

Parish of Botha 17th July 2022

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Parish Office Hours	
Monday	6:30pm – 9:30pm
Wednesday	1:30pm – 9:30pm
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Baptisms: on the 1st Saturday of each month at 4pm in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly	

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Hospitality has a special place in the life of God's people. He always rewards kindness done to him. The welcome we give to him should be characterised by listening in faith. 'for some have entertained angels unaware'. There is a need to make space in our lives for listening to the Word, a time in each day for Scripture reading.		
Sacred Heart, Boho		
Sun 17 July	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Peter Jones , Leitrim; James and Brigid Carroll , Lisdoonan; John and Annie Burns , Aghakeeran; Una Buchanan , Belfast; Joe Corrigan , The Diamond.
Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
Sun 17 July	11:30am	Months Memory: Anna Treacy , Reading/Newtown. Anniversary: Liam Elliott and deceased of the Elliott and McGlone Families, Sandhill and Derrygonnelly; Seamus and Julia Cassidy , Sandhill.
Sun 24 July	11:30am	Anniversary: Eugene Cassidy , Derryvary and deceased of the McManus Family , Aghakeeran; Margaret and Edward Sheerin , and deceased of the Sheerin Family , Donegall; Oliver McKeever , London.

Feast Days this week: St Mary Magdalene – Friday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene stood at the foot of the cross of Jesus: with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early the same day, from which incident she has been described as 'the apostle to the apostles. The gospels give no warrant for identifying her with the 'woman who was a sinner' who anointed Christ's feet (Lk 7:37) or with Mary the sister of Martha who also anointed him (Jn 12:3).

St Bridget of Sweden- Saturday 23rd July St Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303. She brought up eight children, and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an ascetical life. Later she founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many works about her mystical experiences. She died in Rome in 1373. She was declared Patron of Europe in 2000.

Prayer to St Bridget of Sweden

**Bridget, you were a woman of peace.
 You brought harmony where there was conflict.
 You brought light into darkness.
 You brought hope to the downcast.
 May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled or anxious, and may peace be firmly
 rooted in our hearts and our world.
 Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
 Bridget, you were a voice for the wounded and weary.
 Strengthen what is weak within us.
 Calm us into a stillness that heals and listens.
 May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.**

This week's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Peter Jones, Leitrim.

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A Summer Blessing

May God walk with you
this Summer
in whatever you do
wherever you go.

Walking with God means....
walking with honesty
and with courage,
walking with love and respect
and concern for the feelings
of others.

May you talk to God this
Summer
and every day and
in every situation.

Talking to god means....
praying words of praise
for the beauty of creation,
saying prayers of thanks
for friends and good times,
asking God's help
in all your decisions,
expressing sorrow
when you have failed.

And may you talk with God
every day. Amen.

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage: continues until 15th August (Sat 13th Aug is final day to begin the Pilgrimage). Admission €80 | Booking advised | Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. contact www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 00 353 71 9861518.

Diocesan Day on Lough Derg: Saturday 20 August 2022 Parishioners and their friends from across the diocese are invited to take part in this one day pilgrimage.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: led by Bishop Larry Duffy, on Wednesday 24 August 2022. Given that there will be no pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, this is a wonderful opportunity for people from across the diocese and their friends to make a pilgrimage to the national shrine of Mary here in Ireland.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage: World Day for Grandparents and Elderly – Our Lady of Knock Shrine on Sunday 24th July. Anointing of the sick at 2.30pm Mass at 3pm followed by rosary. 'Grandparents this is your day' all are welcome.

Youth 2000: Join over 1000 young people between the ages of 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 11th August to Sunday 14th August 2022. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

Reek Sunday 2022: The annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage takes place on Sunday July 31st at Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the summit 7:30am – 2pm. Mass hourly from 8 am - 2pm.

Botha to Kenya: anyone who would like to donate to this cause can do so in person to Pauline McGullion or visit her gofundme Facebook page. Thank you in advance.

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Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £5,600. £20 Niamh Cassidy and Mark McGoldrick, Online players, Becky McGowan, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Old Pals tonight. Our committee, on behalf of all club members, wish to extend condolences to Nicolina, Katrina and the Farrell family on the passing of Siobhan Caughey. May God rest her soul.

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

1. Today's gospel brings us right to the heart of what Christian life involves: love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced love given and received as a source of life and vitality
2. With media today we are brought face to face with suffering, poverty and hunger so vast that it can engender a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness. The parable challenges us about how we react when we come face to face with a person in need. We may sometimes try to avoid getting involved. Recall when you overcame this reaction and reached out to help. What did that do for you, and for the other person?
3. In **The Joy of the Gospel** Pope Francis comments that it is a temptation for some religious people to claim they are too busy to get involved with the poor and says 'none of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice'. Who are the people whose commitment to these causes inspire you.

John Byrne OSA

Be Alert: There continues to be fraudulent scams and alerts via telephone calls, emails etc. Please continue to be aware and cautious of any unexpected activity or communication to you and to your vulnerable family members.

Bone Marrow Donors: The family of 14-year-old Newry schoolboy Daniel Greer are appealing to people across the island of Ireland to help save his life by signing up as bone marrow donors because a transplant is now his only chance to beat leukaemia. Please sign up to check if you are his match: <https://www.dkms.org.uk/register-now>