

Parish of Botha

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Baptisms: on the 1st Saturday of each month, currently restricted to two babies at once

Funerals and Weddings:

Only 25 people permitted to attend.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Wednesday 1.30pm – 9.30pm

Thursday 6.30pm – 9.30pm.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

Jesus does not pluck his summary teaching from the air – he quotes the Shema Yisrael, the great prayer of Judaism found in Deuteronomy 6. The second part about the love of neighbour is taken from Leviticus 18. This mission statement stands as a resounding appeal to us today. We are asked not just to believe that there is a God, but to love God. We are asked not just to respect our neighbour, but to love our neighbour. Love is not only the truth about human beings but also the truth about God, who is love itself.

Masses for the week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 25th October 9.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Dympna Burns, Legnagay; May Walmsley, Killyveagh; Joe Farrell, Derryvarymore; Fergus Farrell, Braade.

Sunday 1st November **All Saints** 9.30am Mass, **Anniversary:**

Deceased of the Love Family, Tobradan, Corr and Rossdoney.

Sunday 1st November **All Saints** 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Oliver Sheerin, Donegall Road; Madeline, Phil and Nancy Maguire, Drumbeggar.

Sunday 1st November 3pm Service of Prayer and Remembrance for the Dead

There will be no daily Mass this week due to Fr Cathal been unavailable.

Recently Deceased: your prayers are requested for the soul of Maureen Donegan, Silverhill, formerly Maureen Cox, Doagh. May she rest in peace.

November – Month of the Holy Souls: during the month of November each year we remember in a particular way all who have gone before us in death. Our prayer is that they are at peace and will share eternal life in God's kingdom. A novena of masses will be offered for the repose of all our deceased – families, relatives, friends, the anonymous dead whom no one now remembers. Lists are available at the back of each church, on which you can record the names of those that you want remembered and prayed for. Please place completed list in the basket at the front of the altar in St. Patrick's.

Mass for Deceased Lourdes Pilgrims: will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church, Clogher at 8pm on Friday 6 November via the www.lourdes2clogher.com website or the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page. If you wish to remember the name of a loved one in this Mass, log on to www.lourdes2clogher.com and follow the directions. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

Service of Prayer and Remembrance for the Dead: At 3pm next Sunday, 1 November, the Catholic Church in Ireland calls us to prayer as we join in remembering our dead. This will be a national communal prayer service of remembrance, lasting for about 15 minutes, and will be celebrated online from the Cathedral, led by Bishop Duffy, and in a church in each parish. In this parish, the service will be celebrated online via churchservices.tv/derrygonnelly. As a parish we normally have our annual memorial service towards the end of the month, which we still hope to do.

Mission Sunday – Thank You! Thanks for the envelopes returned as part of the World Missions Collection for Mission Sunday last weekend. There is still time to make your contribution to this much needed cause. You may do so through the parish envelopes. You can also contribute via the iDonate function on the homepage of www.clogherdiocese.ie Thanks once again for your support. "Together we can do more"

Reflection from the Mission Month booklet

Fr Hubert Martin

In our second reading today, Saint Paul praises the faith of the Thessalonians 'as the news of their faith has spread everywhere'. What this reading doesn't tell us is that Paul had to make good his escape from Thessalonica as soon as he finished preaching there. (Acts 17:1-10)

Not every missionary has had to endure what St Paul endured at Thessalonica, or indeed earlier, when he was stoned and left for dead (Acts 14: 19-20). Yet, many Irish missionaries have been killed while on mission; and others have been expelled from various jurisdictions around the world.

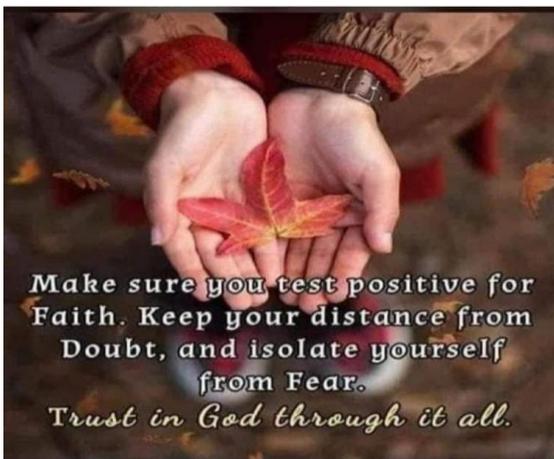
Fr Brian Grogan SJ in his book: Pedro Arrupe SJ: Mystic with Open Eyes (Messenger Publications, 2019) has written beautifully about the former superior general of the Jesuits and how his experience as a missionary priest prepared him so well to lead the Society of Jesus. He quotes from a letter by Arrupe in 1977, in response to the killing of five Jesuits within a few months of each other, in places as far apart as El Salvador, Brazil and Zimbabwe:

These are the Jesuits who the world and the Church need today, men impelled by the love of Christ who served their brothers and sisters without distinction of race or class, men who know how to identify with those who suffer; how to live with them to the point of giving their lives to help them. Brave men who know how to defend human rights to the extreme of sacrificing their lives, if it is necessary.

Fr Grogan concludes that:

most of what Jesuits and their partners in mission do is hidden, but the legacy is also written in blood because the struggle for faith and justice is carried out under the cross and leads to conflict with dominant and powerful opponents.

These sentiments may be related to any or all of the religious orders and missionary congregations affiliated to World Missions Ireland.



Fermanagh and Omagh District Council: Irish language activities continue on line and can still be joined: Irish language classes Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Singing in Irish class/circle Thursday 5:45pm-6:45pm. Irish conversation circle Friday 1pm-2pm.

Street/road signage in Irish can be provided for residents in district by FODC in the case of the consent necessary having been given by inhabitants. More information on culture@fermanaghomagh.com

St. Patrick's Cemetery: new lighting was recently installed in the cemetery, as had been planned during the church renovation project. The lights are activated by pressing the switch inside the main gates, to the left. The lighting is set to go off after approximately eight minutes.....it is not necessary to switch it off manually.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



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<https://www.svp.ie/get-involved/donate/single-donation.aspx>