

Parish of Botha

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

Parish Website: The new parish website is now live and can be accessed at bothaparish.com

Parish Office Hours:

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

John's Gospel puts before the believer a grand array of 'I Am' sentences, rooted in the name of God in Exodus 3:14, I am who I am. I am the bread of life (Jn6:35,48,51); I am the light of the world (Jn 8: 12, 9:5); I am the gate for the sheep (Jn10: 7, 9); I am the good shepherd (Jn14:6); I am the true vine (Jn 15:1,5). Altogether, they constitute a resounding reminder that we believe first of all, and above all, in a person, not in a philosophy.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 26th March 10am Mass. **Months Memory:** Phil Maguire, Mullaghmore. **Anniversary:** Lizzie, James and Patrick McGovern, Portmush; Aidan Maguire, Tullyholvin; William and Mary Carroll, Leitrim.

Thursday 30th March 7.30pm Stations of the Cross.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 26th March 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Francis and Mary Ellen Dolan, Sandhill; Charles and Teresa Smyth, Main Street.

Tuesday 28th March 10am Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Tuesday 28th March 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 29th March 10am Mass.

Thursday 30th March 10am Mass.

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

Immaculate Conception Monea:

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

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Patricia Creamer, Enniskillen. May she rest in peace.

Wedding: Congratulations to Aine Gallagher and Kevin Kelly, who were married recently in the Sacred Heart Church. May God bless them with health and happiness.

Prayer before a Crucifix

Behold O good and sweetest Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech Thee to impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a most firm desire of amendment: whilst with deep affection and grief of soul I consider within myself and mentally contemplate Thy five most precious wounds, having before mine eyes that which David, the prophet, long ago spoke in Thine Own person concerning Thee, my Jesus: They have pierced my hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones. (Psalm 21,17,18).



Sacrament of Confirmation: congratulations to the twenty two boys and girls who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday last. It is important for us as a church community to encourage these young people in the faith. The responsibility taken on by parents and godparents at baptism can only be realised as part of a worshipping community. It is difficult in today's society to pass on the faith to those coming after us, yet, it is our duty to do that by our prayer, our example and our behaviour.

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

Litany of Penance

“Unbind him, let him go free”, is the prayer of Jesus in today's Gospel story. Let this be our prayer too as we say:

Lord, unbind me, let me go free.

You search for the sheep that was lost, and rejoice when it is found.....for this we say

Lord, unbind me, let me go free.

You go to meet the prodigal son, you embrace him tenderlyfor this we say

Lord, unbind me, let me go free.

You do not condemn the woman in adultery, instead you invite her to sin no more.....for this we say

Lord, unbind me, let me go free.

You choose Matthew, a tax collector , as your disciple because, you come to call the sinner, not the virtuous.....for this we say

Lord, unbind me, let me go free.

You promise paradise to the good thief.....for this we say

Lord, unbind me, let me go free.

For the wrong we do to one and other and to you.....we say

Lord, unbind me, let me go free.

For the times we ignore the needs of others, especially those less fortunate than ourselveswe say

Lord, unbind me, let me go free.

For our failure to try and make amends when we know it's the right thing to do.....we say

Lord, unbind me, let me go free.

Altar Society April: Derrygonnelly – Patricia O'Dare and Bridie Lunny. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 16th April in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.

Boho: Caroline Duffy and Pauline McGullion. Collector: Stephen McGullion.

Parish Envelopes: new boxes of parish envelopes will be available from the beginning of April. The weekly envelope is the way by which most parishioners support the upkeep of the parish during the year. In recent years, with more people using less cash, a number of parishioners have set up a standing order through their bank account. Others make a one-off annual payment and some use the I-Donate facility on the diocesan website. Whichever way you support us, a sincere thank you for all you do. I encourage those who do not offer any support to the parish to begin now.

Parishioners avail of our churches and cemeteries, as well as our priest, at various times and sadly, many believe that they should receive everything without giving a little in return. We cannot run the parish on Hail Mary's alone and so I appeal to those who do not contribute to reflect on why not. There are many demands on all of you and your generosity and support is not taken for granted. As we begin another financial year, the refurbishment of the Sacred Heart Church looms large. While there have been several unforeseen delays to the project, work can only be successfully completed through the efforts and support of all of us. Thank you in anticipation of your continued goodwill and support.

Friends of Columbanus: a public meeting to be held on Saturday 1st April in Bellanaleck Parish Hall. The purpose of the

meeting is to share information on the international project and to see if there is interest locally in Fermanagh to set up a local Friends of Columbanus group

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £4500. £20 Mary & JJ Keown, Garrison, Dympna Mullane, Belleek, McGinley Children, Monea. Thanks to everyone who supports the Lotto. Draw in The Linnet Inn tonight. The club's youth membership for the season is £20.

After a prolonged delay due to a grant application the club is currently seeking expressions of interest to tender for the construction of our new gym. Email secretary.derrygonnellyharps.fermanagh@gaa.ie by 30th of March to receive a tender package.

Save Our SWAH Acute Services: Petition leaflets available for signatures after Masses this weekend in the Sacred Heart and St Patrick's.