

Parish of Botha

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	Through the healing of the leper by Jesus, the gospel-writer is posing us a question: 'Who is this man Jesus?' The close bond that exists between Jesus and his Father means that Jesus has the power to heal those who are sick.		
	Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
	Sun 14 Feb	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Veronica Hoy, Knockmore Park; Bridie and John Kelly, Drumbeggan
	Tue 16 Feb	7:00pm	Mass and Novena to St Peregrine
	Wed 17 Feb	7:00pm	Mass Ash Wednesday
Thu 18 Feb	10:00am	Mass	
Sun 14 Feb	11:30am	Mass Months Memory: Charlie McGowan, Faugher. Anniversary: Deceased of the Cadden Family, Tonelisderrit	

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Tommy Howe, Enniskillen. May he rest in peace.

Temperance Sunday: is marked today across our country, normally on this Sunday the candidates for Confirmation and others wishing to take the pledge would gather in our churches with the local Christian community. This year we cannot do that. Still, temperance calls us to moderation and balance. With all the pressures many are experiencing, that is even more so today. We pray for all who are burdened; for those seeking new pathways in life. Those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered the opportunity to take the pledge at a later date.

Lent 2021: Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, and unfortunately, we are beginning this year's Lenten season in the same way as we ended last year's, with public worship suspended. Nonetheless, our journey through Lent 2021 begins this Wednesday and it is important that we mark it by tuning into Mass via the church webcam www.churchservices.tv/derrygonnelly, or to some other church if you prefer. Ashes will not be blessed this year, but you are encouraged to access the text of a Family Prayer Service for Ash Wednesday on the diocesan website www.clogherdiocese.ie and to pray as a family. Some copies are also available at the back of each church. While 5th March has been mentioned as a date for a review of the current lockdown restrictions, we await instruction as to whether public worship can resume. In the meantime, I encourage you to mark the Lenten season by attending daily mass, praying the Rosary and/or the Stations of the Cross via the webcam.

Lenten Talks: during Lent three online talks on Parish Ministry will be delivered on Wednesdays 24th February, 10th March and 24th March. Each of the talks will begin at 7.30pm and last for about 45 minutes. Booking and other details will be made available by the diocese

A Lenten Prayer

*Holy One you created me in my mother's womb.
You know the core and goodness within me.
You also my propensity and self-orientation.
You see how I want others to grow and change.
You know the thoughts and feelings that run rampant
when I encounter someone whose behaviour I dislike.
If I say, "Surely I can get this person to be as I want."
nudge me insistently with your grace filled message:
"Leave the other person's transformation alone.
Tend to your own aspects that need to be altered."
In this Lenten season, guide me to a clearer awareness.
Lead me to move beyond a wish to transform others.
Focus my attention on the personal renewal I resist.
May I become more alert and accepting of the reality
that the only person I can set about changing is myself.*

Trocaire: last year's donations from our parish towards Trocaire was excellent, in spite of churches being closed for much of Lent. Trocaire depends on the support of all of us to enable it to support numerous projects in poorer parts of the world. This year's Lenten campaign focuses on South Sudan, one of the newest countries in the world, and one where needs are great. Trocaire boxes are available at the back of each church. Please take one and give what you can to help alleviate poverty and suffering for those in South Sudan and elsewhere.

33 Days for St. Joseph: in this year of St. Joseph, the Irish Dominicans are inviting you to join them online as they make a collective consecration to St. Joseph. It begins at 8pm daily from Monday 15th February until the feast of St. Joseph 19th March. Zoom ID: 986 4005 1501 Passcode: 122013. Further information on www.irishdominicansvocations.ie All are welcome.

A Diocesan Way Of The Cross Online: led by Bishop Larry Duffy and people from communities of faith across the 7 Pastoral Areas of the Diocese of Clogher on Friday 26 March on www.clogherdiocese.ie and on the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £5900. £20 Ronan Swift, Derrygonnelly, Steven Cassidy, Prince Andrew Terrace, Martin McClean, Derrygonnelly. Thanks to all who promote and support our lotto.

Catholic Engaged Encounter: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 27-28 March 2021. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. For information or booking email: catholicmarriageencounterni@gmail.com or 028 2763 8512 or visit <https://www.marriageencounter.ie/blog>