

# 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](mailto: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

## Third Sunday of Lent

*Today we are greatly helped by the wonderful Gospel of the woman at the Well. On the third attempt, Jesus finally gets through to her but after that there is no stopping her. She represents us: what do I thirst for? What is the most important thing in my life? Where do I now find God? By relentless challenge and resolute honesty, we too can be led to that encounter with Jesus, which changes everything, "giving life a new horizon and a decisive direction". May we come to believe because we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.*

## Masses for the Week

### Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Stations of the Cross.

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am Mass. People of the Parish.  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm Stations of the Cross  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass.  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass.  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March **St Patrick** 11.30am Mass.  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am Mass. **Months Memory:** Raymond Dundas, Knockmore Park. **Anniversary:** William and Jane Dundas, Knockmore Park; Owen Foy, Beagh.

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March **St Patrick** 10am Mass.  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass. People of the Parish.

## Stations of the Cross

*Traditionally prayer during the weeks of lent.*

**We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.**

### Meditation:

**First Station:**

Jesus is condemned to death.

**Second Station:**

Jesus carries his cross.

**Third Station:**

Jesus falls the first time.

**Fourth Station:**

Jesus meets his Mother.

**Fifth Station:**

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry his cross.

**Sixth Station:**

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

**Seventh Station:**

Jesus falls a second time.

**Eighth Station:**

Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem.

**Ninth Station:**

Jesus falls a third time.

**Tenth Station:**

Jesus is stripped of his garments.

**Eleventh Station:**

Jesus is nailed to the cross.

**Twelfth Station:**

Jesus dies on the cross.

**Thirteenth Station:**

The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross.

**Fourteenth Station:**

The body of Jesus is laid in the tomb.

I love you, Jesus, my love above all things, I repent with my whole heart of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again, Grant that I may always love you, and then do with me what you will.

**Baptism:** We welcome to the Christian world through the waters of Baptism Kara-Rose Duffy and Sofia Rose Gilleece. May they grow in faith.

## Prayer for the Faithful

May the Strength of God guide us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Angels of God guard us.  
Against the snares of the evil one.  
May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us,  
Christ be over all!  
May the Grace, of the Lord,  
O Lord always be yours, this day, and forever more Amen.  
by St. Patrick

## *I Hear Spring Breathing*

I hear Spring breathing softly,  
her quiet respiration  
rising and falling  
through the heavy snow banks  
gurgling in the sunshine.  
I hear the slow, steady intake  
of mid-February air  
stirring the awakening crocus.  
I hear the sigh  
of the oak tree's terminal buds,  
warm wind stretching them out  
beneath the turquoise sky.  
I hear my own lungs  
inhaling and exhaling  
with renewed hope,  
ready for the coming  
of green and the shedding  
of all that is grayed  
with winter's feigned death.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima:** 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 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 00442890701606

**Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service:** is recruiting Marriage Education Facilitators to provide Sacramental Marriage Preparation for couples in your diocese. We are seeking individuals who are good communicators and have an enthusiasm for supporting couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage and future family life. This is an opportunity to formally train within a supportive, nurturing and inspiring community. In 2022, our teams helped 2,140 couples to develop good communication skills, manage conflict and understand the responsibility and significance of the Sacrament of Marriage. For further details and an application form, please contact Brenda at 028 9023 3002 or email [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com)

**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 [office@bothaparish.com](mailto:office@bothaparish.com). Signing a Gift Aid form does not affect the amount of tax you pay and is very beneficial to the parish.

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

John 4:5-42

1. Jesus leads the woman along a wonderful journey towards a deeper, fuller human life. You can enter the story from the perspective of the woman. Recognise her resistance to growth, her compliancy, her evasions, and her eventual acceptance, partial though it was, of Jesus. When have you, or others, made a similar journey in your relationship with God? With others? With your own self?

2. The woman is attracted by what Jesus is saying, but from very human motives: the thought of having water in such a way that she did not have to come and draw it from the well. We can be attracted to Jesus by very mixed motives, some of them matters of personal interest- belonging, community, security,... What have been the human motives that have attracted you to faith, prayer, religion, church and that have been stepping stones to a deeper relationship with Jesus. Perhaps we can also see the same movement in the growth of some of our human relationships.

3. You can also enter the story with Jesus, the ideal leader, parent, teacher, or spiritual guide. Notice how he meets the woman where she is, needing her assistance, how he is patient with her, but also challenges her to grow to what she is capable of.

John Byrne OSA

*Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.*

Pope Francis.