

# Parish of Botha

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## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The miracle of the multiplication of bread was an act of kindness and loving thoughtfulness on the part of Jesus. He saw people's need - it was late for them to return to their homes and they had nothing to eat all day – and he worked a miracle to meet this need. The bread he miraculously multiplied that day to supply the bodily needs of the Galilean multitude was but a foreshadowing of that heavenly food which he was about to give as spiritual nourishment to the millions who would become his followers, down through the centuries until the end of time.*

### Masses for the week

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

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

#### No Masses in the parish until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August **Feast of the Assumption** 10am Mass, **Anniversary:** The Keenan Family, Rosnarick Close.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Charlie Woods, Castletown.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Paddy Flanagan, Main Street and deceased of the Flanagan Family; John, Rose and Pat Love, Derryvary; Benny Love, Loughan.

**Recently deceased:** Your prayers are requested for the late Monsignor Sean Cahill, Enniskillen. May his soul rest in peace.

## *Prayer for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
You have taken up body and soul  
into the heavenly glory  
the Immaculate Virgin Mary,  
Mother of Your Son: Grant, we beseech You,  
that, ever intent upon heavenly things,  
we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory.  
Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever.  
Amen.*

*Celebrated each year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation.*

Fr Cathal will be unavailable from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of August until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Consequently, there will be no Mass (**including Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August**) during this time. Any funeral which may arise will be provided for. The next Mass celebrated in the parish is at 10am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

**Please note there will be no parish bulletin printed next weekend.**

**Resources for Confirmation:** To assist parishes and families in preparing for Confirmation, the Irish Episcopal Conference has commissioned a series of video resources. These videos can be accessed at [www.icatholic.ie](http://www.icatholic.ie) and on [www.clogherdiocese.ie](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie) along with accompanying notes and worksheets. Candidates for Confirmation are invited to avail of these resources. As new material comes to hand, it will be posted to these sites and shared via social media platforms. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

**Feast Days this Week: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, St John Vianney:** 1786-1859, had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. In 1817 he was sent to care for the people of Ars, a small, obscure French village. The marvellous gift of the unlearned priest for seeing into the depths of the soul brought the world to Ars. From 1830 on, the cure averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Patron of priests.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, The Transfiguration of the Lord:** The cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death, resurrection and glorification. The disciples have to realise that he must depart, just as they are now prepared for his going up to Jerusalem to die.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, St Dominic:** 1170-1221, a Spaniard who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to counteract the Albigensian heresy.

**A new pilgrimage on Lough Derg's lakeshore:** *Walk and Pray* in the Lough Derg tradition on 16, 18, 22, 26 & 30 August. At times in the 1600s and 1700s when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps. Contact 0 (0353) 71 9861518 or [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) for details. Numbers are limited. Advance booking essential.

### **Some Lessons for Life**

1. Silence is a friend that will never betray.
2. Revenge is like biting a dog because the dog bit you
3. Divorce is what couples agree on when they can't agree on anything else.
4. Anger is often more hurtful than the injury that caused it.
5. No secrets is the secret of a happy marriage.
6. Children tell in the highway what they hear by the fireside.
7. The greatest difficulty some people have with business is minding their own.
8. Never miss a chance to keep your mouth shut.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £3100. £20 Thomas Flanagan Jnr, Martin Treacy, Boho, Mary Cox, Tonagh. Thank you to all who support and promote the Harps Lotto The seniors host Erne Gaels today at 1pm, 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.