

Parish of Botha - 31st January 2022

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	Jesus has come as a prophet to all nations. There is no limit to the mercy and salvation he brings, only the willingness to accept him.		
	Sacred Heart, Boho		
	Sun 30 January	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Gerald and Shane Gallagher , Tobradan; Francie and Susan McHugh , Tobradan; Charlie McGowan , Faugher
	Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
	Sun 30 January	11:30am	Anniversary: Paddy and Molly McConnell , Knockmore Road; Eddie and Eileen Hoy , Levally
	Tue 1 February	7:00pm	St Brigid 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine
	Wed 2 February	10:00am	The Presentation of the Lord
	Thu 3 February	10:00am	St Blaise Mass
	Sun 6 February	11:30am	Mass People of the Parish
Immaculate Conception, Monea			
Sun 6 February	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Adrian Cassidy , Killyveagh	

Covid-19: the civil authorities in both jurisdictions have recently announced the easing of restrictions in place because of the pandemic. It is great that we are able to get back to a more normal existence than what we've had since March 2020.

The social distancing measures in our churches can now be removed, and while this is a welcome development, parishioners are asked to use common sense and to maintain some distance between people from different households.

The use of hand sanitizer in the church is to continue and you are asked to please avail of it, on entering and leaving the building. Likewise, people are asked to continue to wear a face covering while attending church.

While everyone is welcome, there are some who will be anxious about returning. Please decide for yourself when you feel that the time is right for you. If you are unwell or have any symptoms of Coronavirus please do not attend.

It is important that people's uncertainty is respected and that no one feels unsafe. Please continue to maintain some space between you and others when attending Mass and other liturgies.

We have all had to make many adjustments in our lives and it has been a challenge for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation, and thanks to all who have helped maintain the various restrictions over these months.

Popes intention for February: For religious sisters and consecrated women we pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel:

Luke 4:21-30

1. The people of Nazareth could not accept that this local boy had something to teach them. Fixed ideas about people can at times block us from hearing what is being said. What a difference when we drop our prejudices! Perhaps you have experienced hearing an important truth when you focused on what was being said, rather than on the person saying it?
 2. The anger of the people arose when Jesus confronted them with God's inclusive ways. For them, God was 'their God' and God's blessings were for them. Jesus reminded them that this is not God's way. When have you been challenged to think in new ways and not to be excluding some people from your thoughts or concerns? Was there good news for you in the challenge?
 3. Jesus continued his work despite the opposition. Have there been times when despite opposition you have been able to 'walk through the people' and 'continue on your way'? Have you seen this courage in others?
- John Byrne OSA

Ordination of a new Deacon: On Wednesday next, 2 February 2022 - the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Diocese of Clogher will celebrate the ordination of Paul Flynn as a Permanent Deacon for service in our diocese. Paul will be ordained by Bishop Larry Duffy in St Michael's Church, Enniskillen in a liturgy which begins at 7pm. The liturgy can be followed online via www.stmichaels-parish.com/webcam.asp

2022 All Ireland Eucharistic Conference: Saturday 5th February at 2pm live on Radio Maria Ireland. Speakers include Fr. John Mockler, Servant Sister of the Home of the Mother, Antoinette Moynihan (Children of the Eucharist) and Fr. Morty O'Shea.

Altar Society February: Derrygonnelly – Bridie McBrien, Lena McGurn and June Duffy. Collection on Sunday 13th February after 11.30am Mass in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.

Boho – Angela Gallagher and Aggie Maguire

Parish Contributions: at this time each year the list of envelope holders is updated and amended so that new parish envelopes can be distributed in March. Covid 19 has challenged all of us and attendance at Sunday masses has been one of the biggest victims of the pandemic, yet there are still many financial demands on the parish. I wish to acknowledge the many people who have continued to use their envelopes in support of the parish, myself as your priest, and the various other demands at diocesan and parochial level. If you are new to the parish or have become a wage earner in the last year you are encouraged to take a box of envelopes. Likewise, I appeal to those who do not contribute but still avail of the services of the parish to contribute what you can. If you wish to support by standing order or a one off annual contribution please contact the parish office at office@bothaparish.com

Once again I appeal to those who have yet to amend their standing order from our old AIB account to our new Bank of Ireland account (Sort code: 90 48 86 Acc No: 62746334) to please do so as soon as possible.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3200. £20 Ann Marie Dundas, Derrygonnelly, Kathleen McCauley, Monea, James Gormley, Belleek. Draw in The Linnet Inn tonight. Thanks to all who promote and support our lotto. As part of the Ireland Lights Up initiative, our club grounds will be lit up from 7pm-9pm each Wednesday to allow some people to come and walk around safely. If you have downloaded the Irish Life My Life app, you will be able to add to our group steps total for the chance to win some O'Neill's vouchers as well. Everyone is welcome.

N I Blood Transfusion Service: donation sessions will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th February 12.30pm – 4pm and 5pm – 7.30pm. **Now by appointment only, call 08085 534 653 to book.** Your donation could help save a life.

Church webcam: this service is now provided by Church Media.tv. In order to access the webcam please log onto the parish website or through chruichmedia.tv. and go to St Patrick's Derrygonnelly. If you have problems with the new link, please contact the provider on info@churchmedia.tv and if the problem isn't resolved then contact itech/Church Media on 028 8773 8494