

# Parish of Botha

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**Baptisms:** on the 1st Saturday of each month at 4pm in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.

## Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Thursday  
6.30pm – 9.30pm  
Wednesday  
1.30pm – 9.30pm

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Beatitudes are in the life of Jesus himself and, in turn, they tell his followers what makes for true happiness. Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, gentle, hungry and thirsty for justice, merciful, pure in heart, placemaking, suffering for Christ.*

## Masses for the Week

### Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Gerald and Shane Gallagher, Tobradan; Francie and Susan McHugh, Tobradan.

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 11.30am Mass. **Months Memory:** Frank Flood, Main Street. **Anniversary:** Molly and Paddy McConnell, Knockmore Road.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January **St John Bosco** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February **St Brigid** 10am Mass.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February **The Presentation of the Lord** 10am Mass.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** John and Bridie Kelly, Drumbeggan.

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Leo McCauley, Crott. **Anniversary:** Damien McCauley, Crott; Aidan Miller, Knockmore Road.

**Recently Deceased:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of Joseph Leonard, Belleek. May he rest in peace.

## Prayer to St John Bosco Patron of Youth

Feast Day 31<sup>st</sup> January

*Friend of the young, Teacher in the ways of God,  
Your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still.  
Help me to work for a better world,  
where the young are given the chance to flourish,  
where the poor's dream for justice can come true,  
and where God's compassion is shown to be real.  
Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you  
and to our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians.  
Saint John Bosco, Pray for us!*

### Altar Society for February: Derrygonnelly

-Bridie McBrien, Lena McGurn and June Duffy. Collection after 11.30am Mass in St Patrick's on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

**Boho** - Angela Gallagher and Agnes Maguire Collector - Ronan Jones

### Totus Tuus Eucharistic Conference 2023:

is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Speakers include Fr. Columba Mary Toman OP, Fr. Patrick Cahill O.J.S.S, Fr. Patrick Lagan (Derry Diocese), Maura Murphy (Holy Family Mission). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

**World Day for Consecrated Life:** will be celebrated on the feast which commemorates the presentation which Mary and Joseph made of Jesus in the temple "to present him to the Lord" (Lk 2:22) **2<sup>nd</sup> February.** Instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1997, World Day for Consecrated Life is **a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life.**

**Parish Contributions:** Over the coming weeks we will be updating the list of parish envelope holders in preparation for new boxes of envelopes being distributed in March. Contributions through the envelopes are our main source of income and we are extremely grateful to those who support the parish financially on a regular basis. If you are new to the parish or have become a wage earner in the last year you are encouraged to contribute towards the running costs of your parish by taking a box of envelopes or setting up a standing order to the parish. If you are a tax payer you might consider gift aiding your contributions. Please contact the parish office on 028 68641889 or email [office@bothaparish.com](mailto:office@bothaparish.com) for further details.

## Prayer To St Brigid



Feast Day 1st February

*Dear St. Brigid, brilliant star of sanctity in the early days of our Irish faith and love for the omnipotent God. Who has never forsaken us, we look up to you now in earnest, hopeful prayer. By your glorious sacrifice of earthly riches, joys and affections obtain for us grace to “seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice” with constant trust in His fatherly care. By your life of laborious charity to the poor, the sick, the many seekers for light and comfort, obtain for us grace to be God’s helpers to the utmost of our power during our stay on earth, looking forward, as you did, to our life with Him during eternity. By the sanctified peace of your death-bed, obtain for us that we may receive the fullness of pardon and peace when the hour comes that will summon us to the judgment seat of our just and most merciful Lord. Amen.*

**Boho Community Centre:** will be taking part in the FODC Warm Spaces project from Tues 31st Jan. - Tues 28th March. The Centre will be open every Tuesday from 12pm - 2 pm as a drop in venue, offering free tea, scones and biscuits, a chat with your neighbours and some light activities. Lunch available also from 1pm - 2pm, but must be booked. Tel Margaret 07912620225.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to all who support and promote the Lotto. Indoor football in the Community Centre on Tuesdays 5.50pm - 7pm for P6 and P7 girls, cost £1 per family. Please wear trainers and sportswear, newcomers welcome. 2023 GAA National Draw tickets are now available. 1<sup>st</sup> prize, Dacia Duster car, 2<sup>nd</sup> £2000, and a further 8 All Ireland final packages. Tickets cost £10. The **Lights Up Walking Event** and **My Life Every Step Counts - Step Challenge** run until 15th Feb. Register under the club name and record your steps. Thanks to everyone involved in the organisation of the club’s celebration dance, it was a super occasion as we looked back on our Senior Ladies’ success in 2022.

## *Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel*

*Matthew 5:1-12*

1. We are told that Jesus ‘fixed his eyes on the disciples ‘before speaking. It suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St Augustine said ‘You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

2. ‘Blessed are you who weep’ is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving is worth the price you pay?

3. Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him – and they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may be, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

**Special Monaghan / Fermanagh Pilgrimage to Fatima:** Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 visit Saint Anthony’s Baptismal Font in Lisbon and house where he was born. Contact James Treacy on 061921470 or 00353 61921470