

# Parish of Botha

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

*We must have faith in the power of God's word. It is the instrument by which God effects his purpose. It does not work automatically; but grows in a soil of faith and prayer. We have to be concerned about teaching, preaching and praying the word and to work to ensure a receptive soil.*

### Masses for the week

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Kathleen Magee, Tullycreevy; Michael and Kathleen McShea, Markethill; Frank and Annie Higgins, The Diamond, Monea; Joe and Kieran Smyth and deceased of the Smyth Family, Drumary; Michael Farrell, Main Street; Cathal Carroll, Lisdoonan.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July **St Bonaventure** 10am Mass and Rosary. **Anniversary:** Denis and Molly Meehan, Killyveagh; Hugh and John McSherry, Drumscollop.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** 10am Mass and Rosary. **Anniversary:** Joe Corrigan, Aghamore.

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am Mass

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Liam Elliott and deceased of Elliott and McGlone Families, Sandhill; Eugene Cassidy, Derryvarymore and deceased of the McManus Family, Aughakeeran.

**Recently Deceased:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of Jim Tummin, Newtownbutler. May he rest in peace.

## *Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

*O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine,*

*Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God,*

*Immaculate Virgin, assist me this my necessity.*

*O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.*

*O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you  
from the bottom of my heart, to succour me in this necessity;*

*there are none that can withstand your power.*

*O, show me herein you are my Mother,*

*O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)*

*Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)*

**Returning to Public Worship:** it has been great to have a congregation for masses since last Sunday. Sixteen weeks have passed since people last gathered, so the return, albeit with very small numbers, is a positive sign. As has been said before, parishes across the country are taking small steps on the road to recovery. We are working with a two meter distance, which means that St. Patrick's Church has a capacity of 38 – however this can be increased when families attend and sit together. The parish Covid 19 committee (comprising church sacristans, along with a representative from the Altar Society, PPC and Finance Committee, as well as two representatives from the GAA Club), is continuing to work on expanding access for people. While everyone is welcome, it is simply not possible to accommodate everyone at Mass. Those who have an anniversary intention booked have priority, but again, should limit numbers to approximately five people. **It is strongly advised that people wear a face mask while in the church.** From Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July a second Mass will be celebrated on Sundays at **9.30am** in St. Patrick's Church, to allow for more people to attend Mass, and to give adequate time for the church to be cleaned before the 11.30am Mass. Currently, 27 people can be accommodated in the Sacred Heart and 18 in the Immaculate Conception. This will be kept under review and future decisions will be made based on numbers permitted in our parish churches.

**Anniversary Masses:** With limited numbers able to attend Mass, anniversary intentions will be limited to four each Sunday with priority given to those who have month's memory or 1<sup>st</sup> anniversaries. You are encouraged to arrange anniversary intentions for our weekday Masses.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** the postponed celebration of Confirmation has been arranged for **6pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** for St. Patrick's PS, **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** for Killyhommon PS and **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Lough Derg Lakeshore and Ancient Pilgrim Path:** reopens for visitors. Walk and Pray the Ancient Pilgrim Path with the Prior on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Guided Contemplative Walk begins at noon. Approx. 4hr, 12k moderate loop. Booking essential, email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) full details [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £4600. £20 Muirín & Liam McGinley, Monea, Mary Keaney, Derrygonnelly, PG Mc Manus Kinawley. Grateful thanks to all who support the lotto. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the successful completion of the major work carried out at Canon Maguire Park.

Our Grounds have re-opened for training in reduced groups, some youth teams may also return. The completion of the GAA's e-module on Covid-19 measures, and a health questionnaire, (which will become a reference point as players attend subsequent sessions) must be completed.

**Mary's Meals:** has shared a new film, #LoveReachesEverywhere. Watch for free and join Hollywood actor, Gerard Butler, as he meets some of the children and communities you are helping around the world [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or on Facebook Mary's Meals Ireland.