

Parish of Botha

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus has the gift of saying things directly and plainly, with a power to penetrate all our defenses and lead us to a new awareness. Today's message puts before us the paradox of the Gospel: we gain life by letting go of it. If I put my happiness, my being loved, at the center of my life, then I will surely fail, even though to be loved and to be happy are really important. If on the other hand, I put the happiness of others first and love them unconditionally, then I too will know unselfish love and deep happiness. This is the very insight and wisdom that Jesus puts before us as the key not just to love but to life and within that, the key to authentic discipleship precisely as a way of life.

Masses for the week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 30th August 9.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Jackie McGrath, Tobradan.

Sunday 30th 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.

Tuesday 1st September 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine **Anniversary:** Kevin Bannon, Kilnamadoo

Wednesday 2nd September 10am Mass and Rosary.

Thursday 3rd September **St Gregory the Great** 10am Mass and Rosary.

Sunday 6th September 9.30am Mass People of the Parish

Sunday 6th September 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Mary McGlone, Marian Mohan and deceased of the McGlone Family.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Maisie Meehan, Kiltyclogher. May she rest in peace.

"Prayer for the earth"

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.*

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

*Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.*

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

*Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.*

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Composed by Pope Francis

The Season of Creation: has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The Season of Creation or Creation Time is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

Quotes from Pope Francis for caring for our common home.

- *“We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family.”*
- *“The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish.*
- *“Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years.”*
- *“We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us.”*
- *“The idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology ... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth’s goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit.”*
- *“Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.”*

Cemetery Sunday: As with everything else, it has not been possible to celebrate Cemetery Sunday as a parish community this year. Large outdoor gatherings have been greatly curtailed and there is no indication as to when this might change. Consequently, for 2020, I am recommending that the weekend of September 26th and 27th be chosen as designated days to visit the graves to remember and honour deceased loved ones. You are encouraged to tidy your family plot (and those of others who may have no relatives) in advance of the occasion. You are invited to pray some of the suggested prayers which will be printed in the parish bulletin and to sprinkle the graves with holy water.

August Contributions: Weekly Offerings £3065.00; Upkeep of Clergy £2606.00; Renovation £885.00. Sincere thanks to all who continue to support our parish by way of financial contributions. In spite of Covid 19 and the lockdown of recent months, the upkeep and development of our parish continues, and can only happen with your support. Thank you.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2020: Broadcast live on Sunday 13 September at 3pm from Knock Basilica Due to covid-19 restrictions, capacity will be very limited in the Basilica. We invite grandparents and their families everywhere to join us online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch

Anam Cara Donegal: the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly evening for bereaved parents on Thursday 10th September at 7:20pm in the Raddison Blu, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. ** subject to change in accordance with government guidelines**

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3500. £20 Martin McGurn, Boho, Josie Monaghan, Belleek, Margaret McGrath, Monea. Thank you to all who support and promote the Harps Lotto by envelopes and online via the klubfunder app. Good luck to the senior men who play Roslea in the championship this evening at 7pm. Condolences to the McGullion family on the passing of Mrs Maisie Meehan, Kiltyclogher.