

Parish of Botha - 6th March 2022

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| | Lent is the springtime of the Church's year The word itself probably comes from the Old English lectern, which refers to the lengthening of the daytime hours. Spring is a good image of what this season means: new life, hope, joy in the gift of God that surrounds us | | |
| | Sacred Heart, Boho | | |
| | Thu 10 March | 7:00pm | Stations of the Cross |
| | Sun 13 March | 10:00am | Anniversary: Roseanne and Francis John McGuinness and deceased of the McGuinness Family Carrickbeg; Deceased of the Nolan, Marlow and Rasdale Families , Boho. |
| | Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly | | |
| | Sun 6 March | 11:30am | Mass Anniversary: Carmel Meehan Main Street; Francis and Mary Ellen Dolan Sandhill |
| | Tue 8 March | 7:00pm | St John Of God , Mass and Novena to St Peregrine |
| | Wed 10 March | 7:00pm | Mass |
| | Thu 11 March | 10:00am | Mass |
| Sun 13 March | 11:30am | Mass People of the Parish | |
| Immaculate Conception, Monea | | | |
| Sun 6 March | 10:00am | Mass Months Memory: Aidan Miller Knockmrore Rd. | |

Trocaire: During the season of Lent Trocaire launches its annual appeal. As in previous years you are encouraged to give what you can, in order to support the needs of people in poorer parts of the world. The effect of Covid 19, as well as the issues of famine, drought, and civil unrest in many countries, highlights the need for us to support relief for the most vulnerable. You are encouraged to take a Trocaire box home from the church and to commit yourself to putting something in daily as your contribution towards the poor. "Give us this day our daily bread", is a line taken from the Lord's prayer. Everyone has a right to a daily meal but millions of people are denied it. May we take the opportunity afforded us in Lent to do what we can for others.

Lenten Prayer



God our Father, Your will is that everyone be saved and no one be lost.
You draw us to yourself by prayer and penance.
Grant that we may so follow Christ in love
That our lives may help others and our weakness never hinder them.
We make this prayer in his name, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel:

Luke 4:1-13

1. The temptations were a step for Jesus in his growing understanding of his mission and of his relationship with his father. Can you look back at some painful experiences and acknowledge that you have grown through them, both in your knowledge of yourself, and in relationships with others and with God? Give thanks for the guidance of the Spirit of God in these times.

2. Sometimes, as with the Covid 19 pandemic, we are tested by events outside our control. What did you learn about yourself during the pandemic? Is there some way in which you grew through the experience?

3. Behind each of the temptations in the gospel story is a basic temptation to lose trust in God. Jesus resisted this because he recognised his complete dependence on his Father. How have you come to recognise your life and the whole world as gifts from God?

4. One can enter into each of the temptations singly. There may be one that you have experienced:

- the temptation to give priority to bodily needs and satisfaction
- the temptation to power
- the temptation to seek to be the centre of attention.

How have you grown through these temptations.

John Byrne OSA

The crisis in Ukraine is a devastating humanitarian disaster, which people in Ireland are responding to with deep compassion. The most effective way to provide support to the people of Ukraine, is to donate money to humanitarian agencies that are working on the ground in Ukraine and Poland, like Trócaire.

Trócaire is working with Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Poland, who are supporting people both within Ukraine and people who have managed to cross the border. They are providing shelter and essential supplies, including food, blankets and hygiene supplies.

However, Trócaire have appealed that we not forget the many millions of people who are already facing similar crises around the world and who risk being left with no support as the world focuses on Ukraine. Millions of people in countries such as South Sudan, Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo are displaced by conflict and some are facing famine. Trócaire's Lenten campaign supports people living through these forgotten crises. Trócaire also has a separate and specific appeal for Ukraine.

We highly recommend that members of the public express their kindness and compassion to people fleeing conflict everywhere by making their donations to Trócaire's Ukraine appeal in addition to their donations to Trócaire's Lenten appeal.

The generosity of the people of Ireland is deeply appreciated. Every cent and euro donated to Trócaire will be used to support people who are facing deep crisis, and to ensure no-one is forgotten.

The Novena of Hope at The Graan: continues until Monday 14th March. Sunday services are 9am, 10:30am, 12 noon and 4:00p.m. Weekdays 12:30pm and 7pm. Saturday 12th March, 12.30 and 6.30pm
The Graan phone: 028 66 322272.

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 – 9th-10th April & 6th -8th May in Castledaly and 4th-5th June in Esker. Discover the joy of God working in your relationship. Contact Brian & Lisa Harmon 041 6851563, 0868386725 or info@canaireland.org

Reflection Days at SMA Dromantine: Fri. 11th March 5pm – Sun. 13th March 2pm: **'The Wonder of Creation: The Miracle of Life'**: Message of Hope and challenge in a Planetary Emergency. In contemplating the wonder of our Common Home and current threats to its integrity, we will explore an ecological vision in responding to the cry of the poor at this time of unprecedented planetary change. **Led by Sr. Nellie Mc Laughlin RSM** Cost: including full board £220 / E260 Tel. (028)30821964 email: admin@dromantineconference.com

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3800. £20 Francis Flood, online, Din Gallagher, Boho, Senan Dundas, Derrygonnelly. Draw in the Linnett Inn this weekend. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes our club 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. Our annual Dinner Dance is on March 5th in the Killyhelvin Hotel, Enniskillen. Music by Cufflinks. Tickets available from any Social Committee member.