

Parish of Botha

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

To know the Father and the Son we must become pupils in the school of Christ. The way of Christ is one of humility and gentleness. Intellectual pride and arrogance are not seen in the Christian. The teachings of Christ are to be learnt with humility and in prayer.

Masses for the week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 5th July 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Thomas Farmer, Drumgamph; Eileen Maguire, Killydrum; Peter Jones, Kilnamadoo; Gerard Cox, Tonagh; Michael and Agnes McGullion, Meenaglearagh; Robbie and Ellen Collumn, Meenaglearagh; Anthony and Bridie Carr, Sillees Grove; Patrick, Philip and deceased of the Maguire

Family, Killyteggart.

Tuesday 7th July 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 8th July 10am Mass and Rosary.

Thursday 9th July 10am Mass and Rosary.

Sunday 12th 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.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Jim Hoy, Rosnarick Close/Blaney and Sr Amelian Kiernan, Convent of Mercy, Enniskillen. May they rest in peace.

In Difficult Times

*Consoling God, be a source of serenity for me
when struggles and difficulties threaten to overwhelm me.*

*God of hope, assure me of your unconditional love
when I doubt myself or question the worth of my life.*

*Truth-bringing God, encourage me to embrace you
during those times when I get lost in the lies of my weakness.*

*Compassionate God, hold me to your heart
when I feel helpless in the face of the world's pain.*

*Light-filled God, keep me ever close to you
during those moments when bleakness surrounds my life.*

*Comforting God, shelter me under your wings
when I am engulfed in sadness and overcome with distress.*

*God of peace, you are the centre of my life,
a strong refuge of peace in the whirlwind of pain.
I look to you for strength and a constant assurance of hope.*

Welcome back! It's great to be able to offer this greeting as we begin to take small steps on the road to reopening our churches for public prayer and worship. This day has come sooner than we expected, but hopefully not too soon. From last Monday places of worship are permitted to offer public prayer, subject to social distancing being in place. The guidance states clearly that a distance of 2 meters is to be adhered to, except in enclosed spaces where 2 meters is not possible. For this reason church capacity is greatly reduced. St Patrick's has a capacity of 38 – however this can be increased when families attend and sit together.

The parish Covid-19 committee has put a policy in place to ensure the safety of everyone who attends church. As a committee we have decided to focus on getting St Patrick's open before we make plans for the other churches in the parish. **Please refer to the parish Covid-19 policy on the notice board at the back of the church.**

There will be initial teething problems and our reopening will be very much trial and error. Everyone is asked to respect the plans and to cooperate with the ushers in the church. While everyone is welcome, it will not be possible to accommodate everyone at every Mass. For this reason people are encouraged to attend a Mass during the week rather than on a Sunday. Also when booking anniversary intentions, people should consider having the intention at a daily Mass rather than on a Sunday.

People who have any underlying health conditions, those with any coronavirus symptoms and those aged 70 and over are asked not to attend Mass at the moment.

There has been a calm and a peace in our churches over these last four months, but church without congregations robs the liturgy of its soul. Coming back together is a positive start and, with the support, cooperation and goodwill of everyone, we will continue to build on these first steps which we are taking.

Fr Cathal

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 1st anniversaries. You are encouraged to arrange anniversary intentions for our weekday Masses.

Lourdes2Clogher virtual pilgrimage: The virtual pilgrimage is now underway and continues until July 8th. The different Masses and devotions will be streamed via www.lourdes2clogher.com. You are invited to take part, in answer to Mary's request to St Bernadette for people to come to Lourdes for prayer and healing. You can also go to this website to leave a prayer petition to be included in the Masses. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. St Bernadette, pray for us.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4500. £20 James Timmins, Newtownbutler, Charlie Jones, Crott, Katie Cassidy, Derrygonnelly. Grateful thanks to all who support the lotto. Our Grounds have re-opened for non-contact training in groups of ten or less. 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.

Condolences to the McGowan, Dolan and Hoy families on their recent bereavements.

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 or on Facebook Mary's Meals Ireland.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

*Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.