

Parish of Botha

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Through Baptism and Confirmation we have been given the Holy Spirit, that same Spirit who gave Christ the victory over the world. This Advocate is our support in the difficulties of life. The Spirit of truth convinces us of the meaning and value of the Christian way.

Masses for the week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 17th May 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Anne McCauley, Enaghan; John and Catherine Green, Drumcroohen and deceased of the Green Family, Drumbeggan

Tuesday 19th May 7.30pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 20th May Mass and Holy Rosary.

Thursday 21st May 10am Mass, Anniversary: Deceased of the McGowan Family, Tonagh and Tony Ferguson. and Holy Rosary.

Sunday 24th May 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Sean Gallagher, Drumbeggar; Betty McLoughlin, Braade; Peggy and Neil Jones, Jack and Mary Kate Murphy, Josie Flood and Dessie McCorry.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the souls of Liam Masterson, Enniskillen and John Boyle, Scotland. May they rest in peace.

End of Year School Mass: Bishop Larry Duffy and Fr Stephen Joyce invite all students, parents and school communities to join in an end of school year Mass from St Joseph's Church, Monaghan on Thursday 28th May at 8pm. The webcam link is: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-josephs-church-park-street-monaghan>

Celebrating the Sacraments: in parishes throughout the country there are many disappointed children due to the postponement of all church activity, especially for them, the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Like everywhere else, the children here in Botha continue to wait. While we don't yet know when these sacraments can be celebrated we can only be patient. Also, there are families who have welcomed a new baby into their lives, and likewise, a baptism cannot take place. Many couples planning their wedding, have decided to postpone until next year. It is an anxious time for everyone, and we can only wait in expectation for those days when our churches get back to some type of normal. In this time of waiting let each of us pray as individuals and as families, in thanksgiving for what we have, and in hope for what might be

*We thank you, Loving God, for our children;
and the gifts you bless them with through us.*

We are grateful, too, for all you give us through our sons and daughters.

We believe you understand the great demands family life places on us.

*We pray for openness to the Holy Spirit,
which you promised is ours for the asking.*

May we take time to entrust all our concerns and needs and thanks to you. Amen

Blessing for your Home

*Most gracious Father, this is our home;
Let your peace rest upon it.
Let love abide here, love to one another,
Love to mankind, love to life itself, and love to God.
Let us remember that as many hands build a house,
so many hearts make a home.*

Scripture Summer School Online: Due to Covid-19, the Dublin Diocese Scripture Summer School for 2020 will be held online 22-26 June (7pm each evening), with an introductory piece at lunchtime on Monday 15 June. Cost €40. For further information and to register visit <https://www.tarsus.ie/page-28/>

Lough Derg Online Retreat Days: Join the Lough Derg team during May.

Saturday 16th May Tuesday 19th May Sunday 24th May Wednesday 27th May

A GUIDE TO YOUR ONLINE RETREAT:

10:30am	Go to loughderg.live
10:45am	Welcome <i>from the Prior, Msgr La Flynn</i>
11:05am	The Word of God - <i>Reflection on the Good Samaritan with Mary</i>
11:30am	Prayer of Intercession <i>with</i> Rosary
12 noon	Angelus <i>followed by</i> Way of the Cross
1:45pm	Jesus the Healer <i>with Deacon Martin</i>
2:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2:20pm	Time of Contemplation
2:40pm	Closing Prayer

Lough Derg phone lines are open 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday, during May Tel: +353 (0) 71 9861518

Email. info@loughderg.org

Website. www.loughderg.org

ALONE: has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. Support line, 8am - 8pm daily 0818 222 024.

Some Lessons for Life

1. Everything can change in the blink of an eye.
but don't worry; God never blinks.
2. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
3. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
4. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
5. It's never too late to have a happy childhood.
but the second one is up to you and no one else.
6. When it comes to going after what you love in life,
don't take no for an answer