

Parish of Botha 10th April 2022

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Parish Office Hours	
Monday	6:30pm – 9:30pm
Wednesday	1:30pm – 9:30pm
Thursday	6:30pm – 9:30pm
Baptisms: on the 1st Saturday of each month at 4pm in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly	

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Masses for the Week		
Sacred Heart, Boho		
Sun 10 April	10:00am	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion; Anniversary: Agnes McHugh and deceased of the McHugh Family, Drumma; Lizzie McGovern , Portmush.
Fri 15 April	8:00pm	Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 8pm (lay led).
Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
Sun 10 April	11:30am	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion; Anniversary: Hugh Foy , Ely Lodge; Eamon and Patricia Hoy and deceased of the Hoy Family , Loughan. Sonny Haren , Fairview Park.
Tue 12 April	7:00pm	Mass and Novena to St Peregrine
Wed 13 April	10:00am	Mass
Thu 14 April	7:00pm	Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9pm).
Fri 15 April	3:00pm	Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 16 April	7:00pm	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
Sun 17 April	11:30am	Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord
Immaculate Conception, Monea		
Sun 17 April	10:00am	Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Recently deceased: your prayers are requested for the soul of John Monaghan, Belleek. May he rest in peace.
Baptisms: Welcome to the Christian world through the waters of baptism Oisín James Burns, Daisy Mae Jones and Rosa Mae McBride. May they grow in faith.

Your Parishioners as agents of God's love through their Trócaire Boxes this Lent: Two years ago, in the Palm Sunday Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2020, he evoked the desolation of Jesus by quoting his words: Eli, Eli, lama Sabachtani? My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Matthew 27:46). So it is beyond difficulty to grasp that this Palm Sunday two years later, so many around the world still suffer in the tragic human fallout of the Covid pandemic, in failed crops, floods, and punishing droughts of climate change, in the assault on the innocent in Ukraine. Yet in his Message for Lent 2022, this year, we find the hope that lies in action – the hope there is in the perseverance of love. He writes, "each year we are reminded that goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all, they have to be realised each day." That just as in 2020, you – all of us, together – and what he called "the real heroes who come to light in these days...those who are giving themselves in order to serve others...who say yes to love without ifs and buts. As Jesus did for us." **For families caught in terrible crisis far from the media spotlight, in filling and returning your Trócaire Boxes for Easter week, you are an agent of God's love; and in giving to protect Trócaire's work for families in over twenty countries worldwide, you are ensuring that the light of hope will never die.**

Trócaire: Please bring your contributions in support of Trócaire to mass on Holy Thursday (put it in the envelope provided) and leave in the basket at the doors of the church. Trócaire depends on our support to help alleviate poverty and suffering in the world. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

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Prayer for Holy Week

God of such unwavering love,
how do I "celebrate" the passion and death of Jesus?
I often want to look the other way and not watch,
not stay with Jesus in his suffering.
Give me the strength
to see his love with honesty and compassion
and to feel deeply your own forgiveness and mercy for me.
Help me to understand how to "celebrate" this week.
I want to be able to bring
my weaknesses and imperfections with me
as I journey with Jesus this week,
so aware of his love. Amen.



Rosary at the Grottos: The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie. You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world. It would be great if we as a parish could commit to praying the Rosary, even on one day per week at the grotto at St Patrick's Church. If anyone would like to lead that Rosary, please contact Nora in the parish office.

5 Year Scheme: When the scheme was launched a large number of people contributed by making a cash payment monthly or annually, many others continue to contribute by monthly standing order. While there are many financial demands for people, you are encouraged, if you can to continue either through your bank or by cash contributions.

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel:

Luke 22:14-23:56 (shorter form 23:1-49)

This passage is a very rich one and it would be a mistake to attempt to pray each and every part of it. Almost every phase has something new: actions, images, symbols, words. When you read the passage, stay with whatever part of it resonates with your own life, but make sure when you pray it that you stay with the passage until you get beyond the violence and the horror to find a good news lesson for you.

A few specific points taken at random are:

1. In this scene of great tragedy, there are people helping others, either reluctantly or with compassion: Simon, the women of Jerusalem, the criminal on the cross, and Jesus himself. Note the difference in the manner in which the help is given (as a burden, with sympathy, etc). What has been your experience of helping and being helped?
2. Despite the persecution by the leaders Jesus still shows forgiveness. When have you seen that spirit of forgiveness in yourself or in others? In your experience what is the effect of a forgiving spirit...or the absence of that spirit?
3. Towards the end there is a ray of light. Jesus says 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit'. His relationship with his Father was one of trust, even at a moment like this. What difference has it made to you in times of difficulty or pain to have a relationship of trust with God, or with someone else?

John Byrne OSA

Possible Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2022: The Diocese of Clogher Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee is considering having a small pilgrimage to Lourdes later this year – in either late July or early August. This will be a more limited pilgrimage than usual and would not include assisted pilgrims, due to the Covid-19 situation. The cost of the proposed pilgrimage will be approximately €790 per person, based on two people sharing. In order to determine the level of interest, anyone interested is asked to **contact John Hueston on +447841100055 or email at john.hueston@btinternet.com before Friday 22 April 2022.**

Easter Retreat at SMA Dromantine Retreat Centre: Wed. 13th (5pm) – Easter Sun 17th (9am): an opportunity for quiet reflection as you celebrate the ceremonies of the Easter Triduum. It begins with the Seder Meal on Wednesday and ends with Dawn Mass and Easter breakfast. Cost £340 / E400. admin@dromantineconference.com

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4300. £20 Collette Carroll, Derrygonnelly, Francis Mellor, Belcoo, G&B Thompson, Garrison. Draw in The Linnett Inn tonight. Thanks to all who promote and support our lotto. Sincere condolence to Teresa and Anthony Cassidy and family, Drumgormley on the recent passing of Mrs Mary McCann, Belleek.