



# Parish of Botha

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

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## Easter Sunday of the Lord Resurrection

Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter Sunday. Every Eucharist is a commemoration and a realisation of the Easter Mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. On this day of days the community of the Church shows how seriously it takes the words of St Paul that if Christ is not raised from the dead then our faith is in vain. In other words, the resurrection of the Lord is the reason for the existence of Christianity.

### Masses for the Week

#### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** 10am Mass

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April **Divine Mercy Sunday** 10am Mass People of the Parish

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** 11.30am Mass

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10am Mass

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April **Divine Mercy Sunday** 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Charlie Gallagher, Knockmore Road **Anniversary:** Sadie Hussey, Coolarkin – Dessie Duffy, Doagh Mary B and Tommy Murphy, Drumanane – Tommy Duffy, Rosnarick Close – Aidan O'Dare, Sandhill – Deceased of the O'Dare and Greene Families, Braade – Annie and Patrick Dolan, Sandhill – Sonny Haren, Fairview Park

**Recently Deceased:** as a parish community we extend sympathy to the family, relatives, and friends of Bernie Miller, Tullycreevy and Seamus McGovern, Enniskillen. May they rest in peace.

**Easter Greetings:** as we celebrate the joy of Easter and the gift of life through Christ's resurrection, I extend the blessing of this Easter to all. Welcome to all who are spending the weekend with family. Thank you to everyone who attended the commemoration of the Easter liturgies. A sincere thanks to everyone that has been involved in the ceremonies of Holy Week and to those who have prepared our churches. Thank you also to the sacristans and members of our Altar societies. I acknowledge the valuable contribution of everyone involved in music and choirs in the parish, which enhances the celebration of liturgy.

The Easter story is one of hope, and in a world that is so divided, we need hope as much today as ever before. Let us be mindful of all who long for hope at this time. May the message of Easter find a home in each one of us, so that we may find hope, comfort and peace.

Fr Cathal

**Trócaire:** Please forward your donations in support of Trócaire as soon as possible. Trócaire depends on our support to help alleviate poverty and suffering in the world. Thanking you in advance for your contributions.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** will be celebrated in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan and in St. Michael's Church, Enniskillen on **Sunday 27th April at 3pm**. Includes, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and a relic of St. Faustina. Everyone welcome.

## An Easter Poem 'At the Tomb'

The dawn broke soft, the world still gray, she came with spices, knelt to pray.

The stone was rolled, the tomb lay bare, her heart cried out in deep despair.

'Why seek the living among the dead?'

The angels spoke, her spirit fled.

Then turned she, heard her name, so clear, a voice she loved, a voice so near.

'Rabboni!' cried her heart, her soul, the One she sought had made her whole.

The tomb was empty, death undone, for Christ had risen, the Morning Sun. *Anon*

(144 hours class contact), which will provide the clinical skills essential for safe and ethical couples' work. **Course fees paid and placement provided by Accord NI.** For further information and to obtain an application form please email us at [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie) Programme commences September. Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**NI Blood Transfusion Service:** donation sessions will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral, on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> April 1pm – 8pm and Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> May 12.30pm – 19.30pm. To book an appointment online: [www.nibts.org](http://www.nibts.org) or call 08085 534 653

**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.

### **Please pray this week for Father John Chester**

Father John is a native of Enniskillen parish and is currently the PP of Roslea.

<https://bit.ly/SingforJoy> For information contact [info@knightsostcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsostcolumbanusomagh.co.uk) Tel: +447759496677.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £4900. £20 Jacqui Magee, online, Colm Jones, Boho, Noel McGrath, Cashel. Draw in Old Pals tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the lotto. The launch of our centenary history book was a huge success. It was so positive to see such a brilliant turnout of club members and supporters. We are very happy with the way the book has turned out. It is informative, colourful and very comprehensive. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved in the publication of what is such an important document for our club and all of its families past and present, something that will be returned to for decades to come, until the next update is due! The book is now available at £35 in the local shops and committee members.

**Today, as pilgrims in search of hope, we cling to you, Risen Jesus. We turn our backs on death and open our hearts to you, for you are Life itself.**

*Pope Francis, 2020*

## Easter Monday Pilgrim Path:

Join Fr. La Flynn and the team at Lough Derg for a guided walk along the ancient Pilgrim Path around Lough Derg on **Monday 21st April** at 10.30am. 8km and 12km option available. This is a free event. Booking essential. For more information go to [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Rosary at the Grotto:** it is hoped that the Rosary will be prayed Monday to Saturday at 10.30am during the month of May at the grotto at St Patrick's Church. If anyone would like to lead that Rosary, please contact the parish office at 028 68641889 or [botha@clogherparishes.ie](mailto:botha@clogherparishes.ie)

**Envelope Collection:** week ending 13<sup>th</sup> April – weekly offerings £1890.00 and €11.40. Thank you for your generous support.

**Accord NI:** is recruiting experienced practitioners for the **Derry and Enniskillen centres**, to train in the specialism of couple counselling. Successful applicants will follow an 18-day (9 weekends) in-person Certificate programme,

## Reflection

It is the 'first day of the week'. Mary Magdalene is the first witness of an event which marks not just the beginning of a new week but the transformation of human history. But 'it is still dark' and she does not yet understand what has happened. I ponder the mystery.

Wherever we share compassion, justice, reconciliation, faith, and encourage each other to be people of hope, we are people of the resurrection and ministers of the resurrection. Jesus is raised from death each time we live his way of life. We do this in our various ways of showing care and concern for the lives and troubles of others. Easter prayer can be an asking in prayer to be ministers of the resurrection, as we discern how best to serve the risen Lord.

The tomb was empty and, for the faithful ones, this was a sign of new life. Some would remember Jesus saying he would rise from death. Others would feel down, cheated or just lost. It is the same with ourselves: the tough times of life can bring us close to God, or distance us; suffering can make us better people, or make us bitter and isolated. We may feel a bit of both at times. The empty tomb is the message that nothing is final in this life, not even death. God's love is stronger than any human power, violence or cruelty. Love conquers all.

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**'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry:** A Day of Music and Ministry - **Saturday 26th April** at Lough Derg. Boat departs at 9:30am. This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend Registration is essential via