

# Parish of Botha

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## Second Sunday of Lent

*Through his cross, Christ entered into his glory. We are already at this point in Lent at the heart of the paschal mystery. The Catechumens, having been shown the struggle needed, are pointed towards their own exodus. The disciples on the mountaintop, seeing Jesus transfigured, are encouraged for the days when they meet the Cross. We are all called to holiness. If we respond as did Abraham and Jesus, then we will come to a glorious transfiguration.*

### Masses for the Week

#### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass, **Months Memory:** Noreen Maguire, Tullycreevy; **Anniversary:** Gerry Maguire, Tullycreevy.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am-9pm.

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Carmel Meehan, Main Street.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** Francis and Mary Ellen Dolan, Sandhill; Madeline McQuaid, Creamery Road.

#### Sacred Heart Boho:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass, **Anniversary:** John Curran, Reyfad; Rose and John McGuinness, and deceased of the McGuinness Family, Carrickbeg; Bridget Gallagher, The Barrs.

**Recently Deceased:** Your prayers are requested for the souls of Jimmy Duffy, Belcoo; Johnny Ferguson, New Zealand and Sheila McManus, Dublin. May they rest in peace.

**Service of Light:** will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St Patrick's P.S. for all those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation

**Stations of the Cross:** will be prayed each Wednesday after 10am Mass in St Patrick's and on Thursday evenings at 7pm in Sacred Heart during Lent.

**Trócaire 2020:** Trócaire's Lenten campaign highlights ways in which mothers are protecting their families, from the effects of climate change and the actions of corporations. Lent 2020 asks people to show their love by supporting people in the world's poorest areas. Trócaire boxes available in each church, please take one and show your support.

**Hope in the Darkness:** Fr Brendan McManus S.J. will speak at the vigil Mass on 14<sup>th</sup> March and the 12pm Mass on 15<sup>th</sup> March in St Michael's Church, Enniskillen. Everyone is welcome to this special Lenten Reflection.

**Envelope Collection:** last week amounted to £ 2265.00. Sincere thanks for your generous support.

**Derrygonnelly Altar Society:** collection on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March after 11.30am Mass in St Patrick's.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for religious services:** Symptoms of COVID-19 include cough – shortness of breath – difficulty breathing – fever (high temperature). The following measures have been introduced for religious services:

- Sign of peace suspended.
- Holy water fonts emptied.
- Holy Communion – please receive on the hands only.
- Ministers of the Eucharist will only receive the Body of Christ.

High risk groups include those aged 65 and older and those with long-term medical conditions – e.g. heart disease, lung disease, diabetes or liver disease.

The most effective measure is to wash your hands, so please heed this advice.

**WASH YOUR HANDS.**

**Mass in Irish:** on Sunday 15 March at 4 pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh All welcome. Those interested in taking part, as a musician or singer is invited to attend a practice in the Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 3 March at 8:30 pm.

**Derrygonnelly Community Centre:** I am making a request once again on behalf of the community centre, which is a great asset for our parish. I invite anyone who has an interest in the future of the centre, but particularly those who may have specific skills for management, finance, administration, catering, grant application and volunteering to please make contact with me at [bothachurches@gmail.com](mailto:bothachurches@gmail.com) in order to secure the future of the centre.

As bookings for the centre are in place up to the end of April, these will be honoured. However there is no guarantee that the centre will remain open after April 30<sup>th</sup>. So I look forward to hearing from everyone who wishes to secure and grow the centre into the future.

Fr Cathal

**The Acorn Players:** presents "Loophole" by John McManus a hilarious comedy in 3 acts, in Derrygonnelly community Centre on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm Tickets £10

**Derrygonnelly GFC:** Jackpot £3200. £20 Tiarnan Cullen, Garrison, Kris Farrell, Derrygonnelly, John Murphy, Derrygonnelly. Draw in the Cosy tonight. **Harps Health and Wellbeing: Road Safety Event:** on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March from 6.45pm. Representatives from the NIFRS (Fire Service), South West Acute Hospital A&E Dept and the PSNI will lead an informative and interactive event aimed at those aged 16 and over (due to some content), young people who are currently or soon to be learning to drive, those who have recently passed their driving test, parents, coaches and the entire community. Ireland Lights Up Programme has officially come to an end, but the club continues to welcome everyone to walk around the pitch on a Thursday evening from 7pm-8pm. Condolences to the McHugh family, Monea on the passing of Jimmy Duffy, Belcoo.

**St. Patrick's Night Annual Parish Fíor Ceili:** in St. Mary's Hall, Garrison on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Music by CEILI TIME. Proceeds in aid of Marie Curie in memory of Mary Cox and Angela Hamilton. Dancing from 8.30 p.m. to 11.30. Everyone welcome.