

Parish of Botha

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

Parish Webcam: Recording of any liturgies will only happen if requested by contacting the parish on office@bothaparish.com at least seven days before the event.

Parish Office Hours:

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Through his Cross, Christ entered into his glory. We are already at this point in Lent at the heart of the paschal mystery. The catechumens, having been shown the struggle needed, are pointed towards their own exodus. The disciples on the mountain top, seeing Jesus transfigured, are encouraged for the days when they meet the cross. We are all called to holiness. If we respond as did Abraham and Jesus, then we will come to a glorious transfiguration.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 5th March 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** John and Ann Higgins, Castletown.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 5th March 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Joe and Ita Corrigan, Drumary; Carmel Meehan, Main Street; Ryan Toland, Fairview Park; Bridget Gallagher, Lattonagh.

Tuesday 7th March 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 7th March 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 8th March 10am Mass.

Thursday 9th March 10am Mass.

Sunday 12th March 11.30am Mass. People of the Parish.

Sacred Heart Boho:

Thursday 9th March 7.30pm Stations of the Cross.

Sunday 12th March 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Rose and Francis John McGuinness and deceased of the McGuinness Family, Carrickbeg; Deceased of the Rasdale, Marlow and Nolan Families, Boho; Deceased of the Love Family, Tobradan, Corr and Rossdoney.

Wedding: Congratulations to Maurice Cassidy and Emma Burns who got married in St Patrick's recently. May God bless them with health and happiness.

The Fast Life

Fast from judging others;
Fast from fear of illness;
Fast from words that pollute.
Fast from discontent;
Fast from anger;
Fast from pessimism;
Fast from negatives;
Fast from bitterness;
Fast from self-concern;
Fast from suspicion;
Fast from gossip;
Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Fast from anxiety;

Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Feast on the healing power of God
Feast on speech that purifies.
Feast on gratitude.
Feast on patience.
Feast on hope.
Feast on encouragement.
Feast on forgiveness.
Feast on compassion.
Feast on truth.
Feast on purposeful silence.
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Feast on faith.

Popes intentions for March: For victims of abuse - We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering

Parish Contributions: as we prepare the new parish envelopes for the coming year could we appeal to anyone who qualifies to Gift Aid their contributions i.e. if you pay income tax, to please contact the parish office on 028 68641889 or email office@bothaparish.com. Signing a Gift Aid form does not affect the amount of tax you pay and is very beneficial to the parish.

The Novena of Hope: from Saturday (6.30pm) **4th March to Monday 13th March**. Sunday services 9am, 10:30am, 12 noon and 4pm. Mon, Tue Thurs 12:30pm and 7pm. Wednesday 8th Mass at 11am and 7.30pm, Service for the sick at 2.30pm. Saturday 12th Mass 11am and 6.30pm with Service for the Sick at 2.30pm. Telephone The Graan 028 66 322272.

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

Matthew 17:1-9

1.The transfiguration experience was one that, for Jesus, clarified his relationship with his Father and strengthened him for the future. It was also a moment of deep revelation for the disciples. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, which for you have clarified your sense of who you are, and what is your relationship with God?

2.On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. His appearance changed. Sometimes in Friendship there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you have that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with God? Recall when that happened, and what it was like for you.

3.The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud and it was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him'. Have you had the experience of learning the truth about life and about your relationship with God from moments of confusion as well as times of joy?

4.After their special experience the disciples came down the mountain again. We cannot live each day at the level of special spiritual experiences, but the memory of them can strengthen us in difficult times. What memories encourage you in time of trouble?

John Byrne OSA

Pilgrimage to Fatima: Archbishop Eamon Martin is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from 20th – 27th July 2023. Pilgrims from all dioceses in Ireland are welcome to travel with him. Cost for seven days is £799/€899 per person sharing. Single room supplement and insurance is additional. contact Joe or Maureen McLaughlin on 00442890701606 or 00447711808207.

Knock Shrine: online Lenten Reflections on Tuesdays from 8.15pm - 9.15pm. log on to www.knockshrine.ie

A Concert to Celebrate Saint Patrick Celebrate Lá Fhéile Pádraig, Saint Patrick's Day at Knock Basilica at 8.30pm by joining us for a special concert on Thursday 16th March. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Clogher don Óige: is accepting expressions of interest from young people (age 16-18) who would like to travel on pilgrimage to Lourdes from 7th – 12th July. More information and online form can be found at www.clogherdonoige.org/lourdes2023 Closing date Wednesday 8th March at 12noon.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4200. £20 Jamie Freeburn, Belleek, Tommy Kelly, Derrygonnelly Michael Glynn, online. draw tonight in Doogies. Thanks to all who promote and support the Lotto. Sympathy is extended to the McGinley family on the recent passing of Mrs Kathleen McGurn, Ballyshannon, to the Cassidy family, Killyveagh, on the recent passing Geraldine Cassidy, Bray. Our members attended the delayed funeral of Denis Kelly, our condolences are expressed to the Kelly family on their loss.

Rally for Life: Please join us and be a voice for the voiceless unborn child as we march for life on **Saturday 11th March 2023** gathering in **Custom House Square, Belfast, at 2pm**. Buses to the Rally leaving from various locations. contact **Precious Life** on 07592280522 / 02890278484 email info@preciouslife.com

SMA Dromantine: Dance of Life retreat from Friday 17th March 5pm until Sunday 19th March, 2pm. The retreat will be led by Sr Mary Taylor OLA and Fr Damian Bresnahan SMA. Cost £220/€250. Contact 028 30821964 or email admin@dromantineconference.com

Lenten Prayer

God our Father, Your will is that everyone be saved and no one be lost.

You draw us to yourself by prayer and penance.

Grant that we may so follow Christ in love

That our lives may help others and our weakness never hinder them.

We make this prayer in his name, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.