

# Parish of Botha

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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*A prophet speaks on behalf of God. It is God's word Moses speaks, and Jesus can speak with authority because he is sent by God. The teaching Church speaks with authority because it continues the work of Christ; it has a prophetic role in the world. All the activities and charisms of the members come together to assist the teaching work of the whole Church.*

## Masses for the Week

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Shane and Gerald Gallagher, Tobradan; Francie and Susan McHugh, Tobradan; Joseph (Joe) Leonard, Belleek.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Deceased of the Love Family, Tobradan, Corr and Rosstowney.

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Deceased of the Derrygonnelly Harps and Boho St. Faber's GFC; Molly and Paddy McConnell, Knockmore Road.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January **St. John Bosco** 10am Mass.

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

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am Mass. People of the Parish.

**Recently Deceased:** your prayers are requested for the soul of Kevin McGovern, Doagh and Freda Hudson, Enniskillen, May the rest in peace.

## Prayer to Saint Brigid

Saint Brigid: You were a woman of peace.  
You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.  
You brought hope to the downcast.

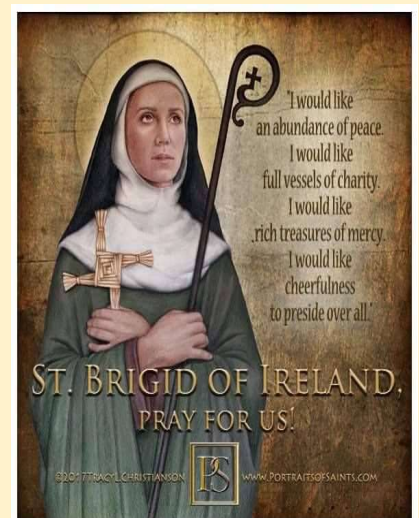
May the mantle of your peace cover those  
who are troubled and anxious,  
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.  
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.



**Brigid – Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland – Feast Day 1<sup>st</sup> February:** is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c.454 She died in 524.

The St. Brigid's Cross: in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

**Altar Society February: Derrygonnelly** – Bridie McBrien, Lena McGurn, June and Emma Duffy. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly. **Monea: Collector** – Peter Cassidy and Ronan Jones

**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 taxpayer 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

**Permanent Diaconate:** The Diocese of Clogher invites Expressions of Interest from men who feel called to the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese. Information on [www.clogherdiocese.ie/diaconate/](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie/diaconate/) and the Diocesan Facebook page. Closing date for expressions of interest is **30th April 2024**. Those interested should speak firstly to their Parish Priest before a referral is made to the Director of Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese.

**Divine Mercy Groups:** We have established a Divine Mercy Alcove in St Mary's Church, Convoy, Co Donegal, which includes a first-class relic of St Faustina. As part of the on-going development, we would like to draw up a list of Divine Mercy Groups. If you know of any Divine Mercy Group, no matter the size, please send the details to Fr Eamonn Kelly, Parochial House, Convoy, Co Donegal, F93HX2R or [eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com](mailto:eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com) or 0879077985 before 8<sup>th</sup> February. It is hoped to be able to establish contact between all the groups. Thank you for your help.

### **The presentation in the Temple**

**The words of a secret have rivet eyes that cannot sleep to forget what they know. The restrained voice sharpens to an arrow, that will reach its target through any disguise.**

**Two old people wait in the temple shadows where stone and air are hoarsened with prayer, for some door to open in their hunger; Sometimes children laugh at her twitching nose.**

**Worn to a thread the old man's rope of days, spent unravelling in this empty torment, has wizened his silence to words of flint.**

**When he glimpses the child, his lost voice flares.**

**His words lodge in the young mother's thought that a sword of sorrow will pierce her heart.**

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £8900. £20 Colleen Jones, Derrygonnelly, the 2 Rosies, Derrylin, Gerald Timoney, Cashel. Draw in Doogies tonight Thanks to everyone who promotes and supports the Lotto. We have added an auto-renew facility for online players, they will be automatically re-entered in the draw after intervals of their choosing. Online entry is available via klubfunder.com The Youth AGM takes place this evening at 7pm. The club's online Foireann system for collecting club membership has proven a very convenient way for players and families to register and pay. Our rates have not changed since last year, we encourage members now to go online at [www.foireann.ie](http://www.foireann.ie) to register.

**Easy on Kneasy:** returns **Wednesday 31st January** at 11am - 11.45 am at Derrygonnelly Harps Clubrooms with Jackie Cassidy. New faces welcome and its suitable for all abilities. There will be refreshments after each class. £3 per class. Contact 07779647905 for further info or just show up on the day.

**Games night at The Riverside Café:** we are opening our doors and creating a warm space for those who would like to do something in the winter evenings. From 24<sup>th</sup> January each Wednesday we will be laying out decks of cards, board games and chess boards for anyone over the age of 10 to come and play, chat, or not, and just be in good company. Tea, filter coffee and biscuits between 18:30 - 20:30 with a small fee of £3 per person.

**Derrygonnelly & District Community Partnership:** invite all members of the public to take part in a six week Mindfulness and Wellbeing Class from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 11am – 12pm. No Admission. Tea and coffee afterwards.

**Popes' intention for February:** **For The Terminally ill** - Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.