

Parish of Botha

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Wednesday 1:30pm – 9:30pm

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Radio Frequency

90.6fm

Funerals and Weddings:

Attendance subject to current Covid restrictions. Families may have a funeral or wedding in whichever parish church they choose, being mindful of the webcam facility in Derrygonnelly.

Baptisms: on the 1st Saturday of each month, currently restricted to two babies at once

The Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension, one of the primary feasts of the Church's year, marks the close of the appearance of Jesus after his resurrection and returning to the Father. It underlines the teaching that it is from Heaven that the ascended Christ exercises his power over heaven and earth.

Immaculate Conception, Monea

Sun 16 May	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Anne McCauley, Enaghan
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Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly

Sun 16 May	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Pat and Rose Greene, Rosnarick Close
Tue 18 May	7:00pm	Mass and Novena to St Peregrine
Wed 19 May	10:00am	Mass
Thu 20 May	10:00am	Mass
Sun 23 May	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Eamonn McGowan, Tonagh; Betty McLoughlin, Braade

Sacred Heart, Boho

Sat 22 May	11:00am	Saturday 22nd May First Holy Communion Mass
Sun 23 May	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Sean Gallagher, Drumbeggar

Recently Deceased: your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Nuala Maguire, Drungamph. May she rest in peace.

First Holy Communion: the children from P4 in Killyhommon PS will celebrate their First Holy Communion next Saturday 22nd May at 11am in the Sacred Heart Church. It has been a great relief for everyone involved, that we are permitted to have the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation at their usual time of year. While churches in the southern parishes of our diocese have been open for public worship since last week, no plans can be made for these sacraments. Thankfully, the situation is much better here. However, as space is limited in the church to one seat per child, you are asked to respect the restrictions on capacity. Let us all pray for these boys and girls in the days ahead as they prepare to receive the Body of Christ.

Today is World Communications Day: throughout the Catholic Church. The theme this year is "Come and See" (Jn 1:46). Communicating by Encountering People Where and as They Are. Pope Francis tells us that 'the Gospel comes alive in our own day, whenever we accept the compelling witness of people whose lives have been changed by their encounter with Jesus... The challenge that awaits us, then, is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are.'

Bulletin sponsored this week in memory of the McGurn and Flanagan Families, The Barrs

Eucharist

He was old, tired, sweaty,
pushing his homemade cart down the alley,
stopping now and then to poke around in somebody's bin.
I wanted to tell him about Eucharist,
but the look in his eyes, the despair in his face,
the hopelessness of somebody's life in his cart,
told me to forget it.
So I smiled and said "hello" - and gave him Eucharist.

She lived alone, her husband dead, her family gone,
and she talked at you, not to you,
words, endless words spewed out,
so I listened and gave her Eucharist.

I laughed at myself, and told myself,
"you with all your sin, all your selfishness,
I accept you, I love you",
It is nice, so nice - and so necessary too –
to give yourself Eucharist.

Tired, weary, disgusted, lonely,
Go to your friends, open your door and say,
"Look at me" - and receive their Eucharist.

My Father, when will we learn that
one cannot philosophise Eucharist,
cannot talk Eucharist - you do it.
You don't dogmatise Eucharist,
sometimes you laugh it, sometimes you cry it,
often you sing it.
Sometimes, it's wild peace, then crying hurt,
often humiliating, never deserved.

We see Eucharist in another's eyes,
give it in another's hand held tight,
squeeze it with embrace.
You pause Eucharist in the middle of a busy day,
speak Eucharist with a million things to do,
and a person who wants to talk.

For Eucharist is as simple as being on time
and as profound as sympathy.

I give you my supper, I give you my sustenance,
I give you my life, I give you my love,
I give you me, I give to you.....Eucharist.

A National Synod for the Catholic Church in Ireland:

A new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years has been announced. Submissions are invited as to what methods/models to adopt in these coming years of conversations. You are invited to offer feedback (300 words max) to the following question: **What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod?** The responses will be considered by the task group to be put in place by the bishops this summer to plan and oversee the first steps along the synodal pathway. Submissions should be made via the new Synodal Pathway webpage: www.catholicbishops.ie/synod,

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service: is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie. The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday May 28th. Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator are available on www.accord.ie

St Angela's College, Sligo: is offering a new, online **MA (Religious Education and Social Justice)** for September 2021. Please visit www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie for more."

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Harps Lotto jackpot winner was Olga McPhilips, Derrygonnelly, who scooped the £7100 prize. Best wishes to Olga to enjoy her winnings. Jackpot now £3000. Thanks to all who promote and support our lotto. Our two ladies teams played in the 9-a-side competition last Sunday, travelling to Ederney, and hosting Belcoo. Well done to both teams and everyone who mentors them on both really good performances. We are delighted to see the excellent participation of all of our teams around Canon Maguire Park. At present, our bottom pitch remains closed. Please remember to go to the online return to play link returntoplay.gaa.ie before each session to register that you or your child are clear to play. We are also hopeful to have a schedule for competitions starting soon.