

# Parish of Botha

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**Bulletin Sponsored this week in memory of Teddy Walmsley, Enniskillen**

## Twentieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Because of Peter's faith the promise is given to him. It is through faith that the Church at all times can have trust in the promise of God's protecting power. So encouraged, we can meet the difficulties and human weaknesses that are part of the Church's life. Each member must search for deeper faith through study of the Scriptures and the teaching of the Church, and by more fervent prayer.*

### Masses for the week

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 9.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Lily and Kevin Cassidy, Killyveagh.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Thomas Murphy, Drumanane; Teddy Walmsley, Enniskillen; Billy Jones and deceased of the Jones Family Doagh.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine, **Anniversary:** Josie and Maurice McGuinness, Mill Green.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 10am Mass and Rosary.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August **St Monica** 10am Mass and Rosary,

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Jackie McGrath, Tobradan.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Leo Griffin and deceased of the Griffin Family, Kilduff; Maurice and Agnes Cassidy, Drumgormley; Phil and Gavin Meehan and deceased of the Meehan Family, Main Street.

**Recently Deceased:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Philomena Fowler (nee McGowan, Faugher) Leeds. May she rest in peace.

### *Prayer for the Beginning of the School Year*

*God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the wonders of our being,  
For mind, body, and spirit.*

*Be with our children as they begin a new school year.  
Bless them and their teachers and staff.*

*Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
as they search for understanding;  
and peace and zeal to their spirits.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Wise Up!** …….Not my words, but rather those spoken on Tuesday evening by Chief Medical Officer, Doctor Michael Mc Bride, at the Covid19 briefing in Belfast. Dr. Mc Bride was commenting on the recent upsurge in cases of Coronavirus which has given some cause for concern. While the vast majority of us have taken the proper steps to keep safe, his “wise up” message is for those who continue to flout the rules.

As you are aware, churches have put in place measures to ensure the safety of anyone who comes to worship. These are for the benefit of everyone, with the safety of all people being the most important consideration.

While many of our parishes are operating a booking system for attendance at masses, we have not followed this path. So far, anyone who has come to the church has been accommodated within the current seating capacity. It is important however that everyone cooperates with the ushers and takes the seat offered. There are a number of points to consider when attending Mass:

- Please arrive in time for Mass. While the doors remain open at present, it may become necessary to lock them when Mass begins.
- Take the seat provided by the ushers. Do not move towards other people in the seat who are not from your family unit.
- **Standing at the back of the church is not permitted in the current climate of covid19.**
- **Please wear a face covering for the duration of any liturgy (including Baptisms, Confirmation, First Holy Communion).**
- Use the hand sanitizer provided, at the entrance and the exit doors, (also, wash your hands before you leave home and when you arrive back home).
- Approach for Holy Communion by the centre aisle and return by the side aisles. Unhook your face mask before you receive the Eucharist.
- If you are attending on a regular basis, and discover that there is more demand for seating than what is available, perhaps you could leave the church (by the side door) and allow someone else to have the seat for that particular occasion.

**Continue to practice good etiquette – cover your face when sneezing or coughing, don't touch surfaces that you don't need to, keep the toilet clean after use, etc.**

This continues to be a challenging time for all of us, and the rules and guidelines introduced are for everyone. No one is immune from this virus. Common sense, personal responsibility and good cooperation makes the situation easier for all. As a parish, we are merely ensuring the safety of our places of worship by following the regulations. Please continue to respect this and look after yourself, so that Covid 19 will not become a major problem in Fermanagh.

**Botha to Kenya:** Thank you to all who supported “Botha to Kenya” virtual 5k €1000 was sent to Sr Claire.

**Cash for Clobber:** Fill up bin bags with: Clothes, Handbags, Household textiles, Shoes (pairs only). Leave all bags in the Killyhommon school shelter, from 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020 Thanks in advance for your continuous support.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £3400. £20 Una Duffy, online player, David Little, Springfield, Faber Leonard, Derrygonnelly. Approx. 100 tickets will be available for the championship match v Roslea in Brewster Park on 30<sup>th</sup> August. Contact Nicola Cassidy 07794467482, Donal Corrigan 07767816848 or Anita Kehoe 07845708349 by text or WhatsApp from Wed19<sup>th</sup> - Mon24<sup>th</sup> to be included in the draw for tickets.