

# Parish of Botha

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**Parish Envelopes:** New boxes of parish envelopes are currently being distributed for use from Holy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. If you have not received your box please check at the back of the church. Anyone who would like a box of envelopes and has not received one, or if you are in a position to join our Gift Aid scheme, please contact the parish office during office hours. Tel: 02868641889

## Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Thursday

6.30pm – 9.30pm

Wednesday

1.30pm – 9.30pm

## Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion

*There is a core similarity between the four accounts of the death of Jesus in the New Testament. However, they differ in sequence and in details, allowing various understandings of the cross to unfold. Because the death of Jesus was and is such a deeply mysterious and indeed perplexing event, different dimensions are explored and laid bare by different New Testament writers, Matthew, Luke and John all bring forward somehow the resurrection into the story of Jesus' death. None is more dramatic than Matthew, who introduces not one but two earthquakes at this point.*

## Masses for the Week

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April **Palm Sunday** 10am Mass. **Months Memory:** Geraldine Cassidy, Bray/Killyveagh.

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April **Palm Sunday** 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Francie Ferguson, Tully.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine. **Anniversary:** Josie and Maurice McGuinness, Mill Green.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10am Mass.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April **Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7pm Mass. (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** 3pm.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil** 7pm.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April **Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection** 11.30am Mass.

### Sacred Heart Boho:

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** 8pm.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April **Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection** 10am Mass.

**Recently Deceased:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of Gráinne Lynch, Galway. May she rest in peace.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** in St Patrick's Church on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm – 8.30pm. *Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God. Pope Francis 2021*

## Who do you say I am?

Stay with us Lord, for the day is far spent  
and we have not recognized your face in each of our  
brothers and sisters.

Stay with us Lord, for the day is far spent  
and we have not yet shared your bread in grace with  
our brothers and sisters.

Stay with us Lord, for the day is far spent  
and we have not yet listened to your Word in the  
words of our brothers and sisters.

Stay with us Lord, because our very night becomes  
day when you are there. *World Alliance of Reformed Churches Seoul*

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Will be celebrated in St. Macartan's Cathedral Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. The celebration will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction; Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and a relic of St. Faustina. A number of priests will be available for individual confession.

Our Lord said to St. Faustina: *"I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in my Mercy"*. Everyone welcome.

**Trócaire:** Please bring your contributions in support of Trócaire to mass on Holy Thursday (put it in the envelope provided). Trócaire depends on our support to help alleviate poverty and suffering in the world. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

**Cemetery Sunday:** The annual blessing of the graves will take place after Masses on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July in the Immaculate Conception and St Patrick's, and on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July after 10am Mass in the Sacred Heart.

## The Easter Triduum:

During the sacred Triduum (the word comes from the Latin “three days), we celebrate the heart of our faith – the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Holy Thursday:** On this morning in cathedrals around the world, priests and people gather with their bishop for the Mass of the Oils (also called the Chrism Mass). The oils of Baptism and of the Sick are blessed and the oil of Chrism is blessed and consecrated at this Mass.

On this evening, the Mass of the Lord’s Supper is celebrated. Here, we call to mind what Jesus did at the Last Supper. His call to service is enacted in the washing of his disciples feet and he gave himself to them in his gift of the Eucharist, calling his followers to share in his mission; to do what he had done.

**Good Friday:** The celebration of the suffering and death of Jesus. This is the most solemn day in the Church year. The liturgy is in three parts:

- Liturgy of the Word
- Veneration of the Cross
- Holy Communion (the Eucharist is not celebrated today, so we receive the sacred host which has been consecrated at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper)

**Holy Saturday:** At the Easter Vigil we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus; the pain of Good Friday gives way to the glory of the risen Christ.

- Service of Light – the Easter fire is lit and blessed and from it we light the Paschal Candle
- Liturgy of the Word – we listen to the story of our salvation
- Liturgy of Baptism – we recall our own baptism, we renew our baptismal promises
- Liturgy of the Eucharist – in which we are fully united to Christ by sharing in his body and blood

## Lenten Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,  
by Your Passion and Resurrection  
You brought life to the world.  
But the glory of the Resurrection  
came only after the sufferings of the  
Passion.  
You laid down Your life willingly  
and gave up everything for us.  
Your body was broken and fastened to a  
Cross,  
Your clothing became the prize of soldiers,  
your blood ebbed slowly but surely away,  
and Your Mother was entrusted to the  
beloved disciple.  
Stretched out on the Cross, deprived of all  
earthly possessions and human aid,  
You cried out to Your Father that the end  
had come.  
You had accomplished the work given You,  
and You committed into His hands, as a  
perfect gift, the little life that remained to  
You.  
Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions  
after the example You have given.  
Let me place my death in Yours and my  
weakness in Your abandonment,  
Take hold of me with Your love, that same  
foolish love that knew no limits, and let me  
offer myself to the Father with You so that I  
may rise with You to eternal life.

**Vocations:** Evangelisation & Vocations Conference led by Archbishop Rino Fisichella of the Vatican Dicastery for Evangelisation taking place on 25<sup>th</sup> April in Renehan Hall, St Patrick’s College, Maynooth from 10am - 4pm. The conference will serve as a lead into the **Year of Vocation for Diocesan Priesthood – *Take the Risk for Christ*** – which commences on Good Shepherd Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. To register for this free conference, please follow the link on the homepage of [vocations.ie](http://vocations.ie)

**Thinking about Priesthood?** Why not join us for a Retreat from 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Drumalis Retreat House, Larne. Retreat directed by Fr Stephen Langridge. For more information and to book a place, please email: Fr Raymond Donnelly: [raymondtonnelly1@gmail.com](mailto:raymondtonnelly1@gmail.com)

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £4600. 20 Mark McGoldrick, Enniskillen, Gavin Duffy, online, Oliver Gormley, Belleek. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who promotes and supports our Lotto. Congratulations to the Fermanagh men’s Senior panel and management on their success in achieving promotion to NFL Division 2. The 'Hooley on the Pitch' - June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> featuring the fantastic Tumbling Paddies on the Friday night, Bingo Loco on Saturday night, with amazing prizes on offer, and Sunday Funday, closing with Sean Magee and guests. Looking forward to a brilliant weekend of entertainment!

Condolences is extended to the McGurn Family, Drumanure, and the Haren Family, Lisdead on the recent passing of Patricia Creamer, Enniskillen and Grainne Lynch, Galway.