

Parish of Botha

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Sick

Through the healing of the leper by Jesus, the gospel-writer is posing us a question: 'Who is this man Jesus?' The close bond that exists between Jesus and his Father means that Jesus has the power to heal those who are sick.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 11th February 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Denis Kelly, Magheragannon; Gerry and Noreen Maguire, Tullycreevy; Aidan Miller, Knockmore Road;

Wednesday 14th February **Ash Wednesday** 10am Service with Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes.

Sunday 18th February 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Geraldine Cassidy, Killyveagh; Mark Gillies, Legland; Lawrence Magee, Leighan.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 11th February 11.30am Mass. People of the Parish.

Tuesday 13th February Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 13th February 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 14th February **Ash Wednesday** 7pm Mass.

Thursday 15th February 10am Mass.

Sunday 18th February 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Raymond, William and Jane Dundas, Knockmore Park; Packie and Lena McKeaney, Rosnarick Close; Bridie and John Kelly, Drumbeggan; Veronica Hoy, Knockmore Park; Deceased of the Hoy Family, Cosbystown.

Ash Wednesday: A Lay-led liturgy with the distribution of ashes will take place in the Immaculate Conception, Monea at 10am.

Baptism: We welcome to the Christian world through the waters of Baptism Ivy Marian Collum. May she grow in faith.

Temperance Pledge – Ceremony of Commitment

Priest: There are times in our lives when we need courage to do the right thing. Making a pledge not to drink alcohol until you are eighteen years of age and avoiding illegal drugs for life is one such occasion. We pray for the assistance of the Holy Spirit in what we are undertaking and now I ask you:

Priest: Do you promise with the help of God and the support of your family and friends not to take alcoholic drink until you are at least eighteen years of age?

All: We do...

Priest: Do you promise to keep off illicit drugs for life?

All: We do

Priest: to Parents, families and friends: Are you prepared to support and encourage these young people by your example and prayers?

All: We are

The Pledge

Lord God, for love of You and through concern for my family, my friends and my future happiness, and out of my wish to serve Christ more generously. I promise with your help, to abstain from alcoholic drink until I am at least 18 years of age and to keep off illicit drugs for life.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Sunday 11th February

Hear our prayer, Oh God,
and heal the many illness that afflict
us in body, mind and soul.

Bring comfort to those who suffer.

Bring consolation to those who
despair.

Bring strength to those of us who
walk with the sick.

Bring hope to all for whom the path
to healing is long or may not end.

Let us never forget your special care
for the sick,

that they may also know they are
precious and loved. Amen.

<https://www.chausa.org/prayers/world-day-of-the-sick>

Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse - Friday 16th February.

This day, an initiative of Pope Francis, will be marked in cathedrals and churches across Ireland and the wider world next Friday (the first Friday of Lent), as a reminder of the continuing need for atonement and to symbolise repentance; light in the darkness and hope founded in the love and mercy of Christ. We pray that all who have suffered or been affected by abuse in any way may come to find Christ's loving presence in their lives.

Lord, we are sorry
for what some of us done to your
children:
treated them so cruelly,
especially in their hour of need.
We left them with a lifelong suffering.
This was not your plan for them or us.
Please help us to help them.
Guide us, Lord, Amen.

Prayer inscribed on the healing stone unveiled at the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in 2012 in Dublin, which now has a permanent home at Lough Derg.

MARY - A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother: an extraordinary study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. In **St. Michael's Parish Centre** on **Wednesday 21st Feb at 7pm and continuing every Wednesday for eight weeks.** smp.bible@outlook.com to register for this free DVD study, email or visit <http://tinyurl.com/mary-lent> for more information.

Permanent Diaconate: The Diocese of Clogher invites Expressions of Interest from men who feel called to the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese. More information from 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.

Annual Mothers Prayers Weekend: in St John's Rest, Knock, Co Mayo. For mothers who wish to come together to pray for their children and grandchildren. (you do not have to be a physical mother) **Friday 16th to Sunday 18th February** (no cover charge) Contact ireland@mothersprayers.org or Marie 087 6184110.

Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- **Abstaining from meat or some other food;**
- **Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;**
- **Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;**
- **Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;**
- **Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;**
- **Making the Stations of the Cross;**
- **Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;**
- **Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely.**

From the statement on Friday Penance issued by the Bishop's Conference, 2011

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £9100. £20 Gerard Doherty, online player, CEEB Basketballers and Teresa McDermott, Kinawley. Draw in the Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who promotes and supports the Lotto. Online entry is available via klubfunder.com an auto-renew facility online players will be automatically re-entered in the draw after intervals of their choosing. The club's online Foireann system for collecting club membership has proven a very convenient way for players and families. Go to www.foireann.ie to register the fee remains unchanged.

Accord (NI) - Let us help you support your Marriage & Relationship: If you feel your marriage or relationship is in crisis or need a little guidance and feel that you both could benefit from Marriage & Relationship Counselling, either face to face or online, contact your local Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships. Call **02890 233002** for all N. Ireland centres: N. Ireland Regional Office, , Ballymena, Belfast, Armagh, Derry, Enniskillen, Maghera, Newry and Omagh **Email:** info@accordni.com **Web:** www.accordni.com