

# Parish of Botha

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## Third Sunday of Lent

*As Lent progresses, the cross comes into clear focus. Today we have the story of the cleansing of the temple. The issue for the Jews was the authority by which Jesus could claim to do this. The answer is found in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The idea is paralleled in the first reading where God gives the ten commandments.*

## Masses for the Week

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10am Mass. People of the Parish.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** John and Ann Higgins, Castletown.

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** John Curran, Reyfad; Charlie and Teresa Smyth, Main Street; Lucy Flanagan, Drumadillar.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March **Ss Perpetua and Felicity** 10am Mass.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am Mass. **Months Memory:** Owen Jones, Drumma.

**Anniversary:** Francis and Mary Ellen Dolan, Sandhill; Carmel Meehan, Main Street; Bridget Gallagher (nee Gilroy) Lattonagh.

**Recently Deceased:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of Kathleen Smith, Texas and formerly Mulleek, May she rest in peace.

**Parish Fundraising:** as the refurbishment work on the Sacred Heart Church continues, the parish fundraising committee has been looking at ways to raise the necessary funds to ensure its completion, while also meeting the repayments on the bank loan. It is hoped that parishioners will once again commit to setting up a Standing order through their financial institution to support the repayments. Many people had made a five year commitment to this in 2018 and we hope that you will do so again. Thank you to those who continue to have this arrangement in place with the parish. Over the coming weeks, parishioners will receive a call to encourage them to join up to this scheme. I make an appeal to as many as possible to sign up. I appeal especially to wage earners and to younger people who have joined the workforce in recent years. Further details will be given at the point of contact.

Some parishioners have enquired about sponsorship of items in the refurbished church. Please contact me directly on 028 68641207 or by email: [fathercathaldeery@clogherparishes.ie](mailto:fathercathaldeery@clogherparishes.ie)

**Popes Intentions for March: For New Martyrs** - Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

**Cemetery Sunday** The annual blessing of the graves will take place after masses on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July in the Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick's. The blessing of the graves in the Sacred Heart cemetery will not take place on this date due to the work being carried out to the church.



## Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race  
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.

He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross.

Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

**Altar Society March:** **Derrygonnelly** – Breege McConnell and Nora Gordon. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly. **Monea:** Collector – Ciara Duffy and Mark McGrath.

**Blessed Carlo Acutis:** A relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be welcomed to the diocese with Mass celebrated by Bishop Duffy at 3pm on **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March** in St Macartan's Cathedral. The relic will move to St Michael's Church, Enniskillen on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. 4pm Welcome of Relic & Holy Hour followed by opportunity for individual blessings with the relic 6pm Rosary followed by a talk on Blessed Carlo Acutis by Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo (Diocese of Assisi) 7.30pm Mass **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** 11am Mass

## Prayer for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

O God our Father,  
we thank you for giving us Carlo,  
a model of life for young people, and a message of love for all.  
You made him fall in love with your son Jesus,  
making the Eucharist his "highway to heaven."  
You gave him Mary as a beloved mother,  
and you made him, through the Rosary,  
a cantor of her tenderness.  
Receive his prayer for us.  
Look above all upon the poor,  
whom he loved and assisted.  
Grant me too, through his intercession,  
the grace that I need (mention your intention).  
And make our joy full, raising Carlo  
among  
the saints of your Church,  
so that his smile shines again for us  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.



## Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel: John 2:13-25.

1. In the Old Testament the privileged place of God's presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple. Recall how Jesus has helped your relationship with God and give thanks for this.

2. But we are the Body of Christ. When have you been particularly aware of the sacredness of people (yourself and others).

3. There are many ways in which people, the temples of God, are being profaned today. Where are you aware of the sacredness of the human person being violated? Who are the people seeking to cleanse the temple, by promoting respect for the dignity of every human person? Perhaps in ways you have done this.

4. We may also think of institutions as in some way temples of God's presence. We live in a time when aspects of our institutions are either crumbling or subject to severe criticism. What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you find hope in such circumstances? *John Byrne OSA*

**Clogher to Lourdes Pilgrimage:** takes place **5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July**. For more information and booking contact Pilgrimage Secretary: Mr. John Heuston Tel: 028 67724329 or Email: [john.cdp@btconnect.com](mailto:john.cdp@btconnect.com) If you wish to travel in the Assisted Pilgrim section of the Pilgrimage, special application forms are available from the Pilgrimage Secretary.

**Clogher don Óige:** is currently accepting Expressions of Interest from Young People (16-18 years) who would like to travel to Lourdes as part of the diocesan pilgrimage, 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July. More details and online form available at [www.clogherdonoige.org/lourdes2024](http://www.clogherdonoige.org/lourdes2024)