



# Parish of Botha



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## Funeral and Weddings

Only 25 people permitted to attend. Families may have a funeral or wedding in whichever parish church they choose, being mindful of the webcam facility in Derrygonnelly.

## Parish Office Hours:

Monday 6:30pm – 9:30pm  
Wednesday 1:30pm – 9:30pm  
Thursday 6.30pm – 9:30pm

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today's passage from John's gospel contains one of the most well-known sentences of all scripture, the one which declares that God loved the world so much that he sent his only son. So, in human terms, God's motive for sending Jesus among us is love. In other words, all God's actions towards us and his dealings with us are inspired by love. This is good news and if we didn't know it before, now is the time to take this insight on board and to let it begin to change us.

## Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly

<b>Sun 14 Mar</b>	11:30am	Mass <b>Anniversary: Francis and Mary Ellen Dolan, Sandhill; Edmund, Edith and Liam Corrigan, Aghamore; Rose Ann McGuinness, Carrickbeg.</b>
<b>Wed 17 Mar</b>	10:00am	Mass <b>St Patrick, Bishop Principal Patron of Ireland</b>
<b>Thu 18 Mar</b>	10:00am	Mass
<b>Fri 19 Mar</b>	10:00am	Mass <b>St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>Sun 21 Mar</b>	11:30am	Mass <b>People of the Parish.</b>

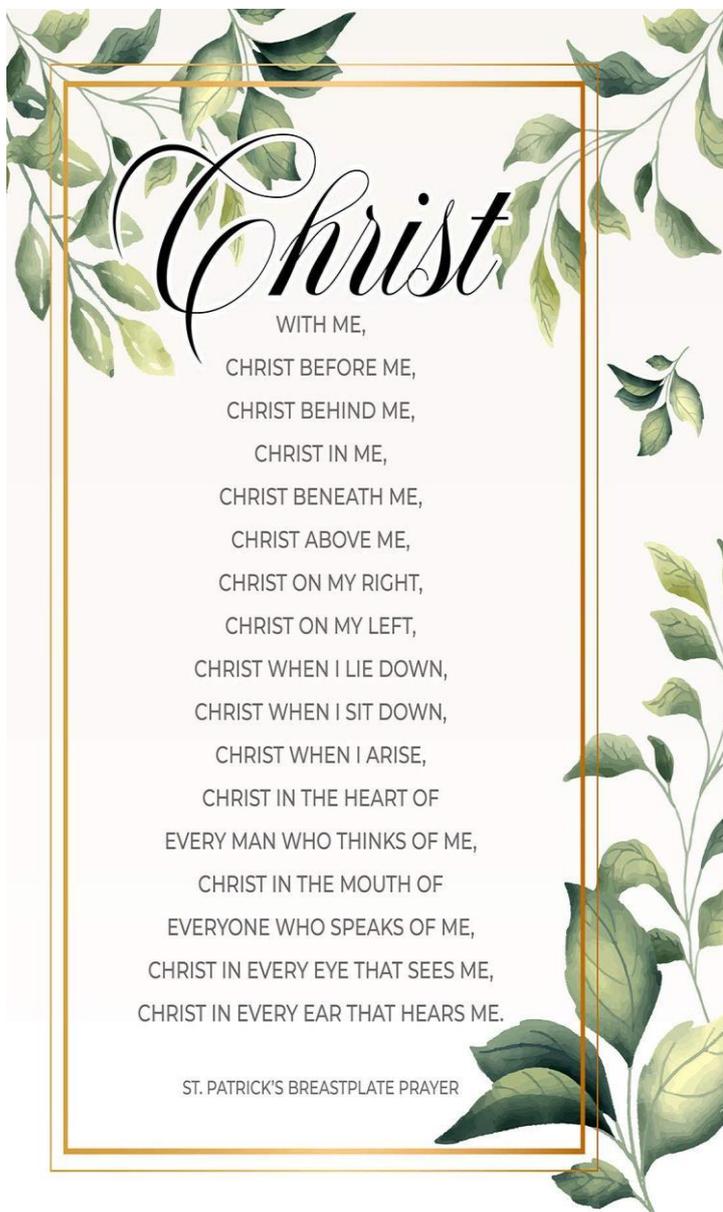
**Note: No mass on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**Recently Deceased:** Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Celine McManus, Enniskillen.** May she rest in peace.

