

# Parish of Botha

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**Baptisms:** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, currently restricted to two babies at once.

### 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.

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Wednesday 1:30pm – 9:30pm

Thursday 6.30pm – 9:30pm

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark presents the gospel of salvation within the context and plan of the life of Jesus Christ. That life is the story of the suffering Messiah, now seen in the light of the Resurrection. The faithful learn that the path to victory is by suffering discipleship. But the 'between times' are difficult and there is no other way. The call to follow Christ is the call to repent and believe.

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

Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Sarah and Bertie Duffy, Drumscomby.
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	7:00pm	The Presentation of the Lord Mass and Novena to St Peregrine
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	10:00am	Mass
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00am	Mass
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Noreen Maguire, Tullycreevy.

**St Brigid – Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland - Feast Day 1<sup>st</sup> February:** is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick.

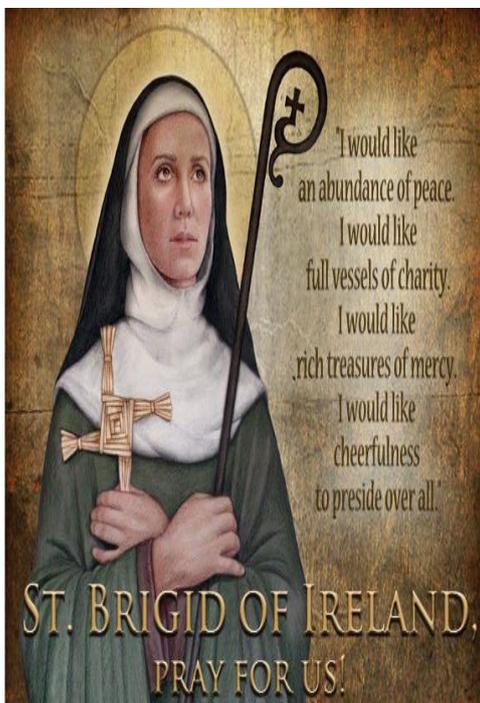
### Prayer to Saint Brigid

**Saint Brigid: You were a woman of peace.  
You brought harmony where there was conflict.  
You brought light to the darkness.  
You brought hope to the downcast.**

**May the mantle of your peace cover those  
who are troubled and anxious,  
and may peace be firmly rooted in our  
hearts and in our world.  
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has  
made.**

**Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the  
weary.  
Strengthen what is weak within us.  
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.**

**May we grow each day into greater wholeness  
in mind, body and spirit. Amen.**



**Popes intention for February:** Universal intention - *Violence against women* - We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**Prayer of Healing and Hope:** as we continue to pray for an end to the Coronavirus, you are invited to join in an online hour of prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from St. Patrick's Church on this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm – [churchservices.tv/derrygonnelly](http://churchservices.tv/derrygonnelly)

**Parish Contributions:** at this time each year the list of envelope holders is updated and amended so that new parish envelopes can be distributed in March.

While last year's envelopes were sent out in very strange and challenging circumstances, along with the fact that public worship has been suspended from much of that time, I wish to acknowledge the many people who have continued to use their envelopes in support of the parish, myself as your priest, and the various other demands at diocesan and parochial level.

Wouldn't it be great if everyone used the box of envelopes provided? However, we don't live in an ideal world, so that is a big ask. However, I encourage you to give what you can in support of our parish, mindful of the challenges faced at this time

Unfortunately, many of the envelopes distributed are never returned, which begs the question, 'should everyone on the list be receiving them?'

I don't know of any system which is better than the current one, so until that time, we will continue "as is". *Please contact the parish office [office@bothaparish.com](mailto:office@bothaparish.com) or on 68641207 during office hours, if you wish to register for envelopes or if there are any changes to be made to your contact details, etc.*

**Lourdes2Clogher Virtual Pilgrimage:** In place of the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year there will be a virtual pilgrimage online from 5 to 11 July next, the usual dates of our pilgrimage. In advance of that, a Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes will commence this Tuesday, 2 February, leading to the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11 February. The daily prayers will be available on the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page and on [www.clogherdiocese.ie](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie)

**Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity:** Beginning Ash Wednesday, 17th February 2021. To make this work there needs to be a minimum of two parishioners per parish, one with surname beginning A - L and one with surname M - Z to say the rosary twelve times per year. For more information visit - [www.continuousrosary.com](http://www.continuousrosary.com)

**Vocations:** *"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."* Open your heart to the possibility that Christ is calling you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Speak to your local priest or contact Fr Raymond Donnelly - Diocesan Vocations Director [raymonddonnelly1@gmail.com](mailto:raymonddonnelly1@gmail.com) For information on the permanent diaconate in the diocese contact Rev Martin Donnelly at [deacon@st-michaels.net](mailto:deacon@st-michaels.net)

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £5700. £20 Hugh McGinty, Belleek, Gavin Duffy, and Claire McCauley, both online players. Thanks to all who support our lotto. The MyLife / GAA Every Step Counts challenge runs for 7 weeks. You could help the club win O'Neill's vouchers to the value of €2,500 by walking a collective equivalent of 4000km around Ireland. Download the My Life by Irish Life app from the Appstore, and register.

**N I Blood Transfusion Service:** next blood donation sessions will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral Church Hall, Enniskillen Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> and Fri 5<sup>th</sup> February 1pm – 4pm and 5pm – 7.30pm. **Now by appointment only, call 08085 534 653 to book.** Your donation could help save a life