

Parish of Botha

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Masses this week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 29th March 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** McGurn and Flanagan Families, the Barrs, William and Mary Carroll, Leitrim.

Tuesday 31st March 7.30pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 1st April 10am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross.

Thursday 2nd April 10am Mass and Holy Rosary.

Sunday 5th April **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** 11.30am Mass, **Months Mind:** Mary Maguire, Blocknet; **Anniversary:** Francie Ferguson, Tully; Hugh Foy, Ely Lodge; James Hoy, Drumcorban; The deceased of the McKenna and O'Brien Families.

Prayers for the Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Eilish Curran, Reyfad. May she rest in peace.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: due to the restrictions placed on us at this time, it is with sadness that the weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday's in Monea has to be cancelled for the foreseeable future.

There is a saying, "*if you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere*". As a community, a country and a world, we are facing many obstacles at this time. It is a challenge for us to have our movement restricted, our contacts curtailed, and the economic and social fabric of our society tested. I encourage you at this time to know that we are in this as one, and that the best way to get through this experience and to move forward, is to follow the guidance and advice from Church and State authorities. Continue to support one another, being mindful of those who are elderly, alone, sick or vulnerable. It is heartening to know that there are so many people working to help others – thank God for all our healthcare staff, those who are providing necessary goods and services, and those in our local communities who are willing to reach out to others at this time, and may we take heart from the words of Jesus in St. Matthew's Gospel – "in so far as you did this to one of the least of these, you did it to me"

Fr Cathal.

Guidelines for Clergy and Parishes: the diocese is communicating regularly with the clergy regarding pastoral provision during the Covid-19 crisis. At present our activity is greatly curtailed, and hence, the sacraments of Baptism and Marriage cannot be celebrated, nor can public masses and Individual Confessions. Churches are open during the day for private prayer – please adhere to the social distancing rules which apply. Other guidelines will be issued when and where necessary.

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound: as with most parish pastoral activity, there will not be any First Friday visitation until further notice. If anyone who is on the parish list would like Fr. Cathal to contact them by phone and pray with them, please contact the office during regular hours.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus

I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Parish Envelopes: as you are aware, parish envelopes for the coming twelve months are due to be delivered for the first Sunday in April. Due to the restrictions on us because of Covid-19, we are not permitted to deliver them, or to leave them in the churches. They will be delivered around the parish when circumstances change.

The diocesan office has indicated that there is a facility on the diocesan website – clogherdiocese.ie – by which people can contribute to their parish collection. If anyone wishes to do this, please log into the diocesan website and click on the box **Donate** at the bottom left-hand corner of the page and follow the instructions. Any contributions made to a parish will then be forwarded to that parish's account.

Derrygonnelly GFC: As the scale of COVID-19 has become apparent, our grounds are closed for all activities. It is essential that all of our members from age eight to eighty do their best to prevent further spread of the Coronavirus and follow the advice regarding social distancing and staying at home as much as possible. We have suspended our club lotto, we hope to have an online version running in the near future.

The club is working in partnership with other groups locally to deliver necessary help to people in the Derrygonnelly, Boho, Monea, Springfield, and Churchill areas. Contact numbers to access assistance are Eadaoin Love 07799148196, Gillian Rutherford 07766251748, John McGovern 07764615695, Norma Ferguson 07793979870, Michelle McCauley 07713351687 and David Bailey 07974221331.

Help Lines:

Macmillan Cancer Helpline: 028 90708610

Aisling Centre: Enniskillen, Telephone 02866325811.

Relate: (Counselling for adults experiencing relationship difficulties) Tel: 02890323454.

Age Concern: (Now Age UK) 24hrs Telephone 0808 808 757

Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health: Telephone 02890328474.

Lifeline: 0808 808 8000

Addiction N I: 028 9066 4434

Alcoholics Anonymous: Telephone 028 90434848

AI Anon: 028 9068 2368

24/7 Domestic Violence Helpline: 0800 917 1441

Samaritans: 028 82 244944

St Vincent De Paul Helpline: 028 66347788