

# Parish of Botha - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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	<p>“Death is swallowed up in victory.” Yet, we can still kill with our words. “The test of a man is in his conversation.” By words we can cultivate friendship, foster a family or even enlarge the Church. Words are tools of communication, and communion. But when they become corrosive, artificial or untrue, we are using them to demolish each other</p>		
	<b>Sacred Heart, Boho</b>		
	<b>Sun 27 February</b>	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: <b>John Curran</b> Reyfad
	<b>Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly</b>		
	<b>Sun 27 February</b>	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: <b>Joe and Ita Corrigan</b> Drumary; <b>Packie and Lena McKeane</b> Rosnarick Close; <b>John and Bridie Kelly</b> Drumbeggan.
	<b>Tue 1 March</b>	7:00pm	Mass and Novena to St Peregrine
	<b>Wed 2 March</b>	7:00pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass</b>
	<b>Thu 3 March</b>	10:00am	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>Sun 6 March</b>	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: <b>Carmel Meehan</b> Main Street; <b>Francis and Mary Ellen Dolan</b> Sandhill
<b>Immaculate Conception, Monea</b>			
<b>Sun 6 March</b>	10:00am	Mass Months Memory: <b>Aidan Miller</b> Knockmore Rd.	

**Lent 2022:** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and our journey through Lent begins this Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Sacred Heart and at 7pm in St Patrick's. Ashes will be distributed to anyone who wishes to receive. Obviously because of Covid 19 some people may be reticent about it so please only come forward for ashes if you are happy to do so.

**Stations of the Cross:** will take place in Sacred Heart Church at 7pm each Thursday evening during Lent, commencing on 3rd March and ending on 7th April, with the exception of 17th March.

**Altar Society March:** Derrygonnelly – Yvonne Burke and Nora Gordon. Collection on Sunday 13th March after 11.30am Mass in St Patrick's. Boho – Mary Duffy and Kathleen Corrigan.

**The Novena of Hope at the Graan:** from Sat (6.30pm) 5th March to Monday 14th March. Sunday services are 9am, 10:30am, 12 noon and 4:00p.m. Weekdays 12:30pm and 7pm. Saturday 12th March, 12.30 and 6.30pm. Tel 028 66 322272. Novena and petition leaflets at the back of the church.

**Popes intention for March:** For a Christian response to bioethical challenges we pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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

Luke 6:39-45

1. Can you remember an occasion when you were giving out about the behaviour of another person, and later realised you had some of the same fault yourself? Was that a wake-up call for you? Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others.
2. If we want to help other people, we need to have our feet on the ground, with a realistic awareness of our gifts and our limitations. Otherwise we will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind. What has helped you to be realistic about what you can and cannot do?
3. 'No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit.' This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basic motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives, then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends.

John Byrne OSA

### The Echo of Ashes

**"Remember you are dust  
and to dust you shall return."**

**the large brown bowl  
rests on a purple cloth  
its roundness holding ashes  
freshly burned  
black and ready for wearing.**

**blackened thumbs  
press the ancient sign  
upon the waiting foreheads.**

**I hear the message repeated  
until it haunts and hunts me  
down:  
remember, remember, remember  
you are dust, dust, only dust  
someday only dust will remain.**

**the echo of the Lent-stained  
ashes  
speaks the truth of my humanity:  
the humbleness of my beginning,  
the simplicity of my departure.**

**A few wise words  
echoing through Ash Wednesday  
urge me to deeper things:  
renewed dedication,  
constant compassion,  
and mindful awareness.**

**I leave marveling  
at how simple and sublime  
is this envelope of the soul,  
which one day returns  
to dust, dust, only dust.**

-Joyce Rupp

### Exploring Priesthood – Zoom with Seminarians and Priests:

on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** at 8pm there will be an opportunity for young men to join a Zoom to find out more about priesthood and to hear directly from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in Maynooth. To register email [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

**Ecumenical Contemplative /Meditation Meetings:** commencing on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. - 12noon in the Friary Rossnowlagh and continues throughout the six weeks leading up to Easter. These meetings are geared towards people of all denominations and none who wish to discover how a calm period of contemplation and reflection benefits our health and wellbeing as well as our spiritual development. Each meeting will have a short spiritual reading and 25 minutes of silent reflection, followed by a cup of tea and a chat. Meditation and contemplation are important parts of all faith traditions but it can be difficult to take time out of our busy lives to experience the deep inner peace that silence and contemplative prayer can bring. Park at Friary Hall (behind the Church) and follow the signs along the covered walk to the back entrance to the Friary building for easy access to the meeting room. Current Covid regulations will be in place.

**CANA Ireland** – Rediscover the meaning in your marriage, your family life, and your commitment to each other. Experience the full grace of the CANA Week over 3 weekends – 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> April & 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> May in Castledaly and 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June in Esker. Discover the joy of God working in your relationship. Contact Brian & Lisa Harmon [info@canaireland.org](mailto:info@canaireland.org) or 00 353 41 685 1563 or 000 353 86 838 6725

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £3700. £20 Caitlin Leavey, Derrylin, Paul Finnerty and Mary Dundas, online. Draw in the Cosy tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes our club lotto. As part of the Ireland Lights Up initiative, our club grounds will be lit up from 7pm-9pm each Wednesday to allow some people to come and walk around safely. If you have downloaded the Irish Life My Life app, you will be able to add to our group steps total for the chance to win some O'Neill's vouchers. Our annual Dinner Dance will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> in the Killyhelvin Hotel, Enniskillen. Music will be provided by Cufflinks. Tickets available from any Social Committee member. Diamond Cabs have also most generously offered to provide bus transport to the event. Please contact them before Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to book a seat on the bus. Sincere

condolences to the Miller Family on the recent passing of Aidan, a former player for both St Fabers and the Harps clubs.



*I invite everyone to make this coming 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace: let believers dedicate themselves intensively to prayer and fasting. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.*