

Parish of Botha

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a great mystery in the will of God that all be saved. He knows the minds and hearts of all and does not judge in a human way. We hold to the belief in the need of membership for salvation, but we do so in the light of the universality of salvation. Like the canaanite woman we must persevere with a determined faith in seeking the truth in love, until all nations learn of God's salvation, and all peoples praise his name.

Masses for the week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 16th August 9.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Rosemary Magee, Castletown Manor; Charlie Woods, Castletown.

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

Tuesday 18th August 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine, **Anniversary:** Sean McGovern, Doagh; Sonny and Bernie McGovern, Derrygonnelly.

Wednesday 19th August 10am Mass and Rosary.

Thursday 20th August **St Bernard** 10am Mass and Rosary,

Sunday 23rd August 9.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Lily and Kevin Cassidy, Killyveagh.

Sunday 23rd August 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Thomas Murphy, Drumanane; Teddy Walmsley, Enniskillen; Billy Jones and deceased of the Jones Family, Doagh.

Baptisms: We welcome to our Christian community through the waters of baptism, Conleth John Brennan, Caoimhe Kate Day, Ethan Douglas Erskine and Eloise Kate Thompson. May they grow in faith.

Feast Days this Week: Monday 17th August Our Lady of Knock: The story of Knock began on 21st August 1879 when Our Lady, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of Knock Parish Church. This miraculous apparition was witnessed by fifteen people, young and old. Knock is an internationally recognised Marian Shrine and was visited by St John Paul II, as part of his 1979 papal pilgrimage to Ireland. The date of the memorial is within the annual novena conducted at the Shrine.

Thursday 20th August St Bernard: 1090-1153, became a Cistercian monk at Citeaux in 1113 and was chosen Abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a solid grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. Patron of Gibraltar and beekeepers.

Friday 21st August St Pius X: 1835-1914, Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, then Pope from 1903. Encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

Saturday 22nd The Queenship of Mary: During the middle ages, Mary was venerated as queen of angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed the memorial for the universal Church at the close of the Marian Year 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary's queenship with the Assumption.

Novena Prayer to Our Lady of Knock

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

*Give praise to the Father Almighty, To His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord,
To the Spirit who lives in our hearts, both now and forever. Amen.*

*Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland,
you gave hope to your people in a time of distress,
and comforted them in sorrow.*

*You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray
with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise,
"Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find."
Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven.
Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ,
especially those who live with me.*

*Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed.
Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass.
Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
Pray for me now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.*

Diocesan Appointments: Bishop Larry has made the following appointments to take effect from Friday 4th September.

- Fr. Richard Mohan, PP Clones, retires to become PE Clones (residing in Aghadrumsee);
- Fr. Peter Corrigan, PP Currin-Killeevan-Aghabog retires to become PE Currin-Killeevan-Aghabog;
- Fr. John Halton, PP Tempo retires to become PE Tempo;
- Fr. Peter O' Reilly, PP Enniskillen also becomes PP Tempo;
- Fr. Jim Moore, PP Fintona becomes PP Clones and PP Currin-Killeevan-Aghabog;
- Fr. Patrick Mac Entee, PP Dromore also becomes PP Fintona;
- Fr. Kevin Connolly, CC Clones becomes CC Fintona.

Prayers and best wishes to all of them at this time of transition.

A Pilgrimage on Lough Derg's lakeshore: *Walk and Pray* in the Lough Derg tradition on 16, 18, 22, 26 & 30 August. Booking essential. Tel 00353 71 9861518 or info@loughderg.org for details.

Cash for Clobber: Killyhommon PS are in the process of purchasing two new white boards. In order to recoup some of this expense we are asking you to support our CASH FOR CLOBBER initiative. You can do this by filling up bin bags with: Clothes, Handbags, Household textiles, Shoes (Pairs only). Leave all bags in the school shelter, from 18th – 24th August 2020 Thanks in advance for your continuous support from the Eco Committee.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3200. £20 Jackie Doogan, Derrygonnelly, Imelda McTeggart, Derryvary, Nigel Elliott, online player. Thank you to all who support and promote the Harps Lotto by envelopes and online via the klubfunder app. 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.