

Parish of Botha

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

'You have given us the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.' That God allows evil to flourish along with the good has always been a problem to those who know of God. In this the patience of God contrasts with the impatience of humans. The kingdom grows like the yeast spreading through the dough. The Day of the Lord will reveal all. Meanwhile we wait in hope, and pray to remain faithful.

Masses for the week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 19th July 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Liam Elliott and deceased of Elliott and McGlone Families, Sandhill; Eugene Cassidy, Derryvarmore and deceased of the McManus Family, Aughakeeran.

Tuesday 21st July 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine **Anniversary:** Patrick and Annie Dolan, Sandhill.

Wednesday 22nd July **St Mary Magdalene** 10am Mass and Rosary.

Thursday 23rd July **St Bridget of Sweden** 10am Mass and Rosary.

Sunday 26th July 9.30am Mass People of the Parish.

Sunday 26th July 11.30am Mass, **Months Memory:** Jim Hoy, Rosnarick Close. **Anniversary:** Louie McGullion, Sandhill.

Baptisms: We welcome to the Christian community through the waters of baptism, Ceilín Joan Leonard; Grace Marie Melly; Ella Louise Gallagher; Ava Marie Elliott; Cormac Niall Sweeney; Tiarnán Seán Magee. May they grow in faith. The celebration of baptism will take place on the first Saturday of each month in St Patrick's Church until further notice (due to Covid 19).

A Diocesan Prayer for our Time

God of Love, we the people of the Diocese of Clogher turn to you with prayerful hearts and with confidence in your loving presence among us now and in every moment of our lives. We stand before you as a people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May we be comforted by your love in these anxious times.

We make our prayer through the intercession of Mary our Mother, and all the saints.

St Joseph, pray for us.

St Patrick, pray for us.

St Macartan, pray for us.

St Davnet, pray for us.

St Fanchea, pray for us.

May all the saints of God, pray for us

Amen!

Larry Duffy, Bishop of Clogher

Returning to Public Worship: The past two weeks has seen a limited return to public mass in the parish. Like all parishes across the country we are taking small steps on the road to recovery. We are working with a two meter distance, which means that St. Patrick's Church has a capacity of 38 – however this can be increased when families attend and sit together. The parish Covid 19 committee (comprising church sacristans, along with a representative from the Altar Society, PPC and Finance Committee, as well as two representatives from the GAA Club), is continuing to work on expanding access for people. While everyone is welcome, it is simply not possible to accommodate everyone at Mass. Those who have an anniversary intention booked have priority, but again, should limit numbers to approximately five people. **It is strongly advised that people wear a face mask while in the church.** To be effective, a face mask should be worn over both the mouth and nose. People are requested to remove their mask before they receive Holy Communion; this should be done by unhooking your mask from one ear rather than pulling it down below your chin. Please ensure that you use hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the church.

From next Sunday 26th July a second Mass will be celebrated on Sundays at **9.30am** in St. Patrick's Church, to allow for more people to attend Mass, and to give adequate time for the church to be cleaned before the 11.30am Mass. Currently, 27 people can be accommodated in the Sacred Heart and 18 in the Immaculate Conception. This will be kept under review and future decisions will be made based on numbers permitted in our parish churches.

Anniversary Masses: With limited numbers able to attend Mass, anniversary intentions will be limited to four each Sunday with priority given to those who have month's memory or 1st anniversaries. You are encouraged to arrange anniversary intentions for our weekday Masses.

Sacrament of Confirmation: the postponed celebration of Confirmation has been arranged for **6pm** on **Tuesday 8th September** for St. Patrick's PS, **Wednesday 9th September** for Killyhommon PS and **Thursday 10th September** for St. Patrick's PS in St. Patrick's Church Derrygonnelly. There are thirty three children in total, so the twenty two children from St. Patrick's PS have been allotted their day in alphabetical order. They will be informed by the school (if this has not already happened). Due to Covid 19 and the restrictions on numbers in churches, each child will be allocated one seat in the church. Please limit attendance at the ceremony to parents, sponsor and siblings. There will be no admittance to the church for anyone outside of this category. This is an exceptional year in every way, so you are asked to respect the regulations on social distancing.

First Holy Communion: the celebration of First Communion will take place on **Saturday 12th September** at **11am** in the Sacred Heart, Boho for those from Killyhommon PS., and at **1pm** in St. Patrick's Derrygonnelly, for the children from St. Patrick's PS. Again, each family will be allocated one seat in the church for the day. Please respect the restrictions on numbers attending.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4700. £20 Killian Keogh, Enniskillen, Cian McLoughlin, Derrygonnelly, P McManus, Belleek, Grateful thanks to all who support the lotto. Our Grounds have re-opened for training in reduced groups, and competitive matches permitted from July 17th. For all teams hoping to train and eventually play, the completion of the GAA's e-module on Covid-19 measures, and a health questionnaire, (which will become a reference point as players attend subsequent sessions) must be completed. Condolences to the Greene Family on the recent passing of Jim Tummin, Newtownbutler.

Botha to Kenya Virtual 5k: during July walk/run 5K and donate £5 to Botha to Kenya. Contact Pauline McGullion 07813731398/ 02866341947