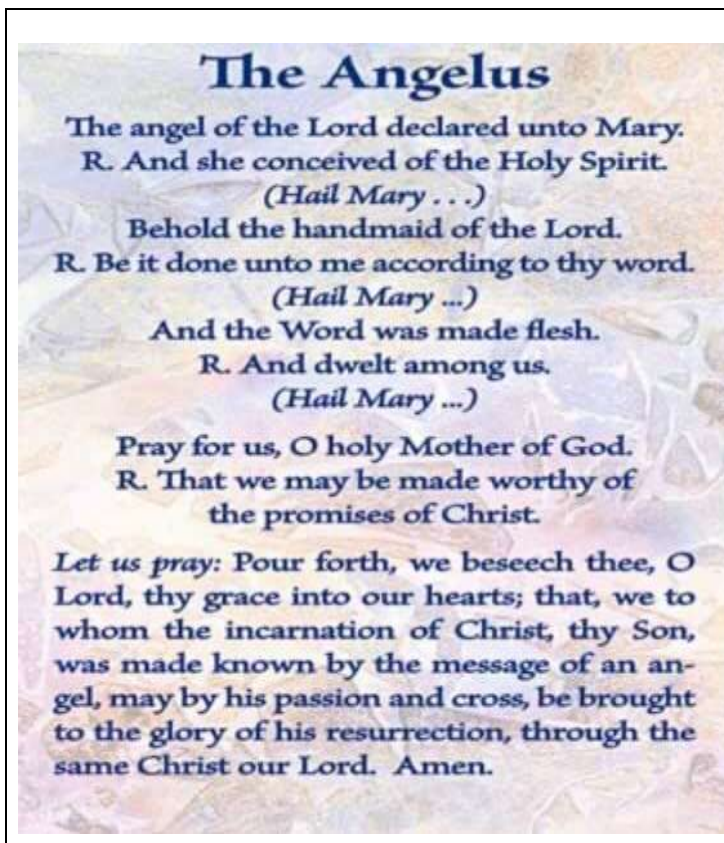


# Parish of Botha 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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<b>Parish Office Hours</b>	
Monday	6:30pm – 9:30pm
Wednesday	1:30pm – 9:30pm
Thursday	6:30pm – 9:30pm
<b>Baptisms:</b> on the 1st Saturday of each month at 4pm in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly	

<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>		
In an age when so many are hungry while there is so much surplus food around, fasting can be looked at cynically. It has a special connection with LENT. It has something to recommend it still. Maybe the money spared could be given to someone in need. To experience hunger is to be aware of something which is shared by many today.		
<b>Sacred Heart, Boho</b>		
<b>Thu 24 March</b>	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Sun 27 March</b>	10:00am	Anniversary: <b>Edmund, Edie and Liam Corrigan</b> , Aughamore; <b>William and Mary Carroll</b> , Leitrim; The deceased of the <b>McGurn and Flanagan Families</b> , The Barrs
<b>Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly</b>		
<b>Sun 20 March</b>	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: <b>Charles and Teresa Smyth</b> , Derrygonnelly
<b>Sun 27 March</b>	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: <b>Madeline McQuaid</b> , Creamery Road; <b>Francis Ferguson</b> , Tully
<b>Immaculate Conception, Monea</b>		
<b>Sun 20 March</b>	10:00am	Mass People of the Parish

**Recently Deceased:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of Gabriella McDermott, New Jersey nee McIntyre, Conmore. May she rest in peace.



## Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** 'Giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus. Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace' (CCC, 494)

**The Angelus:** a Catholic devotion commemorating the Incarnation or the Annunciation. A prayer with roots back to the 13th century, it is a Marian devotion that is traditionally recited three times a day, at 6 am, noon and 6 pm, you can however pray it at any time! Praying the Angelus interrupts whatever task you are in, just as the arrival of Christ in the Incarnation interrupts the world. It is still accompanied by the ringing of a bell (the Angelus bell) in some places such as Vatican City and parts of Germany and Ireland. The Regina Coeli prayer replaces the Angelus during the Easter season.

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**Sacred Heart Church:** Contract documents for the repair of the Sacred Heart church, Boho will be available for collection from the parish office from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The parish office is open Monday and Thursday 6.30pm – 9.30pm and Wednesday 1.30pm – 9.30pm.



**Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations:** will take place in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm - *Solemnity of the Annunciation*. As we celebrate Mary saying "Yes" to be the Mother of God, we pray that more men & women will say "Yes" and give of their lives for service as priests, religious and deacons in our diocese. You are welcome to attend in person or watch in over the cathedral webcam [www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-macartans-cathedral-monaghan](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-macartans-cathedral-monaghan)

**Prayer for Vocations:** O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries, dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your Church, helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.

## Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
For all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and  
protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to  
guide their choices.  
We pray for the world; that in this  
moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.  
May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of  
Ukraine  
and for all the world.  
Amen.  
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!  
Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us!

**Special Collection for Ukraine:** The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup> March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

**SYNOD 2023 - Pope Francis wants to hear what you have to say!** Since his election, Pope Francis has sought to reform the Church by bringing its decision-making process closer to the people. This May, as part of the Synod of Bishops, each diocese will submit a report to Rome reflecting the thoughts and hopes of its people for the Church. The insights gained from all parishes in March 2020 through the Clogher *Diocese in Dialogue* process will form the core of our diocese's submission to Pope Francis. You too can have your say. You are invited to contribute your thoughts by email to [synod@clogherdiocese.ie](mailto:synod@clogherdiocese.ie) or by post to Synod Secretary, Bishop's House, Monaghan, H18 PN35. Closing date for submissions is 10 April.

## Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel:

**Luke 13:1-9**

Jesus rejects the idea that personal misfortune is God's punishment for sin. Yet a serious illness or accident can serve as a wakeup call about how we live our lives. How has such an experience given you a greater appreciation of the value of your life and relationships, and of time, and opportunities at your disposal.

'I'll wait till tomorrow to do that'. Have you ever said that and then found the chance was gone the next day? In the story we are called to recognise God at work in our lives and respond to him. NOW is the opportune moment. When have you been glad you did not put off action to the following day?

Perhaps there are time when you saw yourself like the tree in the parable-useless, merely a waste of space, unable to achieve what you wanted. Think of friends who came to you at such a time, people who saw your potential and were prepared to give you another chance, people who also dug the soil around you and gave you the help you needed to grow. Perhaps in your turn you have able to do this for others.

**John Byrne OSA**

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £4000. £20 The Greene Grandchildren, Churchill, Peter McGowan, Blaney, Joanne Keyes, online player. Draw tonight in Doogies Bar. We are very grateful to John and Margaret Doogan of Doogies Bar for their continued sponsorship of our senior team. For the new season, the club is opening up spaces on our jersey sleeves and back. Any business that might be interested in this is asked to contact Ruairi Dundas on [rdundas@dundasgallagher.com](mailto:rdundas@dundasgallagher.com)