

Parish of Botha

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us the gift of repentance. In the parable of the two sons, Jesus holds up the example of the public sinners in his time being converted while the establishment figures refuse to listen to his message. Ezekiel reminds us that repentance is always possible, for the Lord remembers his mercy.

Masses for the week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 27th September 9.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Deceased of McLoughlin and Cassidy Families, Aughakeeran; Michael and Brigid McLoughlin, Glenlevin.

Sunday 27th September 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** John Cameron, Drumreask; Renee and Cathal Maguire, Creamery Road; Breedh Smyth, Kathleen Kelly and deceased of the Kelly Family, Caldrum.

Tuesday 29th September **SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine, **Anniversary:** Jim McAfee, Aghahoran.

Wednesday 30th September **St Jerome** 10am Mass and Rosary.

Thursday 1st October **St Thérèse of the Child Jesus** 10am Mass, Rosary and Novena prayers to St Thérèse

Sunday 4th October 9.30am Mass **Months Memory:** Paddy Corrigan, Coranerk.

Sunday 4th October 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Damian McGovern, Caldrum Road; Mary Meehan, Killyveagh.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Sabrina Boyle, Fintona. May she rest in peace.

Grief

Grief cannot be shared, for it is mine alone.

Grief is a dying within me, a great emptiness, a frightening void.

It is loneliness, a sickening sorrow at night, on awakening a terrible dread.

Another's words do not help.

A reasoned argument explains little for having tried too much.

Silence is the best response to another's grief.

Not the silence that is a pause in speech, awkward and unwanted,

but one that unites heart to heart.

Love, speaking in silence, is the way into the void of another's grief.

The best of all loves comes silently, and slowly too, to soften the pain of grief,

and begin to dispel the sadness.

It is the love of God, warm and true, which will touch the grieving heart and heal it.

He looks at the grieving person and has pity, for grief is a great pain.

He came among us to learn about grief, and much else too,

this Man of Sorrows.

He knows. He understands.

Grief will yield to peace – in time.

Parish Donation: Sincere thanks for the two very generous donations received recently in support of the parish.

Next Sunday – Day for Life: The theme for this year's Day for Life here in Ireland is "Choose Life". We as Catholics have a message of hope and a story of love; together we can promote a culture of life. Next Sunday will be a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. For more information visit www.councilforlife.ie

Lourdes 2Clogher Rosary: At 8pm on every Friday in October, the Month of the Rosary, (beginning next Friday) there will be a short video reflection on and the recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary from a church in the diocese. This can be accessed via the Diocese of Clogher Facebook Page and on www.lourdes2clogher.com. Following the success of the #Lourdes2Clogher virtual pilgrimage earlier this year this is an opportunity to continue our prayer and devotion to Our Lady and keep the Lourdes story in our minds.

TODAY we mark the **106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees:** The theme chosen by the Holy Father for 2020 is "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee". In his message the Pope Francis says: 'Displaced people offer us this opportunity to meet the Lord, "even though our eyes find it hard to recognize him: his clothing in tatters, his feet dirty, his face disfigured, his body wounded, his tongue unable to speak our language". 'We are called to respond to this pastoral challenge with ... four verbs: welcome, protect, promote and integrate.

Faith Matters Prayer Group, Bailieboro: Nigerian Christians are experiencing extreme persecution right now. Funds are needed urgently to facilitate the building of a Trauma Centre for the victims of violence in the Diocese of Maidugri .To donate log on to the fundraiser below. Thank you.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-fr-joseph-build-trauma-centre>

Cemetery Fees: in line with many other parishes in Clogher diocese, the parish Finance Committee has decided to introduce a fee for burial plots in the parish cemeteries. From 1st October there will be a fee for any new plot - £100 for a single grave, £200 for a double and £300 for a treble. Existing burial plots are not subject to the fee structure.

Job Opportunity: The Diocese of Clogher is seeking to appoint a Diocesan Support Worker. (20 hours per week) initially for 1 year, subject to renewal. Essential criteria include a minimum of 5 years' experience as a public health nurse, carer or social worker as well as competency and capability of undertaking the duties of support worker with clergy within the Diocese of Clogher, reporting to the bishop. The post is advertised in local newspapers this week and on www.clogherdiocese.ie where a job specification can also be found. Closing date for applications is Friday 9 October at 12 noon.

For Students at QUB: The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University is now open. Our liturgies, faith events and social gatherings are popular with students and alumni. We have a range of groups and societies whose activities appeal to a wide range of interests. Our Chapel, Food Bar and study space are open throughout the academic year. Wherever you are on your faith journey, know that we are here for you. Here is a Facebook link to a welcome video:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=613457662659672&extid=VWuGAapdA2czXP2g>

For more visit qubcatholic.org or drop by for a coffee and chat at 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3900. £20 Ronan Daly, Springfield, Michael Glynn, online player, Fintan Keown, Belleek. Good luck in the Championship final to our seniors as they play St Josephs, Ederney in Brewster Park this evening at 6pm. We expect Under 15 competitions to commence soon, perhaps also Under 11. Our Under 16 girls are just at the start of their league as well. Under 11 girls coaching continues on Friday evenings, as does coaching for Under 8's on Sunday mornings.

Boho Community Association: AGM is on Wednesday 7th October at 7.30pm. New members welcome.