

Parish of Botha

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Masses this week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 22nd March 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Deceased of the Carroll Family, Drumbeggan

Tuesday 24th March **St Macartan, Bishop 7.30pm** Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 25^h March **The Annunciation of the Lord** 10am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross.

Thursday 26th March 10am Mass and Holy Rosary.

Sunday 29th March 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** McGurn and Flanagan Families, the Barrs, William and Mary Carroll, Leitrim.

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Monday 23rd March – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am-9pm.

We are living through strange times, and it is natural for us to wonder, to question and sadly at times, to despair. Please look out for each other, and while we have to keep our physical distance, we can still offer support and encouragement to one another. A phone call, an email or text, even the good old fashioned letter (remember those?) can do much to brighten someone's day. While most of our activities and interaction has been curtailed, it is vital that we continue to have daily routine. Physical activity is to be encouraged as it supports our mental health. So too, does prayer, and I ask you to give time to God. While it is only possible to attend Mass online, please tune in to the parish webcam: churchservices.tv/derrygonnelly Sunday 11.30am, Tuesday 7.30pm, Wednesday & Thursday 10am. Be assured of my prayers for all of you at this most challenging time.

Financial Support: some parishioners have asked about how to make their weekly contribution to the parish. If anyone wishes to send in their contribution please leave it into the Parochial House. If we devise a different means of contributing you will be notified in due course. Thank you sincerely, and many thanks to all who have contacted me offering encouragement and support in recent days.

Fr Cathal

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.

A Prayer in this time of challenge by Bishop Larry Duffy

God of Love, we the people of the Diocese of Clogher turn to you with prayerful hearts and with confidence in your loving presence among us now and in every moment of our lives. We stand before you as a people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May we be comforted by your love in these anxious times.

Generous and Merciful God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old; that we may look after each other in these challenging times, especially those among us who are vulnerable. May your example give us the courage we need to go to the margins, wherever they may be. Heal us of our fear.

Healing God, bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and neighbours. We pray especially for those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

God of Strength, accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people. We ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness.

God of Wisdom, we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance; that they may make the right decisions for the wellbeing of people.

O God of creation and God of life, we, your people here in Clogher, place ourselves and our world in your protection and love. May your peace be with us and enfold us today, tomorrow and during the time ahead.

We make our prayer through the intercession of Mary our Mother, and all the saints.

St Joseph, pray for us.

St Davnet, pray for us.

St Patrick, pray for us.

St Fanchea, pray for us.

St Macartan, pray for us.

May all the saints of God, pray for us

Amen!

Larry Duffy, Bishop of Clogher

The Annunciation of the Lord: 'Giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus.

Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace'.

Consecration of Ireland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: Archbishop Eamon Martin invites Bishops, Clergy and all the Faithful to join with him at the 12.00 noon Angelus on the Feast of the Annunciation, 25 March, in consecrating Ireland and her people to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for protection from the coronavirus.

Cemetery Sunday: The annual blessing of the graves in the parish will take on Sunday 10th May after 10am Mass in Sacred Heart, Boho (subject to Covid -19 restrictions being lifted), and on Sunday 26th July after 10am Mass in Immaculate Conception, Monea and 11.30am Mass in St. Patrick's.

Derrygonnelly GFC: The Health & Wellbeing committee is providing a service to anyone in our community, who needs help, collecting prescriptions, shopping or any essential needs. Please contact Donal Corrigan (07767 816 848), John McGovern (07764 615 695) Éadaoin Love (07799 148 196) or Michelle McCauley (07713 351 687) who will assist you to avail of this service. Please spread the word to those in our community who may need to use this service. To volunteer to help, contact Éadaoin Love on 07799 148 196.

Jackpot, £3600, £20 the Mellor Girls, Ora, Belcoo, Betty and Gerry Rasdale, Macken, Emily Irvine, Enniskillen.