**Baptisms:** We welcome to the Christian community through the waters of Baptism Faye Kathleen Kelly, Fiadh Elizabeth Maguire, Breeá Lucia McNamee and Caomihe Catherine Treacy. May they grow in faith.



**St. Joseph:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March is the feast of St. Joseph, the quiet man of Christianity. Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph from 8<sup>th</sup> December last, concluding on the same date this year. This Friday marks the fifth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)*, on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On that date this year the Holy Father will launch a year dedicated to the family which will conclude on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 during the World Meeting of Families in Rome. The beginning of the Family Year is being marked with a Week of Prayer from March 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. A prayer resource for this week is available on the diocesan website [www.clogherdiocese.ie/resources](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie/resources) During this week Joseph is celebrated as the Man of Faith, the Man of Joy, the Worker, the Family Man, the Migrant, the Spouse, the Protector.



**St Patrick:** We celebrate the feast of Patrick our patron on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Sadly, for the second year we are unable to come together to celebrate the Eucharist in the normal way but you are asked to tune into Mass on the webcam at 10am from St. Patrick's Church. Patrick was born in the early fifth century in Britain and was brought as a slave to Ireland when just a teenager. Quite ironically, his captivity had a positive affect on his spiritual life. He prayed many times each day, so that his faith grew stronger and his love and reverence for God increased. When he was twenty-two Patrick escaped back home; yet he felt called by God to return to Ireland. Following some study in France, he returned here as a bishop and began to evangelise the Irish. Patrick travelled throughout the country converting many to the Faith. St. Macartan, first bishop of Clogher and patron of our diocese, was a disciple of Patrick. Perhaps today we can learn much from Patrick. He struggled in captivity and then on his missionary journeys, yet he remained steadfast. In the world of 2020/21, our faith has been challenged by the Coronavirus pandemic. Our freedom to worship has been curtailed and perhaps our willingness to return to church will be tested. The practice of our faith has experienced many hurdles since Patrick's time and yet, it has survived. Perhaps the example of Patrick may inspire us to believe in the presence of God in our lives, and in spite of setbacks and challenges, and indeed opposition, we may remain strong in our belief.

**RTÉ TV Broadcast Mass:** - next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 11am will be celebrated by Mgr. La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg along with the Lough Derg Pastoral and Music teams. The Mass will be offered for the Lough Derg pilgrim family near and far. Tune into RTE 1 Television or RTE Radio 1.

**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 at 7.30pm** on [www.clogherdiocese.ie](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie) and on the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page.

**Prayer through Lent:** Resources to help families and individuals pray at home during Lent on [www.clogherdiocese.ie](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie). Also, live stream connections to all our parishes are accessible on the home page of the website. May prayer draw us deeper into the presence of the Lord as we journey together towards Easter.

**Online Talks For Lent:** – **Awaken Our Baptismal Calling in Parish Ministry.** The next of our online talks will be held on [www.clogherdiocese.ie](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie) and on the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page on **Wednesday 24 March at 7.30pm** when a variety of speakers from across our diocese will talk about their actual experience of and the possibilities for parish ministry. No booking necessary. Many thanks to all who took part in last Wednesday's talk by Fr Gareth Byrne.

**Threshold of Hope:** A unique online musical gathering on **Tuesday 30 March at 8pm**, with gifted and creative singer, facilitator and spiritual director Deirdre Ní Chinnéide, from the Aran Islands. A free event open to all. Join at [www.churchservices.tv/deidrenichinneide](http://www.churchservices.tv/deidrenichinneide).