

Parish of Botha

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Baptisms: on the 1st 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

The gospel for this year's World Mission Sunday is taken from the discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper. It is a reading from Masses for the Spread of the Gospel. Jesus prays that as the Father has sent them into the world, he sends his disciples into the world. He prays that they will be consecrated in truth and prays, 'With me in them and they in me, may they be completely one that the world will realize that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.'

Masses for the week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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

Sunday 18th 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.

Sunday 25th October 9.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Dympna Burns, Legnagay; May Walmsley, Killyveagh; Joe Farrell, Derryvarymore; Fergus Farrell, Braade.

Sunday 25th October 11.30am Mass, Faith and Light (Northern region.)

There will be no daily Masses celebrated this week.

Mission Sunday: the theme for this annual World Missions Sunday is ***Together we can do more: blessed are the peacemakers***, taken from Matthew 5. It calls for solidarity with missionaries and their communities as best as possible. Your contributions today go towards supporting communities throughout the world so that they can build churches, schools, clinics and parish halls. It also helps prepare future leaders, teachers and carers of the Church by supporting priests, sisters and brothers, and catechists in their training. Many programmes that protect and care for children's spiritual and physical well-being are also helped by what you give. Together, through World Mission Sunday we are helping the Church to grow and flourish. Together we are mission! Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Please note the new parish email address:

office@bothaparish.com

Please use this address for all future correspondence



Prayer

God our Father,
we pray for those who are suffering,
for those who are grieving,
for those who are anxious,
and for those who are working tirelessly to
care for the sick.

God our Father,
your son Jesus Christ came into our world
to heal us from division and bring us to life
in abundance.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
help us to strive together as
one family of many nations to
help those in greatest crisis.

We ask this in the name of
Jesus or Risen Lord. Amen.



**SOMEONE HAS WRITTEN THESE
10 BEAUTIFUL LINES. READ and
TRY to UNDERSTAND the DEEPER MEANING
of THEM**

1. **PRAYER** is not a “spare wheel” that **YOU PULL OUT** when **IN** trouble, but it is a “**STEERING WHEEL**” that **DIRECTS** the **RIGHT PATH** THROUGHOUT LIFE.
2. Why is a **CAR’S WINDSCREEN** so **LARGE** and the **REAR-VIEW MIRROR** so small? **BECAUSE** our **PAST** is **NOT** as **IMPORTANT** as **OUR FUTURE**. So, **LOOK AHEAD** and **MOVE ON**.
3. **FRIENDSHIP** is like a **BOOK**. It takes a **FEW SECONDS** to **BURN**, but it **TAKES YEARS** to **WRITE**.
4. **ALL THINGS** in **LIFE** are **TEMPORARY**. If they are **GOING WELL**, **ENJOY** them, They **WILL NOT LAST FOREVER**. If they are going wrong, don’t **WORRY**, THEY **CAN’T LAST LONG EITHER**.
5. **Old FRIENDS** are **GOLD!** **NEW** friends are **DIAMONDS!** If you **GET** a **DIAMOND**, **DON’T FORGET** the **GOLD!** To **HOLD** a **DIAMOND**, you **ALWAYS NEED** a **BASE of GOLD!**
6. Often when **WE LOSE HOPE** and **THINK** this is the **END**, **GOD SMILES** from **ABOVE** and says, “**RELAX, SWEETHEART; it’s JUST a BEND, NOT THE END!**”
7. When **GOD SOLVES** your **PROBLEMS**, You **HAVE FAITH** in **HIS ABILITIES**; when **GOD DOESN’T SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS**, HE has **FAITH** in **YOUR ABILITIES**.
8. A **BLIND PERSON** asked **GOD**: “**CAN THERE** be **ANYTHING WORSE THAN LOSING YOUR SIGHT?**” HE REPLIED: “**YES, LOSING YOUR VISION.**”
9. When **YOU PRAY** for **OTHERS** **GOD LISTENS** to **YOU** and **BLESSES THEM**, and **SOMETIMES**, when you are **SAFE** and **HAPPY**, **REMEMBER** that **SOMEONE** has **PRAYED** for **YOU**.
10. **WORRING** does **NOT TAKE AWAY TOMORROW’S TROUBLES**; IT **TAKES AWAY** today’ **PEACE**.

November – Month of the Holy Souls: during the month of November each year we remember in a particular way all who have gone before us in death. Our prayer is that they are at peace and will share eternal life in God’s kingdom. A novena of masses will be offered for the repose of all our deceased – families, relatives, friends, the anonymous dead whom no one now remembers. Lists are available at the back of each church, on which you can record the names of those that you want remembered and prayed for. Please place completed list in the basket at the front of the altar in St. Patrick’s.

Faith and Light: many of you are familiar with Faith and Light, an international organisation for those with learning disabilities and their families and friends. It focuses on the gift of Community and celebrates the special gifts of each member, particularly those with a learning disability. It offers people a real place within the human and Christian family. There are many Faith and Light communities in Ireland. Each September those that belong to the Northern Region come together at Lough Derg for their annual regional pilgrimage. The current pandemic has made it impossible to meet this year so the 11.30am Mass next Sunday 25th October will be offered for Faith and Light communities of the northern region, (who will join via the parish webcam).

Coronavirus: As you are aware new measures have been introduced by the NI Executive in response to the continued rise in cases. Thankfully attendance at masses is still permitted, subject to the proper physical distancing being adhered to. Capacity at mass continues to be restricted. Please give priority to those who have an anniversary or months memory intention. You are asked to wear a face covering in the church and to use the hand sanitiser provided on entering and leaving the building. **Please note: attendance at both funerals and weddings is limited to twenty five people and this has to be strictly enforced.** You are asked to cooperate with the ushers at each mass. As this pandemic continues please practice good hygiene etiquette.

Precious Life: Join one of our **LIFE CHAINS** in towns across Northern Ireland on Saturday 24th October at 2pm. (organised in accordance with government Covid 19 restrictions on outdoor gatherings) contact **Precious Life** on **028 9027 8484** or email info@preciouslife.com

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.