



Parish of Botha

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

Today, until the end of the Liturgical Year, we hear the Gospel of Luke being read. He presents Jesus as one who has a particular concern for the poor, the sick, the weak, the suffering, those in any kind of need and those on the margins of society.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 26th January 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Joseph Leonard, Belleek - Una and Joe Leonard, Killyveagh - Shane and Gerard Gallagher, Tobradan – Francie and Susan McHugh, Tobradan – Patsy and Bridie Duffy, Castletown

Sunday 2nd February 10am Mass **Anniversary** Duffy Family, Enniskillen – Mary Conway, Enniskillen

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 26th January 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Bridie Cassidy, Derryvarymore

Tuesday 28th January Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 28th January **St. Thomas Aquinas** 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 29th January 10am Mass

Thursday 30th January 10am Mass

Sunday 2nd February 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** John Murphy, Lisnaskea formerly Rosnarick Close

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 1st 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.

“Opening the Bible”: A free six-part video introduction to the Bible for those interested in Scripture, and those unsure where to begin. Available at www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie from 26th January 2025.

Altar Society February:

Derrygonnelly –Lena McGurn and June Duffy. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 9th February in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.

Monea: Collector – Peter Cassidy and Ronan Jones.

Coffee Morning: on **Saturday 1st February** in the meeting room in the Oratory Belcoo from 10am till 2pm. The proceeds will go towards a memorial for Children buried in St Patrick's Holywell. Any remaining funds will be donated to SANDS. Everyone welcome.

Envelope Collection: Week ending **19th January** – Weekly offerings £1515.00 and €9. Thank you for your generous support.

Clogher don Óige: are now accepting **expressions of interest** from young people (aged 16-18 at time of pilgrimage) who want to travel to Lourdes as pilgrims this summer **4th - 9th July**. **More information about the Lourdes Pilgrimage (including the online Expression of Interest Form) is available on our website at: www.clogherdonoise.org/lourdes2025** Expression of interest forms to be submitted by **Friday 7th February** at noon

Praying for our priests: during this Jubilee Year of Prayer in the Universal Church, you are invited to keep in your prayers the clergy of our diocese. At a time when the age profile of priests continues to rise and their numbers decline, you are encouraged to remember one or two of the priests in Clogher each week in your personal prayer. The names of our clergy (drawn randomly) will appear in the parish bulletin so that parishioners can keep them in prayer. **Please pray this week for Father Michael Jordan PP.** Father Michael is currently the parish priest of Magheraclaone and also serves the parish of Killanny in South Co. Monaghan.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3700. £20 Kevin Dundas, Derrygonnelly, Pat McManus, Derylin, Beckie Kennedy, Lisnaskea. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the lotto. Derrygonnelly Harps Health and Wellbeing committee are hosting **“Ireland Lights Up”** walking initiative, running at Derrygonnelly football pitch each Thursday to the 13th Feb, from 7pm-8pm. We encourage everyone to come out and have a walk and chat around our lit up path at the main pitch! We are delighted to announce that our club history committee have fixed **Friday March 14th** as the launch date for **‘our centenary book’** looking back over a hundred years of GAA activity in the parish. We are asking for a little support with its production. Anyone who would like to make a donation supporting the book will be acknowledged in an appendix. Please contact Donal Fee, Nicola Cassidy, Mark McGoldrick or Brendy Rasdale or donate via our klubfunder platform. Best wishes to the 'Cumann Deardaoin' which is holding Irish language classes in Killyhommon PS for the next four weeks every Thursday evening from 7-8pm. Everyone is welcome, beginners and those with the cupla focal. Cost is £2 per lesson.



Jamie Thompson Memorial Tractor Run: takes place on **Sunday 16th February** from St Patrick's, Church Carpark. Registration at 1.30pm with run starting at 2.30pm. All proceeds going to Botha Parish Renovation Fund.

South West College: is inviting those leaving school this June and their parents and friends to come along to our open day at the Erne Campus in Enniskillen on **Tuesday 28th January from 3pm -7pm**. On the day you will learn more about our Post-16 Further Education, Apprenticeships and Degree Courses, have the opportunity to explore our award-winning facilities, take part in a range of demonstrations and activities and find out how we can put you on the path to your future career. Further information and registration is available now at www.swc.ac.uk

The Big Knit is back for 2025! So grab your needles and your brightest yarn and get knitting for Age NI. For every hat knitted, Age NI receives 30p, and that money helps the Charity support older people who have no one else to turn to. To register call Age NI on 028 9024 5729, email bigknit@ageni.org or visit www.ageni.org/thebigknit

Popes Intentions for February: - **For vocations to the priesthood and religious life** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

1.The scene in the synagogue marks the launch of the public ministry of Jesus in Luke. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?

2.His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind, or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have you been, or are you, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God's favour to you

3.The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. It is also being fulfilled even as we hear it **NOW**. If this does not resonate with you right now, when has the gospel given you an experience of liberation?

4.This is the Sunday of the Word of God, the word that gives life. The written word of God is not always easy to understand. What has helped you to be more at home with the Bible so that you could find in it encouragement, hope, inspiration, meaning and purpose in life?

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