

# Parish of Botha

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lazarus' resurrection is a figure and type of Jesus' resurrection, and of our resurrection, first to divine life in baptism and to our definitive resurrection at the end of time. The gospel is a call to deeper faith in the Spirit living in us, giving life to our mortal bodies.

## Masses for the Week

### Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Patricia Creamer, Enniskillen – William and Mary Carroll, Leitrim – Francis John and Rose McGuinness, Carrickbeg – John and Agnes Nolan – Brian and Margaret Marlow – Mary and Vincent Rasdale and Deceased of the Rasdale Family, Legnagay

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Owen Foy, Blaney – Charles and Teresa Smyth Main Street

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March **St Macartan** 10am Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March Eucharistic Adoration 10.30am – 7pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March **The Annunciation of the Lord** 10am Mass

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Hugh McGurk, Drumcroohen – Kathleen Duffy, Drumgormley **Anniversary:** Josie Cox, Doagh – Charlie and Bridget Gallagher, Knockmore Road – Francie Ferguson, Tully

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** 10am Mass People of the Parish

## Prayer for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 25<sup>th</sup> March

O Blessed Mother Mary, your assent to become the mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through the power and working of the Holy Spirit, can inspire each of us in our own way to imitate your Fiat, the "yes" you gave God for such an essential task for our salvation. Help each of us to imitate you in saying "yes" to our Lord's requests from us, especially in those times when we feel most lost, anxious and lacking in trust in Him. Indeed may thinking about your Fiat inspire each of us each day to have that interior disposition to be receptive to the divine inspirations and promptings Jesus wishes to give us with His grace. Amen.



**The Annunciation of the Lord.** 'Giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus. Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace' (CCC,494).

**Envelope Collection:** week ending **15<sup>th</sup> March** Weekly Offerings £1315.00 and €14. Thank you for your generous support.

**Clogher Diocesan Council:** will hold a meeting on **26<sup>th</sup> March** in the Millenium Hall, Donagh, in Co Fermanagh at 8pm. All pioneers are invited to attend.

**Youth 2000:** is hosting a Retreat weekend on the **27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of March** in St. Benedict's College Randalstown. Ages 16-35. Pre - Registration Required and more info on [youth2000.ie](http://youth2000.ie)

### Thought for Today

The best fertiliser stinks. But it is out of that very real stink that something amazing grows. So it is with us: it is the dead and decaying parts of our lives, the rotting resentments, blistering wounds of old hurts, and the festering fears that are the points where we are most likely to be able to experience something new. The only way that happens is to bring them into the light of day, unbind them, and set them free – just as Lazarus was unbound and set free. Doing that takes faith in the process, a faith that Martha confessed, doubted, and then lived out – a faith in resurrection and life.

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**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £4500. £20 Scollan Family, Boho, Oliver McCauley, Monea, The McGandy Children, c/o Kevin Foy. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. Club membership is now due, the rates remain the same. Membership can be paid through your Foireann account. Condolences to the McKeever family on the recent passing of Niall Murphy, Enniskillen.

**Aisling's Shop:** opens Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March with a fantastic array of new, preloved and vintage items to be picked up at very competitive prices. Opening hours Thursdays and Fridays 9.30am – 4pm and Saturday 10am – 2pm. Drop in and bag a bargain. We are also accepting donations of clothes, sheets, curtains, Bric-a-brac, small items of furniture etc. Donation can be left at Aisling Centre reception. All proceeds from the shop will be used to support the local community through the work of Aisling Centre.

**Fermanagh Choral Society Spring Concert:** Come along and join us at 7.30pm on **Sunday 29th March** for our annual Palm Sunday Concert in St Michael's Church, Enniskillen. Tickets £15 available at Mercer's Jewellers. Students free.

**Stroke Warriors:** coffee morning on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** at 11am in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall. All proceeds in aid of Stroke Warriors. Everyone welcome!

### Points to Ponder

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending Death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb. Likewise, each of us, as a result of our Baptism, can recognise how Jesus has rolled away the stones of our own tombs and called us to new life. We, in turn, are sent forth to bring hope of new life to others who are entombed by suffering, despair, and injustice.

Who are some of the people/groups of people in society today who are 'entombed' by suffering, despair, and injustice?

How can we bring hope and new life to those who are 'entombed' by these realities?

When was a time that someone brought hope and new life to you? What are some of the 'stones' that need to be 'rolled away' in our society so that people may truly be free from injustice?

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**St Macartan – 24<sup>th</sup> March** - patron of the Diocese of Clogher, was a close companion of St Patrick and he died in the year 506AD. The Church community he was given charge of by Patrick was based at Clogher, now in County Tyrone but at that time a place of great political and cultural importance and from which the Gaelic kingdom of Airghialla (Oriel) would emerge. This kingdom became the basis for the territory of the original diocese.