

Parish of Botha

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Wednesday 1:30pm – 9:30pm

Thursday 6.30pm – 9:30pm

Radio Frequency

90.6fm

Funerals and Weddings:

Attendance subject to current Covid restrictions. Families may have a funeral or wedding in whichever parish church they choose, being mindful of the webcam facility in Derrygonnelly.

Baptisms: on the 1st Saturday of each month, currently restricted to two babies at once

Fifth Sunday of Easter

'Today's gospel offers us an image of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The word literally means one who is learning, a good attitude to have throughout life. The way to learn from others is by observing what they do, by trying to capture some of the spirit which animates them, in short, by being with them. And this is precisely what the image of the vine and the branches intend to convey, namely, that it is by keeping company with the lord, who is forever present in the Church that we develop and grow as his followers.

Immaculate Conception, Monea

Sun 02 May	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Joe McManus, Drumbeggan; John and Ann Higgins, Castletown.
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Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly

Sun 02 May	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Phil and Gavin Meehan and deceased of the Meehan Family, Main Street; Barney Flood, Sillees Grove; Aidan O'Dare, Sandhill and deceased of the O'Dare and Greene Families, Braade; Annie and Patrick Dolan, Sandhill.
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Tue 4 May	7:00pm	Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.
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Wed 5 May	10:00am	Mass
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Thu 6 May	10:00am	Mass
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Sun 9 May	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Jimmy Sheerin, Springfield; Joey Jones, Fairview Park; Mary Dundas, John James Dundas and Margaret Meredith, Knockmore Park.
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Sacred Heart, Boho

Sun 9 May	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Deceased of the Marlow, Nolan and Rasdale Families, Boho; Deceased of the McGurn and Flanagan Families, The Barrs.
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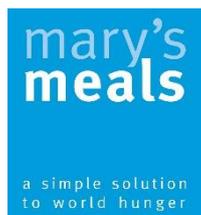
A National Synod for the Catholic Church in Ireland: The Irish Bishops' Conference have announced a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. We are all invited to journey together in discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in Ireland at this time. We are acutely aware of the huge challenges to the faith over the past fifty years; a major decline in practice of the faith and in the number of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. The bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: parish or pastoral area meetings, focus groups, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; receiving summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences etc. Your feedback, which should be no more than 300 words and submitted by Pentecost Sunday 23 May 2021, ought to focus on the nature of the **process** for the consultation i.e. **how we can best go about this initial phase of establishing the conversation?** You are invited to offer feedback to the following question: What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod? The responses will be considered by the task group to be put in place by the bishops this summer to plan and oversee the first steps along the synod pathway. Submissions should be made via the new Synodal Pathway webpage: www.catholicbishops.ie/synod

St. Patrick's Church Altar Society: would like to thank all those who contributed to the Altar Society in any way during lockdown. Many of you donated flowers and money over the past twelve months, all of which helped to keep our Altar always beautifully decorated during these difficult times. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Members for May: Sean McLoughlin, Annette Murphy, Janette Murphy, Joanne McKenna.

Pope urges Catholics to pray in May for end to Covid-19 pandemic: Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announced the news with a press release on Wednesday afternoon. It takes place under the theme **“The whole Church was fervently praying to God,”** which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

A Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity: Do you believe in the power of the Rosary? A Continuous Rosary timetable is available to view at <http://www.continuousrosary.com> **we only need people to pray the Rosary 12 times a year.**



Mary's Meals: needs your help. War rages on in Tigray, Ethiopia, and much of the world remains unaware. The stories we are hearing from our trusted local partner The Daughters of Charity, about what people have gone through since the conflict began last November are nothing short of horrific. But with communication channels only partially open and much of the country still in 'blackout', global media remains largely silent. To find out more please go to www.marysmeals.ie or 0863140814

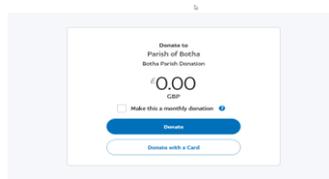
Parish Account: The new bank details for the parish are: Botha Parish, Bank of Ireland, Townhall Street, Enniskillen. Since the onset of Coronavirus, when attendance at public worship was stopped, and is still greatly restricted, a number of people have switched to making their parish contributions by standing order from the traditional means of using parish envelopes. Anyone with a standing order is asked to please amend their mandate to: **Sort Code: 90 48 86 Account No: 627 463 34** While the majority of contributions are still made through the parish envelope, **anyone who wishes to set up a standing order is encouraged to do so using the bank details provided;** please include your name as a reference. Contact the parish office for further assistance. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributes towards the upkeep of the parish.

Parish contributions electronically

Go to www.parihofbotha.com and on the right hand side about three-quarters way down your screen you will see this option.



Press on **Make a Donation**, this screen comes up – enter in amount and you can change to make it a regular monthly contribution.



Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £7000. £20 Damien James, Monea, Gilleece Girls, Boho, Bridie O'Connor, Belleek. Thank you very much to everyone for their support for the club through the lotto. The club's activities are well underway now. Please remember to complete the 'Return to Play' form online, and renew for each session. Sunday Morning Football Group 1 attends from 10.30 – 11.30 and arrives at the top pitch car park. Group 2 from 11.30 to 12.30 arrive at the Sandhill Road car park, beside the stand, walk around the bottom pitch. This may avoid some congestion. Overall, it has been great to see so many groups on the pitch enjoying their sessions and we hope to add games to the schedules soon.

The MAY 50k for MS Ireland Visit www.themay50k.com to register for this fundraising initiative to combat Multiple Sclerosis in Ireland. Ideal for workplace participation.

Alone Covid-19: Support Line for Older People is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.