

Parish of Botha

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God loves us wholly and his grace touches every dimension of our lives. Anyone who has made the discovery of faith, like the merchant in search of fine pearls, is led to a discipleship costing not less than everything. It can be daunting, of course, but it leads to life in abundance. (Jn 10:10)

Masses for the week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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.

Tuesday 28th July 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine **Months Memory:** Michael Dolan, Drummacooin.

Wednesday 29th July **St Martha** 10am Mass and Rosary.

Thursday 30th July 10am Mass and Rosary.

Sunday 2nd August 9.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Francie and Teresa Gallagher, Killyveagh; Frank McGurk, Scandally and deceased of the McGurk Family.

Sunday 2nd August 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** John Corrigan and deceased of the Corrigan Family, Tonagh.

Returning to Public Worship: it has been uplifting to have people attend masses in recent weeks. We are still in the very early stages of easing restrictions on gathering for Mass and other liturgies. While you are welcome to attend Mass, there is a restriction on numbers, with 38 being the capacity in St. Patrick's, due to the 2 meter distance required. This number can be higher where people from the same household attend, and sit together.

On attending Mass, you should **use the hand sanitizer** provided (and also use it when you leave the church). You are **strongly advised to wear a face mask**, and to ensure that it covers your nose and mouth. Please remove your mask as you approach for Holy Communion – this should be done by unhooking it from one ear rather than by pulling it below your chin. If you wear a reusable mask it is vital that it is washed regularly.

Due to the small capacity in the two smaller churches, masses are confined to St. Patrick's for the foreseeable future. Beginning today 26th July, there will be Mass at 9.30 and 11.30am so that more people can attend. It is impossible to gauge the number who may arrive for each mass, so you are encouraged to attend only one mass in the week. If you have been to a Mass regularly since lockdown ended, and there are too many people trying to attend, you might use your own initiative and decide not to attend for that particular occasion. It is necessary that everyone takes personal responsibility where this is concerned.

There is nothing so fixed that it cannot be reviewed, and changed if necessary.

Fr Cathal will be unavailable from Monday 3rd of August until Saturday 15th August. Consequently, there will be no Mass (**including Sunday 9th August**) during this time. Any funeral which may arise will be provided for.

Praying the Rosary: The Rosary is prayed after 10am Mass on Wednesdays and Thursdays and you are invited to join in via the church webcam. Praying the rosary allows us us to focus on those key moments, events and encounters in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. I encourage families to pray the rosary together, and if that's a tall order, perhaps begin with one decade each day. Pope Francis, speaking at Fatima in 2017, said, "each time we recite the Rosary, in this holy place or anywhere else, the Gospel enters anew into the life of individuals, families, peoples and the entire world".

There are twenty mysteries (or decades) of the Rosary:

Joyful Mysteries (prayed Mondays and Saturdays) **Mysteries of Light** (prayed Thursdays)

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| 1. The Annunciation | 1. The Baptism in the Jordan |
| 2. The Visitation | 2. The Wedding Feast at Cana |
| 3. The Nativity of the Lord | 3. Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God. |
| 4. The Presentation of the Lord | 4. The Transfiguration |
| 5. The Finding in the Temple | 5. Jesus institutes the Eucharist |

Sorrowful Mysteries (prayed Tuesdays and Fridays)

Glorious Mysteries (prayed Wednesdays and Sundays)

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| 1. The Agony in the Garden | 1. The Resurrection of Jesus |
| 2. The Scourging at the Pillar | 2. The Ascension into Heaven |
| 3. The Crowning with Thorns | 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles |
| 4. The Carrying of the Cross to Calvary | 4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into Heaven |
| 5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus | 5. The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven |

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 £3000. Congratulations to Gerard Skuce, Derrygonnelly, on winning £4700 last week. Thank you to all who support and promote the Harps Lotto. Last weekend saw Harps teams recommence competitive play. The club's grounds are very busy with so many teams coming and going virtually every evening. The correct protocols must be observed to prevent the spread of Covid-19. All entrants, must use hand sanitizers which are at the gates and players must either fill out or reconfirm the GAA questionnaire on Covid free status before training or matches. Staying safe is very important.

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