

# Parish of Botha 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

<b>Parish Priest: Fr. Cathal Deery</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	
T: 028 6864 1207		‘What marvels the Lord worked for us.’ We all need forgiveness. As we approach Easter we see more clearly what Jesus Christ has done for us in his death and rising. He has brought the sum of God’s forgiving mercy and love into our lives. Like water into a dry and parched land his mercy flows in abundance.	
<b>The Graan: 028 6632 2272</b>		<b>Sacred Heart, Boho</b>	
E: <a href="mailto:office@bothaparish.com">office@bothaparish.com</a> <a href="mailto:fr.cathal@office.com">fr.cathal@office.com</a>		<b>Thu 7 April</b>	7:00pm Stations of the Cross
<b>Webcam:</b> <a href="http://churchservices.tv/derrygonnelly">http://churchservices.tv/derrygonnelly</a>		<b>Sun 10 April</b>	10:00am Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion 10am Mass Anniversary: <b>Agnes McHugh</b> and deceased of the <b>McHugh Family</b> , Drumma; <b>Lizzie McGovern</b> , Portmush.
<b>W:</b> <a href="http://www.parishofbotha.com">http://www.parishofbotha.com</a>		<b>Masses for the week, St Patrick’s Derrygonnelly</b>	
<b>Facebook :</b> Botha Parish		<b>Sun 3 April</b>	11:30am Anniversary: <b>John and Ann Higgins</b> , Castletown; <b>James Hoy</b> , Drumcorban and deceased of the <b>McKenna and O’Brien Families</b> .
<b>Parish Office Hours</b>		<b>Tue 5 April</b>	10:00am Mass and Novena to St Peregrine
Monday	6:30pm – 9:30pm	<b>Wed 6 April</b>	10:00am Anniversary: <b>John and Rose Carroll</b> , Belfast
Wednesday	1:30pm – 9:30pm	<b>Thu 7 April</b>	7:00pm Mass
Thursday	6:30pm – 9:30pm	<b>Sun 17 April</b>	11:30am Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion 11.30am Mass Anniversary: <b>Hugh Foy</b> , Ely Lodge; <b>Eamon and Patricia Hoy</b> and deceased of the <b>Hoy Family</b> , Loughan. <b>Sonny Haren</b> , Fairview Park.
<b>Baptisms:</b> on the 1st Saturday of each month at 4pm in St Patrick’s, Derrygonnelly		<b>Immaculate Conception, Monea</b>	
		<b>Sun 3 April</b>	10:00am Anniversary: <b>John and Ann Higgins</b> , Castletown; <b>James Hoy</b> , Drumcorban and deceased of the <b>McKenna and O’Brien Families</b>

**Recently deceased:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of **Aidan Maguire**, Tullyholvin Grove and **Gabriel Lynch**, Monaghan. May they rest in peace. This week’s bulletin is sponsored in memory of the McGurn and Flanagan Families, The Barrs

## The Fast Life

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fast from judging others;</li> <li>Feast on Christ dwelling in them.</li> <li>Fast from fear of illness;</li> <li>Feast on the healing power of God.</li> <li>Fast from words that pollute;</li> <li>Feast on speech that purifies.</li> <li>Fast from discontent;</li> <li>Feast on gratitude.</li> <li>Fast from anger;</li> <li>Feast on patience.</li> <li>Fast from pessimism;</li> <li>Feast on hope.</li> <li>Fast from anxiety;</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fast from negatives;</li> <li>Feast on encouragement</li> <li>Fast from bitterness;</li> <li>Feast on forgiveness.</li> <li>Fast from self-concern;</li> <li>Feast on compassion.</li> <li>Fast from suspicion;</li> <li>Feast on truth.</li> <li>Fast from gossip;</li> <li>Feast on purposeful silence.</li> <li>Fast from problems that overwhelm;</li> <li>Feast on prayer that sustains.</li> </ul> |
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## Lenten Prayer

O Christ, Son of God, for our sake you fasted forty days and allowed yourself to be tempted. Protect us so that we may not be led astray by any temptation. Since man does not live by bread alone, nourish our souls with the heavenly food of your Word; through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.

**Congratulations:** to the forty two boys and girls who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday last. It is important for us as a church community to encourage these young people in the faith. The responsibility taken on by parents and godparents at baptism can only be realised as part of a worshipping community. It is difficult in today's society to pass on the faith to those coming after us, yet, it is our duty to do that by our prayer, our example and our behaviour.

**Ukraine Appeal:** Thank you to all who have already supported this worthy cause. If there is anyone who still wishes to make a contribution please do so within the next week as all monies collected has to be forwarded to the diocese as soon as possible. If paying by cheque please make payable to Botha parish.

### Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel:

John 8: 1- 11

1. Compassion for human frailty combined with a gentle challenge to a better life marked the response of Jesus. From whom have you experienced a compassionate challenge? What was that like for you? To whom have you given such a challenge?
2. The Pharisees and scribes self righteously condemned the woman until Jesus brought them in touch with their own sinfulness. This was a conversion moment for them and they turned away from their quest for the death of the woman. Have there been times when your awareness of your own frailty and sinfulness has helped you to be less judgemental of others?
3. 'What do you say?' can be an embarrassing question. Jesus had the courage to voice an opinion, even though it was against the party line of the day. When have you seen that courage shown – by yourself, or by another? What was the result?

John Byrne OSA

**Easter Retreat at SMA Dromantine Retreat Centre: Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> (5pm) – Easter Sun 17<sup>th</sup> (9am):** an opportunity for quiet reflection as you celebrate the ceremonies of the Easter Triduum. It begins with the Seder Meal on Wed. and ends with Dawn Mass and Easter breakfast. Cost (inc. accom. and meals) £340 / E400. Tel. 028 30821964 [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**Parish Envelopes:** New boxes of parish envelopes are currently being distributed for use from Sunday 10th April. If you have not received your box please check at the back of the church. Anyone who would like a box of envelopes and has not received one, or if you are in a position to join our Gift aid scheme, please contact the parish office during office hours 02868641889

**Parish Contributions:** an alternative way of paying your parish contributions is to set up a Standing Order from your bank or through your internet banking app. using the following detail:

**Botha Parish: Sort Code: 90 48 86  
AccNo:62746334  
BIC No BOFIGB2B  
IBAN GB04 BOFI 9048 8662 7463 34**

Please put your name in the reference field of any payments made to provide a record of your contributions.

**CANA Ireland** – Rediscover the meaning in your marriage, your family life, and your commitment to each other. Experience the full grace of the CANA Week over 3 weekends – 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May in Castledaly and 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June in Esker. Discover the joy of God working in your relationship. Contact Brian & Lisa Harmon 041 6851563, 0868386725 or [info@canaireland.org](mailto:info@canaireland.org)

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot. £20 Mickey Jones, Derrygonnelly, Darren McManus, Boho, and Eamonn Greene's Basketballers. Draw in the Cosy Bar this tonight. Thanks to all who promote and support our lotto. Sincere condolences to the families of Ryan Toland, and Owen Foy who passed away recently.

**Be Alert:** There continues to be fraudulent scams and alerts via telephone calls, emails etc. Please continue to be aware and cautious of any unexpected activity or communication to you and to your vulnerable family members. Never give out personal information if unsure of recipient.