

Parish of Botha

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Wednesday 1:30pm – 9:30pm

Thursday 6.30pm – 9:30pm

Funerals 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.

Baptisms: on the 1st Saturday of each month, currently restricted to two babies at once

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Today we hear the account of the passion according to Mark. Mark's story of the passion is dominated by two questions: What happens to the disciples? What happens to Jesus? The disciples who were called to be with him forsook him. And in this cruel and shocking presentation Jesus is portrayed as one suffering and the one possessing the power to save.

Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly

Sun 28 Mar	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: John and Annie Burns, Aghakeeran; James and Brigid Carroll, Lisdoonan; Una Buchanan (Burns), Belfast; William and Mary Carroll, Leitrim.
Tue 30 Mar	7:00pm	Mass and Novena to St Peregrine
Wed 31 Mar	10:00am	Mass
Thu 1 Apr	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 2 Apr	3:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 3 Apr	7:00pm	The Easter Vigil
Sun 4 Apr	11:30am	Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection
Immaculate Conception, Monea		
Sun 4 Apr	10:00am	Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

Returning to public worship:

With the agreement of the NI Executive, churches are now permitted to make a cautious return to public worship. From this Thursday 1st April (Holy Thursday) there will be restricted capacity allowed in the churches of the parish. If you wish to attend Holy Week ceremonies, weekday mass or Sunday mass, please adhere to the guidelines. Wash your hands before leaving your home, and please use the hand sanitizer on arrival in the church. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, or any illness which would make you vulnerable, please do not attend. The wearing of a face covering is mandatory for all who attend. Please take a seat when invited to do so by the stewards and remain in that seat. You are not free to move to a different seat or indeed to another part of the seat to which you have been assigned. At Holy Communion time you will be invited by the stewards to leave your seat and move forward to receive the Eucharist. Please wait until called forward. On leaving the church, please follow the directions given and keep your distance from those outside of your bubble.

We are blessed to be allowed a return to worship, albeit in a restricted way. More than half of the parishes in our own diocese will not be permitted to attend for some time yet, and indeed two of our parishes (Clones and Roslea) are split by the border, meaning public worship in one part of those parishes but not in the other!

Baptism: We welcome to the Christian community through the waters of Baptism Tilly Mae Milne. May she grow in faith.

Holy Week: Ceremonies for the Easter Triduum take place in St. Patrick's Church on Holy Thursday at 7pm - the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday at 3pm - the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, and Holy Saturday at 7pm - the Easter Vigil. Last year's ceremonies took place in empty churches, and while some people will be present this year, the ceremonies will be scaled back from what we are accustomed to. The seating capacity with 2 metre distancing is 38 (this can be more when several people from the same bubble sit together). If you attend one ceremony perhaps you might consider allowing others attend on one of the other days. The temporary aerial which was put in place for Christmas is still available to us for the Easter period so people are invited to sit in their car in the car park and to tune in to **90.6fm** to pick up the ceremonies from the church.

Trocaire: Please bring your contributions in support of Trocaire to mass on Holy Thursday (put it in the envelope provided) and leave in the basket at the doors of the church. Trocaire depends on our support to help alleviate poverty and suffering in the world. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Prayer Resources for Holy Week and Easter: are available on our diocesan website at [Holy Week & Easter 2021 Resources - Diocese of Clogher \(clogherdiocese.ie\)](https://www.clogherdiocese.ie/holy-week-easter-2021-resources) this link will also bring you to information on the times and places for the celebration of the Easter Triduum in each parish across the 7 Pastoral Areas.

Hearts on Fire! A series of video resources for the young people preparing for Confirmation, their families and school communities, have been compiled for the Diocese of Clogher, accessible via [Hearts on Fire Confirmation Preparation - Diocese of Clogher \(clogherdiocese.ie\)](https://www.clogherdiocese.ie/hearts-on-fire-confirmation-preparation) Accompanying workbooks have been delivered to schools.

Diocesan Service of Light: Bishop Duffy will lead an online Service of Light for all Confirmation candidates across the whole diocese - their families and school communities - on **Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 7.30pm**, in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan, via [St. Macartan's Cathedral Live Webcam Stream | MCN Media Live Streaming Monaghan](https://www.clogherdiocese.ie/st-macartan-cathedral-live-webcam-stream) Every candidate and family, including the wider parish family, is invited to take part. Schools and parishes are asked to liaise in relation to the provision of the Service of Light candles.

Thanks: to those from across our 7 Pastoral Areas who contributed in any way to our **Online Diocesan Way of the Cross** on Friday 26 March. Thanks also to all who joined our online talks during Lent: **Awaken Our Baptismal Calling in Parish Ministry**. Both are small examples of the Church in our diocese being alive in the sharing of the Good News, being called to mission, and open to sharing the great talents that God continues to give to people across all our communities. *"Go out to the whole world: proclaim the gospel to the whole creation"* (Mark 15:15).

Parish Envelopes: New boxes of parish envelopes will be available in the coming week for use from Sunday 11th April. Please take your envelopes from the back of the church, and those of others if possible. Last year's envelopes were late going out due to the lockdown and yet, many of you continued to contribute towards the parish. Thank you sincerely for your generous support. Many people do not contribute anything and yet expect the same service as those who do. We don't live in an ideal world so it would be foolish to expect that everyone would contribute. However, there are a lot of out-goings, both within the parish and at diocesan and national level. Again, sincere thanks to all of you who support the parish and a gentle reminder to those who don't - we can't run the Church on Hail Mary's alone!