 16th September 10pm Mass, **Anniversary:** James Joseph McCabe and deceased of the McCabe Family, Drumgormley; Mary McGriskin, Enniskillen.

Thursday 17th September 10pm Mass.

Sunday 20th September 9.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Aileen Magee, Tullycalter.

Sunday 20th September 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** James and Bridie McCann, Knockmore Park.

Sacred Heart Boho:

Saturday 19th September 10am Lizzie McGovern, Portmush (**Funeral Mass postponed from April**)

Recently Deceased: your prayers are requested for the repose of soul of Carmel Scallon, Florencecourt and Michael Mohan, Lisnaskea. May they rest in peace.

Baptisms: We welcome to our Christian community through the waters of baptism, Jack Joseph Gallagher; Ger Martin McBride; Rory Peter Burns and Rosie Anna Toal. May they grow in faith.

Sacraments: congratulations to the thirty-three boy and girls who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week, and the twenty children who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday. As with everything else since March, these celebrations had to be postponed, but it's great that they have now been celebrated. May the Spirit inspire each of these children and may they be nourished by the gift of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

Cemetery Sunday: as it is not possible to gather in large numbers, due to Covid 19 restrictions, the weekend of the 26th and 27th of September has been set aside as a time for people to visit their family plots in our parish cemeteries. There will not be any formal liturgy of blessing in the cemeteries this year. Alternatively, you are invited to remember your departed relatives and friends by tidying your plots (and those of others who may have no relatives), visiting the cemeteries and praying alone or as a family. Suggested prayers will be made available in the parish bulletin next weekend. Please inform those who may not have access to our parish bulletin.

The train of life

Life is like a journey on a train..... with its stations.....
with changes of routes.....and with accidents!

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents,
and we believe they will always travel on our side.

However, at some station our parents will step down
from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train;
and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends,
children, and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum.

Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize
that they vacated their seats!

Which is very sad when you think about it.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy,
expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationships
with all the passengers....

requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is:

we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down.

So, we must live in the best way – love, forgive
and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes

for us to step down and leave our seat empty –

we should leave behind beautiful memories

for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

Sacred Heart Messenger: from the beginning of 2021 Mary Cox will no longer promote and deliver the Sacred Heart Messenger magazine in the parish. Mary's final delivery will be the December issue. A sincere thank you to Mary for her commitment to this role, which she has undertaken for many years. The Messenger magazine continues to be supported by many people in the parish. I would hope that someone will volunteer to take on the role of promoter (to twenty homes presently) in the area. Please give it some thought and contact the parish office (68641207) during office hours. It would be unfortunate if promotion and delivery of this great little magazine couldn't happen for want of someone to deliver it.

The Season of Creation: is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we're awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3700. £20 Imelda McTeggart, Derrygonnelly, Sean Jones, c/o Teresa Foy, Blaney, Patrick Cassidy, Derrygonnelly. Thanks to promoters and supporters of our Lotto. The senior Ladies play Kinawley in Lisnaskea at 4pm today. Good luck to this terrifically committed squad. The two reserve team's next matches are scheduled for Sept 19th. The U 17s play Derrylin on September 19th. Condolences to our chairperson Donal, and the entire Corrigan family on the recent passing Paddy Corrigan, Coranerk.