

Parish of Botha

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	We have been called by Christ to become children of God. How we respond is illustrated in today's Readings. There is a seeking which develops into a search that leads to seeing and believing.		
	Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
	Sun 17th Jan	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Maggie, Gerard and Charlie Duffy, Coolarkin.
	Tue 19th Jan	7:00pm	Mass and Novena to St Peregrine
	Wed 20th Jan	10:00am	St Agnes Mass
	Thu 21st Jan	10:00am	Mass
Sun 24th Jan	11:30am	Mass People of the Parish	

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – begins tomorrow 18th - 25th January: The theme this year is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", based on John 15:1-17. The resources for this year have been provided by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The Covid-19 pandemic has limited our options for marking this week but we are encouraged to pray together in our homes and, if possible, via online means. For prayer and other resources visit [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 - Irish Council of Churches and Irish Inter Church Meeting \(irishteachers.org\)](http://www.irishteachers.org/Week-of-Prayer-for-Christian-Unity-2021)

God Counts on Us

- Only God Creates** – but we are called to enhance that creation
- Only God gives life** – but we are called to cherish life
- Only God makes to grow** – but we are called to nourish that growth
- Only God give faith** – but we are called to be signs of God's presence
- Only God gives love** – but we are called to care for one and other
- Only God gives hope** – but we are called to give others reason to hope
- Only God gives power** –but we are called to get things going
- Only God can bring peace** – but we are called to build bridges
- Only God brings happiness** – but we are called to be joyful
- Only God is the way** – but we are called to show the way to others
- Only God is light** – but we are called to let that light shine in the world
- Only God works miracles** – but we must offer our loaves and fishes
- Only God can do the impossible** – but we are called to do what we can

(adopted from Prayer for Parish Groups. ed Donal Harrington)

The scripture readings for today, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, invite us to reflect on our response to God's call. The call of Samuel features in the first reading, and his response, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening', is a clear acknowledgement of his place as God's follower.

St. John's Gospel account of the call of Andrew and his brother Simon, once again, acknowledges the willingness of these two to follow Jesus and to become his disciples. We too have been called, through our baptism, to be a follower of the Good News and our response depends on us. At this time of Covid19, when restrictions are in place which prevents us from worshipping together in person, it might be easy for us to say that our commitment to God has been put on hold. It could be convenient to believe that our faith and our willingness to follow Jesus Christ, is dependent on our presence at Mass.

While our churches remain off limits for the purposes of masses and other liturgies, our baptismal calling remains the same. Perhaps, in these challenging times, we might make an even stronger commitment to following the Gospel, because, with or without lockdown, physical distancing, face coverings and various restrictions, God does not distance himself from us. May our faith remain strong, in spite of being prevented from coming together as a worshipping community, so that our response will always be, 'Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will'.

Vocations: "Behold the Lamb of God." Could it be that you are being called to be a shepherd for the Lord as a priest, a deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or contact Fr Raymond Donnelly - Diocesan Vocations Director email raymonddonnelly1@gmail.com For information on the permanent diaconate in the diocese contact Rev Martin Donnelly at deacon@st-michaels.net

Help Lines:

Cancer Connect NI: Tel: 028 66 340 102

Macmillan Cancer Helpline: 028 90 708 610

Aisling Centre: 028 66 325 811.

Aware: Support with Depression 028 90 357 820

Pieta House: 0800 247 247

NI Assoc for Mental Health: 028 90 328 474.

Lifeline: 0808 808 8000

Alzheimer's Society: 028 90 387 784

Addiction NI: 028 90 664 434

Alcoholics Anonymous: 028 90 434 848

AI Anon: 028 90 682 368

24/7 Domestic Violence Helpline: 0800 917 1441

Samaritans: 028 90 664 422

Emergency Services: 999 (or 112 from mobiles)

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £5500. £20 Una Farmer, Boho, Fanchea Keenan, Derrygonnelly, Patricia O'Dare, online player. The lotto can be played online by klubfunder or collect and return envelopes to The Casson, Chips and Co, Farrells or McKenzies.

In this challenging period of lockdown, it's more vital than ever to look after our physical and mental health and with this in mind, the club has signed up for this year's 'Every Step Counts' challenge.

Starting Wednesday 13th January (for 7 weeks) we ask our members and supporters to join with our club mates to walk the combined equivalent of a 4000km trip around Ireland! If we hit the 4000km target, we could win O'Neill's vouchers to the value of €2,500, so download the MyLife app, get registered, start walking or running!

MASSES ARE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Parish Masses can be followed on the webcam churchservices.tv/derrygonnelly Sundays 11.30am, Tuesdays 7pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am