

Parish of Botha 27th March 2022

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent		
Sinners and outcasts are at ease with Jesus, and his story of the prodigal son tells why. Today's readings are a source of hope and consolation for all who have sinned in any way. Our Lord's eating with sinners is a sign of God breaking through his own laws in order to save those who are in danger of being lost.		
Sacred Heart, Boho		
Sun 27 March	10:00am	Anniversary: Edmund, Edie and Liam Corrigan , Aughamore; William and Mary Carroll , Leitrim; The deceased of the McGurn and Flanagan Families , The Barrs
Thur 31 March	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
Sun 27 March	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Madeline McQuaid , Creamery Road; Francis Ferguson , Tully
Tue 29 March	7:00pm	Mass and Novena to St Peregrine
Wed 30 March	10:00am	Mass
Thu 31 March	10:00am	Mass
Fri 1 April	6:00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation
Sun 3 April	11:30am	Mass Months Memory: Ryan Toland , Fairview Park
Immaculate Conception, Monea		
Sun 3 April	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: John and Ann Higgins , Castletown; James Hoy , Drumcorban and deceased of the McKenna and O'Brien Families

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the soul of **Owen Foy**, Loughshore Road. May he rest in peace.

Come, Holy Spirit

*Come Holy Spirit
fill the hearts of your faithful,*

*and kindle in them the fire
of your Divine Love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created,
and you shall renew
the face of the earth.*

*Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit
instructed the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Through Christ Our Lord.*

Sacrament of Confirmation: We keep in our prayers the boys and girls (forty-two in total) who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday 1st April in St Patrick's church. Welcome Bishop Larry as he joins us for the celebration.

Altar Society April: Derrygonnelly – Patricia O'Dare, Bridie Lunny and Marie McGuigan. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 10th April in St Patrick's Derrygonnelly. Boho – Pauline McGullion and Caroline Duffy.

Sacred Heart Church: Contract documents for the repair of the Sacred Heart Church, Boho is available for collection from the parish office. The parish office is open Monday and Thursday 6.30pm – 9.30pm and Wednesday 1.30pm – 9.30pm.

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Seeing Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel:

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

1. Like many a parable, this story makes its point in a way that seems to be unfair: the spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is left hurt and angry. People often empathise with him. Neither son understood the nature of love. The younger son did not recognise what a treasure he had at home and walked out on it. Then he 'came to himself' and returned home. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming by becoming aware of love you had previously not recognised? What helped you to come to yourself and make that journey home?

2. The older son resented the party given to the younger son after his wandering and dissolute life-forgetting that all the father had was his. He is a symbol of us when we set ourselves up to decide when and how others should show their love, affection and gratitude. Such expectations fail to respect the freedom of others and make us vulnerable to the pain of unmet expectations. These can be fertile ground for hurt and resentment. What helps you to respect the freedom of others, and to recognise their love even if it's not expressed just as you would like?

3. Love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. Recall the wonder of experiencing love when you did not expect it. You may even have thought you not worthy of it. When has the experience of human love, freely given, prompted you to reflect on God's love for you?

John Byrne OSA

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.

Parish Contributions: an alternative way of paying your parish contributions is to set up a

Standing Order from your bank or through your internet banking app. using the following detail:

Botha Parish: Sort Code: 90 48 86

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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 or by post to Synod Secretary, Bishop's House, Monaghan, H18 PN35. Closing date for submissions is 10 April.

Contemplative meditation meetings: continues each Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Friary Rossnowlagh. These informal meetings are geared towards people of all denominations and none and all are welcome to experience the deep inner peace that just half an hour of silent contemplative prayer can bring. Tea/Coffee after meditation. Contact Olive at 00 353 87 78 46789

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.
Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.
Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment
the good work that You have begun in them.
As we prepare these children for Confirmation,
make each of us an instrument of Your love.
Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,
and to be patient with what we do not understand.
Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example.
We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Popes' intention for April: For health care workers we pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.