

# Parish of Botha

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**Baptisms:** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, currently restricted to two babies at once

**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Wednesday 1.30pm – 9.30pm

Thursday 6.30pm – 9.30pm.

## Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

*We gather to celebrate the Eucharist, which is to be a celebration in hope and joy as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. To take part in it is a grace and a privilege. But we must wear the garment of sinlessness and obedience to God's will. Many before us have been called to the feast but failed to stay.*

### Masses for the week

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Brendan McGrath, Mullylusty; Eamon McGullion, Tullycalter.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 11.30am Mass **Months Memory:** Kevin Gallagher, Derryvarymore.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 10am Mass and Rosary.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October **St Teresa of Avila** 10am Mass and Rosary.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Mary Kate and Francie McTeggart, Drumcorban; Eileen McGrenera, Belfast

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Emily Love, Fairview Park; Tommy and Agnes Leonard and deceased of the Leonard Family, Glenashaver; Johnny Hoy and deceased of the Hoy Family, Mill Green.

## Guess who's not coming to dinner?

(Reflection from the Mission Month booklet)

*'Daddy, will you come to see me on Saturday?' 'Sorry son, I've got to get the car washed for the weekend.'*  
We do what we see as urgent, and often neglect the important. Nobody at retirement will regret not having spent more time in the office but may regret not spending time with loved ones.

It was similar for those who received the king's invitation. The Gospel of Luke goes into more detail: One had bought land, another beasts of burden and another had just got married. They all had something that required their immediate attention.

In scripture, the wedding feast represents what God has on offer in his Kingdom. In the Old Testament, the chosen people didn't accept his invitation. The prophet Isaiah is doing his best to call them to their senses. He is telling them that God wants what's best for them, what will bring them true happiness. He will provide for them, protect them and free them from guilt and shame and a reason to grieve. Then in the psalm this same God will see that *"goodness and kindness shall follow his people all the days of our life."* To add to that, the New Testament reading says, 'There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength' (Phil4:13). We all need to hear this Good News. Imagine getting the all clear from the cancer specialist, but not being told the results of the tests!

So we come to Jesus to hear something wonderful and we have to go and tell what we have heard. God's generosity is such, that all that is required to be present at the banquet, is the desire to be there. Don't be satisfied with the mere urgent, and neglect what's most important. Fr Thomas McManus

## **A Prayer in a time of Pandemic**

**Loving and healing God**

**we implore you for an end to the coronavirus;**

**for relief for those afflicted with it,**

**and for eternal life for those whom the Lord  
has called to himself.**

**May the Blessed Virgin Mary,**

**Mother of God and Mother of the Church,**

**health of the sick and help of Christians,**

**help suffering humanity,**

**saving us from the evil of this pandemic**

**and obtaining for us every good necessary**

**for human salvation.**

**Loving and healing God bless your people.**

**Fill us with your abiding presence**

**and grant us pardon from our sins.**

**Ease our mind. Strengthen our body.**

**Let us be serene in hope, and, at the last,**

**bring us to the table of unending joys in  
heaven.**

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Archbishop Eamonn Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October in what is called the Family **Rosary Crusade:** against Covid– you are encouraged to pray the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, each day during the month of October. Pray for your own family and loved ones and for all those whose health or livelihood is being seriously impacted by the coronavirus crisis. Don't be afraid to share your prayers on Facebook and tag your local parish using [#FamilyRosaryCrusadehashtag](#)

**Baptisms:** We welcome to the Christian community through the waters of baptism, Ben Donal Dundas, Aoife Roseanne Farry and Darragh Thomas Murphy. May they grow in faith.

**Please note the parish email address  
is now [office@bothaparish.com](mailto:office@bothaparish.com)  
Please use this address for all future  
correspondence.**

**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.

**Coronavirus:** as cases of Covid19 continue to rise in recent weeks, it is important that we continue to be vigilant and conscious of our safety and wellbeing. Thank you for your continued cooperation with attendance at masses and other liturgies. Please continue to wear a face covering and to use the hand sanitizer provided. You are asked to cooperate with the ushers at each mass. Churches in the southern parishes of the diocese have been closed since earlier this week for an initial period of three weeks; it is possible that a similar move could be made here. Coronavirus will be with us for months to come so it is vital that each of us continues to be responsible for good hygiene etiquette and for maintaining social distancing.

A major concern over these last six months is the lack of interaction with others which can lead to a feeling of isolation. While we cannot visit each other's homes, we can still keep in touch by telephone or text, by email or letter. Rural isolation is an ongoing challenge for many people, so please look out for one another.

Voluntary, statutory and community groups and organisations continue to provide a lifeline to many in our community. Please always know that support is available and never be hesitant in seeking it.