

Parish of Botha

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	<p>St Ambrose reminded the newly baptised of the water, the wood and the dove in the story of Noah. The water of Baptism saves us through the merits of Christ's death on the wood of the cross. The Holy Spirit breathed life into that water so that we might have fullness of life.</p>		
	Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
	Sun 21 Feb	11:30am	Mass Months Memory: Charlie McGowan, Faugher. Anniversary: Deceased of the Cadden Family, Tonelisderrit
	Tue 23 Feb	7:00pm	Mass and Novena to St Peregrine; Anniversary: William and Mary Jane Dundas, Knockmore Park
	Wed 24 Feb	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Paddy and Molly McConnell, Knockmore Road.
	Thu 25 Feb	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Julia Cassidy, Sandhill
Sun 28 Feb	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Joe and Ita Corrigan, Drumary; Packie and Lena McKeane, Rosnarick Close; Eamon McKeane, Cashel	

Online Talks For Lent – Awaken Our Baptismal Calling in Parish Ministry. The first of our online talks will be held on Wednesday 24 February at 7.30pm Speaker Julie Kavanagh on Baptism and Parish Ministry. Join on www.clogherdiocese.ie or Diocese of Clogher Facebook page No booking necessary.

Sacrament of Confirmation: due to the ongoing situation with Covid19, the original date for Confirmation has been changed. We are not permitted to have any of the sacraments celebrated before 18th April so the new dates are **Wednesday 28th April** and **Thursday 29th April at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church**. Similar to last year, the parish priest in each parish will administer the sacrament to the children of P7 – eleven children each evening (as there are eleven seats available on the ground floor under the current restrictions). The children have been notified as to which group they will be in.

Sacrament of First Penance and First Holy Communion: no decision has been made regarding First Penance. The celebration of First Holy Communion will take place in St. Patricks' Church on **Saturday 24th April at 11am and 2pm** for the children of St. Patrick's PS. Two ceremonies are necessary due to restrictions on numbers. Families will be notified by the school regarding your child's ceremony, which will be organised alphabetically. The children from Killyhommon PS will celebrate their First Communion on **Saturday 22nd May at 11am** in the **Sacred Heart Church**.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



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 the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page or www.clogherdiocese.ie

Lough Derg Talks Pilgrimage: online in a trio of talks. These talks offer insight about the experience of pilgrimage. On 23 February, 6th and 23rd March at 7.30pm. Spaces are booking up quickly. For further information and to register contact info@loughderg.org or 071 9861518. www.loughderg.org

Trocaire: Trocaire would like to sincerely thank Botha parishioners who generously supported their Christmas 2020 appeal at this very difficult time. 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.

Prayer through Lent: Resources to help families and individuals pray at home this Lent are available on our diocesan website www.clogherdiocese.ie. Also, livestream 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.

The Graan Novena of Hope 2021: from **Sat 27th Feb – 8th March 2021**, via web-cam at www.thegraan.com. If you have not the facility to go on-line you can join with us in prayer in your own home. Download the Novena and petitions leaflets or telephone 028 66322272 and we'll send the leaflets and petitions out to you.

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: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £6000. £20 Nigel Elliott, Derrygonnelly, Kerry McCusker, Belleek, Anthony Murphy, Online player. Fundraising is a fact of life for GAA clubs, and while club activities are suspended presently, overheads are ongoing. Looking towards the future, with plans for some capital projects in the pipeline, we thank all who sponsor and support our lotto and look forward to a big fundraising effort in the near future.

Recently the club presented Mr Colin Brennan from Action Mental Health a cheque for £1,850. Mr Brennan expressed his gratitude to the club and its supporters. Underage members can engage in our 'Two Hundred Touch' challenge via video, and younger members can participate in online zoom circuits for boys and girls with Stephen and Keira. Physical activity and having a focus are very important in these times, we will get back onto our pitches, so don't let the ball be a stranger.