

Parish of Botha

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The semi-continuous reading of St Matthew's Gospel on each Sunday begins today with the calling of the first disciples. The prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: the people that lived in darkness have seen a great light. The Scriptures are fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus who begins his preaching with the message: repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 26th January 10am Mass, **Anniversary:** Eileen and Eddie Hoy, Levally; Denis and Mary Anne Kelly, Magheragannon.

Monday 27th January – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am-9pm

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 26th January 11.30am Mass, People of the Parish.

Tuesday 28th January **St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church.** 7.30pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 29th January 10am Mass

Thursday 30th January 10 Mass, **Grandparents Day: St. Patrick's P.S.**

Sunday 2nd February 11.30am Mass.

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 2nd February 10am Mass, People of the Parish.

Prayers for the Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Bridie Meehan, Manorhamilton and Anne Gallagher, Lisbellaw. May they rest in peace.

Prayer to Saint Brigid

Saint Brigid: You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

Feast of St. Brigid – 1st February: Brigid of Ireland is one of Ireland's patron saints. An early Irish Christian nun, abbess, and foundress of several monasteries of nuns. Candlemas Day – 2nd February: celebrates three occasions according to Christian belief: the presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus' first entry into the temple; and it celebrates the Virgin Mary's purification. St. Brigid crosses and candles will be blessed at both Sunday Masses.

Family Tree Healing Mass: in St. Mary's Church Arney on Friday 31st January at 8pm. Celebrant Fr Gerry Campbell, everyone welcome.

Today is Sunday of the Word of God: a day set aside by Pope Francis for celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians. An important advance in 20th century theological reflection is that every sacramental celebration is founded and constructed upon the Word of God, and that every proclamation of the Word of God is sacramental. One of the great blessings of the liturgical reform and renewal flowing from the Second Vatican Council is a greater appreciation of the foundational role of the Word of God in every liturgical celebration and a greater awareness of the role of the Word of God in the life of faith.

February Ministries: Derrygonnelly: Readers – Sun 2nd Annette Murphy; Sun 9th Anna Corrigan; Sun 16th Liam Jones; Sun 23rd Gerald Greene.

Altar Society: Bridie Lunny; Bridie McBrien; Lena McGurn; June Duffy; Marie McGuigan.

Monea: - Sun 9th Monica Cassidy; Sun 23rd Anna McGrail. Collector – John Gosling

Boho: - Sun 2nd Joanne Attwood; Sun 16th Eileen Treacy. Collector – Charlie Duffy

Altar Society – Angela Gallagher and Aggie Maguire.

St Peregrine: Reader – Frances Rasdale. Intercessions and Offertory – Caroline McLoughlin, Marie McGowan.

Envelope Collection: last week amounted £1540.00. Sincere thanks for your generous support.

Catholic Schools Week begins today. The theme 'Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation'. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools, North and South, are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools and on their contribution to the common good of our society. This year's theme encourages us to see that we all have a responsibility to care for the earth, not just for our own future, but for the future of every one of God's creatures. The daily themes will be: Monday: Living in Harmony with God; Tuesday: Living in Harmony with our Neighbours; Wednesday: Living in Harmony with All Generations; Thursday: Living in Harmony with the Earth; Friday: Living in Harmony in our Catholic School. Resources are available on www.catholicschools.ie

Grandparents Day: as part of Catholic Schools Week, the children from St. Patrick's PS will attend the 10am Mass on Thursday to celebrate with their grandparents. Everyone is welcome, particularly grandparents.

Job Vacancy: Diocesan Director & Co-Ordinator of Safeguarding – (20 hours per week, initially for 2 years, subject to renewal). Application details, including a Job Specification, are available from the Diocese of Clogher website www.clogherdiocese.ie or from the Clogher Diocesan Office, Bishop's House, Dublin Road, Monaghan. Tel. +353 (0)47 81019 or email: diocesanoffice@clogherdiocese.ie closing date is 12 Noon, Friday 31 January 2020.

West Clogher Pioneer Dinner Dance: the annual dinner dance in Mahon's Hotel tonight Sunday 26th January 2020. Tickets from Nora McGowan tel: [02868641577](tel:02868641577)

Derrygonnelly GFC: Jackpot £3200, £20 The Rosie's, Derrylin Centra, Cormac Duffy, Monea, Kyle Warnock, Ballyconnell Congratulations Boots! on winning the Jackpot of £8200. Draw in Doogies tonight. Our youth section meeting is tonight at 6.30pm in the clubrooms. All coaches, parents or anyone interested in helping in the youth section come along. The Ladies' Committee hold meet at 9pm in the clubrooms on Thursday January 30th. Anyone with an interest in girls' or ladies' football in the club is asked to attend.