

# Parish of Botha

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## Third Sunday of Lent

### Masses this week

#### Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass, **Anniversary:** John Curran, Reyfad; Rose and John McGuinness, and deceased of the McGuinness Family, Carrickbeg; Bridget Gallagher, The Barrs.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Stations of the Cross.

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Francis and Mary Ellen Dolan, Sandhill.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March St Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland 11.30pm Mass

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10am Mass.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Deceased of the Carroll Family, Drumbeggan.

#### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am-9pm.

**Baptisms:** we welcome to our Christian community through the waters of baptism, Kayla Louise McDaid, Lylah Robinson and Ella Bobbie Maguire. May they grow in faith.

### *Prayer to Mary during the Coronavirus Pandemic*

*O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

*Pope Francis*

**Cemetery Sunday:** The annual blessing of the graves in the parish will take on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May after 10am Mass in Sacred Heart, Boho and on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July after 10am Mass in Immaculate Conception, Monea and 11.30am Mass in St. Patrick's.

**Coronavirus Covid-19:** Bishop Larry has offered clarification on the following points:

**Health Regulations:** as the diocese of Clogher straddles the border the diocese as a whole is following the regulations announced by the Republic of Ireland.

**Masses:** Bishop Larry has suspended all public masses in the diocese of Clogher with immediate effect, meaning that all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Masses until further notice. Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's church on Sundays at 11.30am with Fr Cathal, a reader and the sacristan present.

People are encouraged to participate in Sunday and daily masses via the parish webcam, which can be found on churchservices.tv/derrygonnelly other mass times throughout the diocese can be found on clogherdiocese.ie

Masses for weddings and funerals may continue, provided that the government regulations are adhered to. Mass intentions for a given day will be incorporated into the 11.30am mass in St Patrick's.

Just because public Masses have ceased doesn't mean that prayer should cease, so Eucharistic adoration will continue as normal on Monday's in the Immaculate Conception, Monea.

All Confirmations are postponed until further notice. Be assured, however, that new arrangements will be made as soon as it is safe to do so.

First Confessions and First Holy Communions should also be suspended until further notice.

All non-essential pastoral gatherings and meetings are cancelled.

During our journey through Lent, the celebration of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum is foremost in our minds and hearts. How this will be celebrated will be kept under review over the coming week

When we cannot attend Mass, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, expressing our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist, asking Him to unite Himself to us. The basic element of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith; An Act of Love; a desire to receive Christ; and an invitation to Him to come into your heart. Some of the prayers accompanying an Act of Spiritual Communion include;

*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.*

**Envelope Collection:** last week amounted to £ 1972.00. Sincere thanks for your generous support.

**Saint Joseph's Young Priests' Society:** monthly meeting on Thursday 19th March at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

**Parish Site:** a decision has been taken by the Finance Committee to dispose of a plot of land at Leighan Road, Monea. Details can be had from Smyth Leslie, Estate Agents, Enniskillen.

**Derrygonnelly GFC:** Jackpot, 3400. £20 Pat McGrath, Boho, Una Treacy, Derrygonnelly, Colm Flanagan, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Old Pals tonight. Thank you to everyone who promotes and supports the Harps Lotto.

**St. Patrick's Night Annual Parish Fíor Ceili:** in St. Mary's Hall, Garrison on Tuesday 17th March 2020 is cancelled.