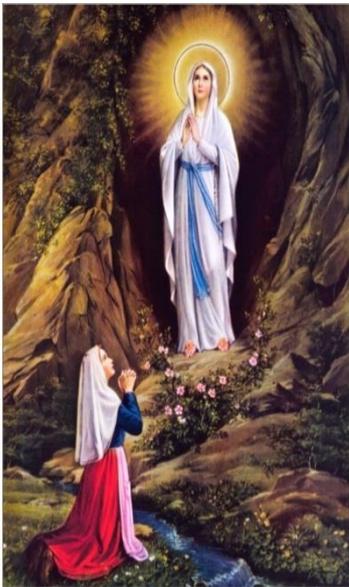


Parish of Botha

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	<p>Job speaks out as the plain man who cannot make sense of the suffering to be found in daily life. The questions that are raised by the tedium and shortness of life are asked in every age. The Christian sees a meaning through the life of Christ, for whom suffering became a means of achieving true life. Healing is a lifting up, and all suffering can lift up the world anew.</p>		
	Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
	Sun 7 Feb	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Noreen Maguire, Tullycreevy; Eileen and Eddie Hoy, Levally.
	Tue 9 Feb	7:00pm	Mass and Novena to St Peregrine
	Wed 10 Feb	10:00am	Mass St Scholastica
Thu 11 Feb	10:00am	Mass Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sun 14 Feb	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Veronica Hoy, Knockmore Park; Bridie and John Kelly, Drumbeggan	

Our Lady of Lourdes: Feast day is Thursday 11th February



Prayer

O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity.

World Day of the Sick: will be celebrated next Thursday, 11th February – the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is **“You have but one teacher and you are all brothers” (Mt 23:8).** **A trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick.** A special Mass to mark the occasion will be broadcast on the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page from St Patrick's Church, Clogher on Thursday evening at 8pm. The celebrant will be Canon Noel McGahan, Spiritual Director of the Clogher Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

A Prayer in a time of Pandemic

Loving and healing God
we implore you for an end to the
coronavirus;
for relief for those afflicted with it,
and for eternal life for those whom the
Lord has called to himself.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God and Mother of the Church,
health of the sick and help of Christians,
help suffering humanity,
saving us from the evil of this pandemic
and obtaining for us every good necessary
for human salvation.

Loving and healing God bless your people.

Fill us with your abiding presence and grant
us pardon from our sins.

Ease our mind. Strengthen our body.

Let us be serene in hope, and, at the last,
bring us to the table of unending joys in
Heaven

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ash Wednesday - 17 February. As it will not be possible to have the ancient practice of receiving ashes this year, families are invited to join Masses online in local parishes. Also, the text of a Family Prayer Service for Ash Wednesday will be made available via www.clogherdiocese.ie nearer the time.

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

Trócaire- Lent is an important time for Trócaire. This year the theme is around solidarity with those families affected by war in South Sudan. Trócaire Boxes are being made available in a safe manner for each household. Donations may also be made through your parish envelope or online via the iDonate button on www.clogherdiocese.ie

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £5800. £20 Colette Carroll, Derrygonnelly, Donna McGovern, Doagh, James Gormley, Belleek. Thanks to all who promote and support our lotto. The Club's Ladies Committee annual meeting was well attended. Emma Burns was elected as secretary and Linda Brennan as Registrations Officer. Congratulations to Eimear Smyth on her selection on the Irish News Ulster Ladies All Stars Team 2020. Condolences to the Prunty family, Donagh, on the passing of Joe Pat May he rest in peace.

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 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.*