

Parish of Botha

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Parish Office Hours: Mon 7.30pm – 9.30pm Wed & Thurs 6.30pm – 9.30pm.

The Presentation of the Lord

This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord, With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 2nd February **The Presentation of the Lord** 10am Mass, **Anniversary:** Edith, Edmund and Liam Corrigan, Aghamore

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 2nd February **The Presentation of the Lord** 11.30am Mass, People of the Parish.

Tuesday 4th February 7.30pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 5th February **St Agatha, virgin and martyr** 10am Mass

Thursday 6th February **Ss Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs** 10 Mass.

Sunday 9th February 11.30am Mass, **Anniversary:** William and Mary Jane Dundas, Knockmore Park.

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Monday 3rd February – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am-9pm

Sunday 9th February 10am Mass, **Anniversary:** Lawrence Magee, Leighan; Damien McCauley, Crott; Mark Gillies, Legland.

Prayers for the Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Noreen Maguire, Tullycreevy. May she rest in peace.

The presentation in the Temple

*The words of a secret have rivet eyes
That cannot sleep to forget what they know.
The restrained voice sharpens to an arrow
That will reach its target through any disguise.*

*Two old people wait in the temple shadows
Where stone and air are hoarsened with prayer
For some door to open in their hunger;
Sometimes children laugh at her twitching nose.*

*Worn to a thread the old man's rope of days,
Spent unravelling in this empty torment,
Has wizened his silence to words of flint.
When he glimpses the child, his lost voice flares.*

*His words lodge in the young mother's thought
That a sword of sorrow will pierce her heart.*

Parish Office Hours: The parish office will be open on Monday's 7.30pm – 9.30pm Wed & Thurs 6.30pm – 9.30pm.

Envelope Collection: last week amounted to £1226.00 Renovation £1170.00. Sincere thanks for your generous support.

We are presently preparing the new set of envelopes for the coming year. Your weekly contributions towards your parish is our main source of income. Can I appeal in particular to the younger generation who may now be working, to contribute towards the running expenses of the parish. If you would like a box of envelopes for the year ahead or details of how you can contribute by standing order, please contact Fr. Cathal or the parish office.

Derrygonnelly Altar Society: collection on Sunday 9th February after 11.30am Mass in St. Patrick's.

Anam Cara Donegal: the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on 13th February at 7:00pm in the *Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny*. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc., please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Wednesday 11th February or call 01 4045378.

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples: Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. **Next programme starts 7th – 9th February 2020.** For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie.

Clogher don Óige: Our Diocesan Youth Ministry organisation has launched its annual summer programme of international pilgrimage opportunities. Young people aged 16-18 who are interested in travelling to Lourdes to serve as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage (July 3rd-8th), or 15 and 16 year olds looking for a different experience of faith, fun and prayer alongside thousands of others from across Europe in Taizé (July 25th-August 3rd) are asked to fill in an expression of interest form (**before 14th February**) in order to be considered for a place.

All information can be found on CdÓ's website: www.clogherdonoige.org

Derrygonnelly GFC: Jackpot £3200. £20 Fiona and Paddy Chesters, Enniskillen, Eamon Kelly, c/o Fergus, and Rian and Senan, Derrygonnelly. Draw in Doogies tonight. **Ireland Lights Up with the GAA:** continues Thurs from 7-8pm. Socialise in a healthy way, walking around the main pitch. A torch and high vis clothing is recommended. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. **Yoga:** with Jim Fawcett Wed from 7-8pm for Beginners 8.15-9.15pm for Sports. **Teen fit:** class with Jackie Cassidy, continues Thurs 7pm -7.45pm. £1 per class.

Derrygonnelly Knockmore Bowls Club: starts this evening at 6:30pm in Derrygonnelly Community Centre. New and old members welcome with or without experience. Coached by a qualified coach. Only £2 per night. Contact Rebecca Gilroy on [02868641711](tel:02868641711) or [07944181751](tel:07944181751)

Table quiz: in the Reade Hall Monea on Saturday February 8th at 7.30. Adults £5. School children £2 and Pre-school free. Lots of raffle prizes. Proceeds to Devenish and Boho Churches.